

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
13th Sunday after Pentecost, August 23, 2026

Praise Worship

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

Gather

GATHERING SONG: MY FEET ARE ON THE ROCK

I can see the clouds roll in
I can feel the winds, they try to shake me
I will not be moved, my feet are on the Rock

I can feel the waters rise
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me
Fear won't hold me now, my feet are on the Rock

Chorus: When I feel my hope about to break
I will cling to your unchanging grace
Let the waters come and the Earth give way
I'll be dancing in the rain, my feet are on the Rock

I can see the morning light
I can feel the joy on the horizon
Here my faith is found
I stand on solid ground (**Chorus**)

Bridge: On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
So stomp your feet and clap your hands
Our feet are on the Rock (*Sing Bridge 3X*)
(**Chorus 2X**)

My feet are on the Rock, my feet are on the Rock

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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: *FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON'T)*

Chorus: Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause he's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would he fail now
He won't, he won't
[He won't fail, he won't fail]

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would he fail now
He won't, he won't

He won't fail, he won't fail (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Rain came and wind blew
My house was built on you
I'm safe with you
I'm gonna make it through (*Repeat*) (*Chorus*)

He won't, he won't
He won't fail, he won't fail
He won't

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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

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: *EXODUS 1:8-2:10*

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was

named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?” ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

^{2:1} Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” ⁸ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. ⁹ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:1-8

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s

mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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: *BUILD MY LIFE*

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Chorus: Holy, there is no one like you
There is none beside you, open up my eyes in wonder
And show me who you are and fill me with your heart
And lead me in your love to those around me

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only One who could ever save
You're worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for you, oh, we live for you

Bridge: I will build my life upon your love,
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Meal

OFFERING: *MY JESUS*

Are you past the point of weary, is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling 'cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

Chorus: He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that he can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and his grace is free
And the good news is I know that he
Can do for you what he's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, amen, amen

Who can wipe away the tears from broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus (*Chorus*)

Who would take my cross to Calvary, pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
Let my Jesus change your life

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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: *I BELIEVE*

From the beginning
You've been unchanging
Age to age You stay
Constant You remain
Every mystery
The questions I've carried

Are safe within Your will
So I trust You even still

Chorus I-I believe

You are who You say You are
You do what You say You'll do
You'll come through
You are always able
I believe
You've already made a way
So I'm running through parted waves
Straight to You
You are always faithful

Interlude I-I believe I believe

Jesus You're for me
Holding me steady
Every word You speak
Is a promise that You keep
This firm foundation
Cannot be shaken
My God You never fail
Never once You never will

Bridge-That on that cross Your blood was spilled
And by Your stripes I have been healed
And every promise You've fulfilled
I believe I believe
That You rose again in victory
And that same power lives in me
I'm born again I've been made free
I believe I believe

That the gates of hell will not prevail
Your church is still alive and well
This gospel truth I live to tell
I believe I believe

That one day soon You'll split the sky
You're coming for a spotless bride
Until my faith has been made sight
I believe I believe

And on that day I've run my race
I'll finally see You face to face
And nothing then will separate
I believe I believe
I'll join with every tribe and tongue
And bow before the Lamb of God
Singing Holy Holy Holy One
I believe I believe

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *THAT'S WHO I PRAISE*

I want to dance like David, I want a faith like Paul
I want to sing like Silas tearing down the prison walls
I want to face that fire, it won't burn me though
God's got my back, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

I wanna walk like Moses, right through the waves
One day I'll see that promise land, no longer slaves
Though the fear is talkin', no it can't take out my faith

Chorus: I'm gonna praise, I'm gonna praise
I praise the mountain movin', body raising
breaker of chains
Gonna praise, I'm gonna praise
I praise the heaven-seated, undefeated highest of names
That's who I praise, hey, that's who I praise
That's who I praise

I want a gift like Mary, I want to break my vase
I want to sleep like Daniel even in a lion's cave
I'm gonna get that promise, just like Jericho
Yeah, I know what'll make it fall

I praise the God who's proven he can do impossible things
That's who I praise, hey, that's who I praise

That's who I praise

Bridge: He is the lion of Judah, he is the lamb that was slain
The only One who's worthy, worthy
Worthy of all of His names, that's who I praise
He is the risen Messiah, he is the ancient of days
The only One who's worthy, worthy
Worthy of all of His names, that's who I praise

I want to love like Jesus, that kinda grace
I want to live like I've got no more precious time to waste
I'm gonna give Him glory with all my thanks
'Cause there's no greater, stronger higher name and
That's who I praise

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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: Olivia Donaghue, Sara Donaghue, Mary Groom,
Craig Hoerig, Dick Lane, Thom Reitz, Scott
Watamaniuk, Robyn Zimmann
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Usher: George Downs, Chris Ziehler
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Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Corey Wagonfield
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Sound: Ted Meyer
A/V: Owen Smith
Live Stream: Anthony Brown, Scott Haligowski
Usher: Kim Brown
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