

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
10th Sunday after Pentecost, August 2, 2026

Praise Worship

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

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *THE FATHER'S HOUSE*

Sometimes on this journey
I get lost in my mistakes
What looks to me like weakness
Is a canvas for His strength
And my story isn't over
My story's just begun
And failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does
Yeah, failure won't define me
'Cause that's what my Father does
Chorus: Ooh, lay your burdens down
Ooh, here in the Father's house
Check your shame at the door
'Cause it ain't welcome anymore
Ooh, you're in the Father's house

Arrival's not the end game
The journey's where you are
You never wanted perfect
You just wanted my heart
And the story isn't over
If the story isn't good
And failure's never final
When the Father's in the room
And failure's never final
When the Father's in the room (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope
Love is on the move, when the Father's in the room
Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life
Love is on the move, when the Father's in the room

Miracles take place, the cynical find faith
And love is breaking through, when the Father's in the room
The Jericho walls are quaking, strongholds now are shaking
Love is breaking through, when the Father's in the room
I said, love is breaking through
When the Father's in the room (*Chorus 2x*)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(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**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: *LIVING WATER*

This goes out to every outcast
To the just don't quite fit in
Every wrong way runaway rebel
So ashamed of where you've been
This goes out to every searcher
Trying to fill that empty space
Well you're searching days are over now
Everything's about to change

Chorus: Come on down to the living water
Waves of mercy washing over you

No more strangers only sons and daughters
Come down to the living water
And rise up new
Have you heard about a man named Jesus
He's the way the truth the life
Stretched out his arms on a rugged cross
And paid every sinner's price
So when you're tired of all your running
You don't have to run no more
You can leave it all behind you
Just believe and be reborn (*Chorus*)
Bridge: Oh this is your invitation
Oh no more lost and alone
Oh this is your invitation
Hear your Father saying
Welcome home
See that cross up on the steeple
Hear that sweet forgiveness song
Come and join the Jesus people
This is where your heart belongs (*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: ISAIAH 55:1-5

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

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 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left

over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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: ALL ARE WELCOME

Chorus: All are welcome in this place
Behold Love's amazing grace
All are welcome
All are welcome
Bring your hopes bring your dreams
Mercy flows and Love redeems
All are welcome
All belong

Welcome all the broken-hearted
All who sorrow and despair

You are not alone for you are God's own
Together we sing and we proclaim (*Chorus*)
Welcome all who suffer violence
All who long for safety and for peace
You are not alone for you are God's own
Together we sing and we proclaim (*Chorus*)
Welcome all who are forgotten
Excluded and dignity denied
You are not alone for you are God's own
Together we sing and we proclaim (*Chorus*)
Welcome all who work for justice
Bringing hope charity and peace
You are not alone for you are God's own
Together we sing and we proclaim (*Chorus*)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Meal

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 (3x)
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 4x*)

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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.**

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 TABLE*

We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins
We were hungry we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape that we were in

Pre-Chorus: Just when all hope seemed lost

Love opened the door for us

Chorus: (He said) come to the table

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed

Take your place beside the Savior

Sit down and be set free

(Come to the table)

Come meet this motley crew of misfits

These liars and these thieves

There's no one unwelcome here

So that sin and shame that you've brought with you

You can leave it at the door

And let mercy draw you near (*Chorus*)

Bridge: To the thief and to the doubter

To the hero and the coward

To the pris'ner and the soldier

To the young and to the older

All who hunger all who thirst

All the last and all the first

All the paupers and the princes

All who've failed you've been forgiven

All who dream and all who suffer

All who've loved and lost another

All the chained and all the free

All who follow all who lead

Anyone who's been let down

All the lost you have been found

All who've been labeled right or wrong

To ev'ryone who hears this song (*Chorus*)

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters in to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus: So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God

Chorus: Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along (*Pre-chorus, Chorus 2x*)

Pre-Chorus: So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God (*Chorus*)

Chorus 2: Yeah, Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing
Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me
For me

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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: Becky Zink
Praise Team: Rich Embry, Jake Groom, Mary Groom, Erin Haligowski, Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Anastasia Rodgers, Thom Reitz
Sound: Ed Wasser
Usher: George Downs, Chris Ziehler
Communion: Mary Downs, Jennifer Henderson, Lori, Mason and Nolan Watamaniuk

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister: Owen Smith
Praise Team: Rich Embry, Jake Groom, Mary Groom, Erin Haligowski, Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Anastasia Rodgers, Thom Reitz
Sound: Ed Wasser
A/V: Gianna Pinto
Usher:
Communion: The Manning Family

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