

**EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 5, 2026**

Traditional Worship

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

Gather

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Compassionate God

**C: We confess to you all our sins**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves**

**In your mercy, call us back to you**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace**

**In Christ's name we pray, Amen**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**OPENING HYMN: *I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY with AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL***

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

ELW 611 Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889. ELW 888 Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929

## **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

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## **WELCOMING THE CHILDREN**

### **FIRST READING: ZECHARIAH 9:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> *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.*

<sup>10</sup> *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.*

<sup>11</sup> *As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,*

*I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.*

<sup>12</sup> *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.**

**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**

*<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.*

*<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW4



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**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:]* <sup>16</sup> “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

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

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

<sup>19</sup> 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.”

<sup>25</sup> 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; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> 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.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

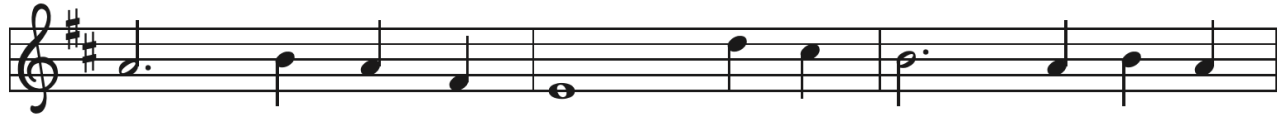
**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY: COME TO ME, O WEARY TRAVELER



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to  
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not  
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my  
4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -  
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -  
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -  
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."  
fore you; do not run from me in fright."  
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."  
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: AUSTIN, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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## 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Meal

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**OFFERING: WE ARE CALLED**

*Suzie Peloquin*

**OFFERTORY: LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL**

#183

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and  
fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a  
har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the  
bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Liturgy of Joy*, James M. Capers, b. 1948

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## OFFERING PRAYER

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *ELW4*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### SANCTUS: *ELW4*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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 HYMN: *DAY BY DAY*

#790



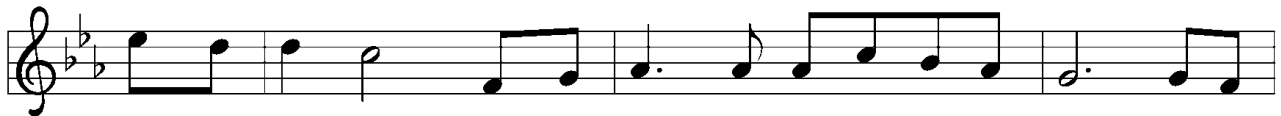
1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-i-ous soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

# POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN: *LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS*

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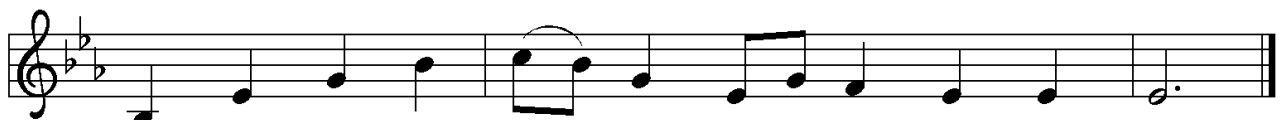
1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## SENDING

**A:** Heaven has come near. Go share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Austin Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor John Mittermaier  
Pianist: John Benjamin  
Lay Reader: Randy Hollowell

Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer  
Assisting Minister: Sandy Houpt  
Organist: John Benjamin  
Cantor: Suzie Peloquin  
Sound: Ed Wasser  
Stream Team: Landon Henderson, Melonie June Warren  
Ushers: Doug Glass, John Venis  
Communion: Teresa Accuntius, Felicity Glass, RoseAnn Venis,  
Rose Wasky