

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
6th Sunday after Pentecost, July 5, 2026
Praise Worship
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

GATHERING SONG: RISE UP

In the dark and all alone, growing comfortable
Are you too scared to move and walk out of this tomb
Buried underneath the lies that you believed
Safe and sound, stuck in the ground, too lost to be found
You're just asleep and it's time to leave

Chorus: Come on and rise up
Take a breath you're alive now
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out from the grave like Lazarus
You're brand new
The power of death couldn't hold you
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out from the grave like Lazarus
Rise up, rise up, rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus

When he said your name
The thing that filled your veins was more than blood
It's the kind of love that washes sin away
Now the door is open wide
And the stones been rolled aside
The old is gone, the light has come so... (*Chorus*)

Bridge: He's calling us to walk out of the dark
He's giving us new resurrected hearts (*Chorus*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: *DESPERATE*

I'm at the end of myself and I'm tired
I've tried all that I know to do
Right now it's just by a thread
But I'm hangin' onto you

Pre-Chorus: I'm running outta hope
I need a miracle
And if I ever needed you it's right now

Chorus: Oh God I'm desperate
Down on my knees
Send help from Heaven
'Cause that's what I need
Redeem this wreckage
Restore my peace
I'm not asking I'm begging
Lord come through for me
I need Heaven

And I'm desperate
Desperate
Oh I need Heaven
And I'm desperate

Prayed all the prayers I can pray
But I won't stop knocking 'til you open the door
You can move a mountain, you can calm a storm
I know you can 'cause I've seen it before (*Chorus*)

Pre-Chorus 2: And you're my only hope
I need a miracle
And if I ever needed you it's right now (*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: ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

⁹ *Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!*

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ *He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem;*

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ *As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.*

¹² *Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.*

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(10:30) **RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 145: 8-14**

A: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion

C: The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love

A: Lord, you are good to all

C: Your compassion is over all your works

A: All your works shall praise you, O Lord

C: Your faithful ones shall bless you

A: They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power

**C: All people will know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom**

A: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom

C: Your dominion endures throughout all ages

A: Lord, you are faithful in all your words

C: You are loving in all your works

A: The Lord upholds all those who fall

C: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down

SECOND READING: ROMANS 7:15-25

¹⁵ *I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good.*

¹⁷ *But in fact it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11:16-19,25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;

¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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: *LORD, I NEED YOU*

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here, I find my rest
Without you, I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus: Lord I need you, oh I need you
Every hour I need you
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need you

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more
Where grace is found is where you are
And where you are Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Yes where you are Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me (*Chorus*)

Bridge: So teach my song to rise to you
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you
Jesus you're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you
Jesus you're my hope and stay (*Chorus*)

My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need you

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Meal

OFFERING: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of his mercy, as deep cries out to deep, we sing
Come Lord Jesus come

Holy Spirit come
As deep cries out to deep, we sing
Come Lord Jesus come

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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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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: *COME TO THE WATER*

○ let all who thirst, let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord
Without money, without price, why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord

And let all who seek, let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord
Without money, without strife, why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord

And let all who toil, let them come to the water
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest, how can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord

And let all the poor, let them come to the water
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord
Bring the children without might, easy the load and light
Come to the Lord

I will run to you, I will run to you, I will run to you my Lord

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *MIRACLE POWER*

This is for the lost and lonely, for the broken and afraid
This is for those who are hurting, hoping help is on the way

In these battles of addiction, when fear is chasing after me
Whatever troubles I am facing, I will lift my hands and sing

Chorus: I believe in miracle power, in a wonder-working God
I am filled with the Holy Spirit, working wonders in my heart
I belong to a loving Father, I'm a friend of Christ, his Son
When it feels like I won't make it, I call on Jesus

Sometimes it's so hard being human, so much struggle, so much pain
When I start singing hallelujah, I say goodbye to every chain (*Chorus*)

Bridge: I may not know what a day may bring
But I know who brings the day
On the darkest night when I cannot see
Still my soul will say
My soul will say (*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 Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Becky Zink
Praise Team: Gabe Ferraiuolo, Mary Groom, Dick Lane,
Bill Norman, Thom Reitz, Alexis Veigel,
Erika & Scott Watamaniuk
Sound: Spencer Watamaniuk
Usher: Kevin Carlson, Kellen Helbach
Communion: Michelle Carlson, The Watamaniuk Family

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor John Mittermaier
Assisting Minister: Jane Lane
Praise Team: Gabe Ferraiuolo, Mary Groom, Dick Lane,
Bill Norman, Thom Reitz, Alexis Veigel,
Erika & Scott Watamaniuk
A/V: Spencer Watamaniuk, Gretchen Voisard
Usher: Ryan Hunt
Communion: The Manning Family