

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
11th Sunday after Pentecost, August 9, 2026

Praise Worship

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

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *GREAT THINGS*

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus: O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(REPEAT)

You've done great things (*Chorus*)

Ending: You have done great things. O God You do great things

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: *RAISE A HALLELUJAH*

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief

I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody

I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus: I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes hope will arise

Death is defeated the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me

I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee

I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery

I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies

Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief

Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody

Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me

(REPEAT)

Sing a little louder (*Chorus 2x*)

Ending

I raise a hallelujah

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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

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of

Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 14:22-23

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹ He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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: *STAND IN YOUR LOVE*

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

Chorus: My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love
(REPEAT)

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken (*Chorus*)

Bridge: There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name power in Your name (*Chorus 2x*)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING: OCEANS (WHERE FEET MAY FAIL)

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus: And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now (*Chorus*)

Bridge (3x): Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour (*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.**

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: *TO THE TABLE*

Hear the voice of love that's calling
There's a chair that waits for you
And a friend who understands
Everything that you're going through

But you keep standing at a distance
In the shadows of your shame
But there's a light of hope that's shining
Won't you come and take your place

Chorus: So bring it all to the table
It's nothing He ain't seen before
For all your sin all your sorrow
And your sadness
There's a Savior and he calls
Bring it all to the table

He can see the weight you carry
And the fears that hold your heart
But through the cross you've been forgiven

You're accepted as you are

Chorus 2: So bring it all to the table

It's nothing He ain't seen before

For all your trials all your worries

And your burdens

There's a Savior and he calls

Bring it all to the table

Bridge 2x: Come on in and take your place

There's no one who's turned away

All you sinners all you saints

Come right in and find your grace (*Chorus 1*)

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *SING WHEREVER YOU GO*

Chorus: All my life

All I know

God's been good

Good to my soul

Mountain high

Valley low

I'm gonna sing wherever I go (Repeat)

God is for me

Not against me

I will hold to the plans God has for me

When I'm broken

God will fix me

I will call on the name of the Lord (*Chorus*)

God's my heartsong

In my sorrow

My hope and my strength for tomorrow

When the storms rise

All around me
I will call on the name of the Lord (*Chorus 2x*)
Bridge: I got joy joy joy
Deep in my soul
I will sing sing sing
Wherever I go (*Chorus 2x*)

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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: Steve Lubbers
Praise Team: Doug Day, Gebe Ferraiuolo, Bob Gray, Mary Groom, Craig Hoerig, Bill Norman, Alexis Veigel, Scott Watamaniuk
Sound: Spencer Watamaniuk
Usher: George Downs, Chris Ziehler
Communion: Lou Czewski, Sandy Czewski, Jennifer Henderson, James Kent, Sheryl Kent

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister: Jane Lane
Praise Team: Doug Day, Gebe Ferraiuolo, Bob Gray, Mary Groom, Craig Hoerig, Bill Norman, Alexis Veigel, Scott Watamaniuk
Sound: Spencer Watamaniuk
A/V: Gianna Pinto
Live Stream: Anthony Brown, Scott Haligowski
Usher: Kris and Bob Mangan
Communion: Bob and Everett Bresemann, Annie and Stephanie Wierwille

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