

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 13, 2026
Blended Worship
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *THE LORD'S PRAYER (IT'S YOURS)*

Verse 1

Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Right here in my heart **(2x)**

Chorus 1

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones
who sinned against us
Forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Verse 2

Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Right here in my heart **(2x)**

Chorus 2

Give us this day our daily bread
Forgive us, forgive us
As we forgive the ones
who sinned against us
Forgive them
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
Let your kingdom come

Bridge

It's yours, it's yours
All yours, all yours
The kingdom, the power
The glory are yours
It's yours, it's yours
All yours, all yours
Forever and ever
The kingdom is yours

Verse 3

Father let your kingdom come
Father let your will be done
On earth as in heaven
Right here in my heart **(2x)**
 On earth as in heaven
 Right here in my heart

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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 SONG: 10,000 REASONS

Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship his holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I worship your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (*Chorus*)

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (*Chorus*)

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (*Chorus*)

Yes I will worship your holy name
Lord I'll worship your holy name

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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: ROMANS 14:1-12

A: ¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song: Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises

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Refrain:

Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises,
All our hearts are filled with gladness

Verse 1:

Christ the Lord to us said:
I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread,
Give to all who thirst and hunger. **(Refrain)**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: *MATTHEW 18:21-35*

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Verse 1:

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

Verse 2:

"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

Verse 5:

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

OFFERING: *TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE*

Epiphany Chorale

OFFERTORY: *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

Verse 4

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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OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *ELW10*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

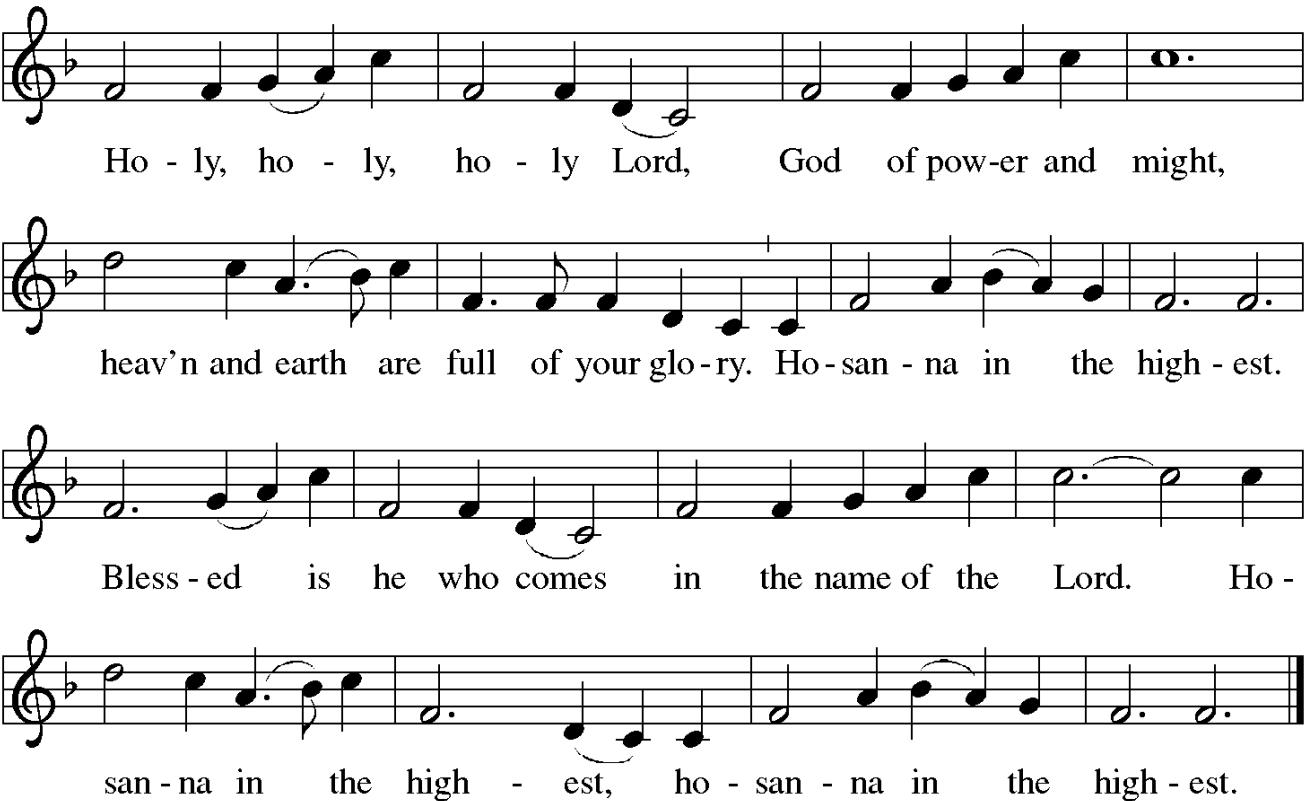
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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...and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS: ELW 10



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a whole note, the second with a half note, the third with a half note, and the fourth with a half note. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, 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 *WE ARE*

Every secret, every shame, every fear, every pain
Live inside the dark, but that's not who we are
We are children of the day

So wake up sleeper, lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows, conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left

Chorus: We are the light of the world, we are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine

We are called to spread the news
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save, there's freedom in his name
So let his love break through (*Chorus*)

Bridge: We are the light, we are the light, we are the light
So let your light shine brighter
We are the light, we are the light, we are the light
Jesus you are the light, you are the light, you are the light
We will lift you high and shine, shine, shine (*Chorus x2*)

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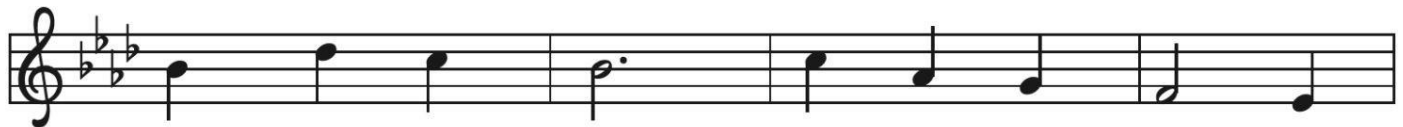
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

(continued)



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Send

BLESSING AND SENDING FOR MISSION

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *SING WHEREVER I 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 1x*)

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

A: Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

C: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship
Austin Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister:	Jane Lane
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