

**EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 21, 2026**

Praise Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM\* (\*Livestreamed)

Gather

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**GATHERING SONG:** *WHOM SHALL I FEAR*

You hear me when I call, you are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear

You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my sword and shield though troubles linger still  
Whom shall I fear

**Chorus:** I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The one who reigns forever, he is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in your name for you alone can save  
You will deliver me, yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** And nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in your hands  
I'm holding on to your promises  
You are faithful, you are faithful  
  
You are faithful (*Chorus*)

The God of angel armies is always by my side

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINISTRY MOMENT:** *STORYBOOK PROJECT*

## **BLESSING FOR FATHERS**

### **(9:00) CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Compassionate God

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves  
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone  
We have not loved you with our whole heart  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us  
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways  
to the glory of your holy name**

### **(10:30) SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: LANCE SABO**

*son of Luke & Stephanie Sabo  
Kristina Vannetta, sponsor*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Lance and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

#### **PROFESSION**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: We do.**

P: Do you confess your continual struggle with sin, and affirm afresh your baptismal call and identity, turning from sin and death to be forgiven and born anew in Christ?

**C: We do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## WELCOME

P: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: *WE ARE*

Every secret, every shame

Every fear, every pain

Live inside the dark

But that's not who we are

We are children of the day

So wake up sleeper, lift your head

We were meant for more than this

Fight the shadows, conquer death

Make the most of the time we have left

**Chorus:** We are the light of the world  
We are the city on a hill  
We are the light of the world  
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta  
Let the light shine

We are called to spread the news  
To tell the world the simple truth  
Jesus came to save  
There's freedom in his name  
So let his love break through (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** We are the light, we are the light, we are the light  
So let your light shine brighter  
We are the light, we are the light, we are the light  
Jesus  
You are the light, you are the light, you are the light  
We will lift you high  
And shine, shine, shine (*Chorus*)

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## **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Word \_\_\_\_\_

## **WELCOMING THE CHILDREN**

## **FIRST READING: ROMANS 6:1-11**

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**P:** The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 10:24-39**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **SONG OF THE DAY:** *THE LION AND THE LAMB*

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare his praise  
For who can stop the Lord almighty

**Chorus:** Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world, his blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before him

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord almighty (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** Who can stop the Lord almighty  
Who can stop the Lord (*Chorus*)

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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Meal

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### **OFFERING:** *EVERYTHING*

Even the sparrow has a place to lay its head  
So why would I let worry steal my breath  
Even the roses you have clothed in brilliant red  
Still I'm the one you love more than this

**Chorus:** You give me everything  
You give me everything  
You give me everything I need

Even the oceans push and pull at your command  
So you can still my heart with your hand  
You tell the seasons when it's time for them to turn  
So I will trust you even when it hurts (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** When I can't see you lead me  
When I can't hear you show me  
When I can't stand you carry me  
When I'm lost you will find me  
When I'm weak you are mighty  
You are everything I need (*Chorus*)

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONG: O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

**Chorus:** O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought  
With the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling (*Chorus*)

**Bridge:** Oh what a Savior, isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen  
Bow down before him for he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen  
(*Bridge*) (*Chorus*)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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### BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING SONG: *MY REDEEMER LIVES*

I know he rescued my soul  
His blood has covered my sin  
I believe, I believe  
My shame he's taken away  
My pain is healed in his name  
I believe, I believe

**Pre-Chorus:** I'll raise a banner 'cause my Lord has conquered the grave

**Chorus:** My Redeemer lives (*Repeat*)

**Bridge:** You lift my burdens, I'll rise with you  
I'm dancing on this mountaintop to see your kingdom come  
(*Chorus*)

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### SENDING

L: Heaven has come near. Go share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### Serving in Worship

#### Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Karl Biermann  
Assisting Minister: Mark Chilson  
Praise Team: Al Grodrian, Jake & Mary Groom, Dick Lane,  
Bill Norman, Anastasia Rodgers  
Sound: Roland Hogendoorn  
Ushers: John Dietrich, Angi Moots  
Communion: Michelle Carlson, Josh & Nathan Hendrickson,  
James & Sheryl Kent

## Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield  
Assisting Minister: Mike Wipperman  
Praise Team: Al Grodrian, Jake & Mary Groom, Dick Lane,  
Bill Norman, Anastasia Rodgers  
A/V: Billy Heaning, Roland Hogendoorn  
Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Alex Wasser  
Ushers: Jill Frost, Dale Rethlake  
Communion: Bob & Everett Bresemann,  
Annie & Stephanie Wierwille