EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Affirmation of Baptism, October 25, 2026
Blended Worship
Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM (Livestreamed)

Gather

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *IN CHRIST ALONE ARR. MARK HAYES* *Epiphany Chorale*

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled
When strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all.
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine, bought
With the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I stand.

Here in the power of Christ I stand

Words and Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend
Arr Mark Hayes

DIALOGUE: *FROM PSALM 71 AND 1 TIMOTHY 4*

L: O God, from youth you have taught me,
C: I still proclaim your wonderful deeds.
L: So even to old age and gray hair,
C: O God, do not forsake me.
L: Be with me while I proclaim your power and might
C: to all generations to come.
L: Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young,
C: but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity.
L: Give your time and effort to the public reading of the scriptures,
C: and to preaching and teaching.
L: Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is in you,
C: which was given to you when the prophets spoke and the elders laid hands on you.
L: Practice these things and devote yourself to them
C: in order that your progress may be seen by all.

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.

OPENING HYMN: OPENING HYMN: *A MIGHTY FORTRESS (v. 1,2,4)* *#504*



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: *JEREMIAH 31:31-34*

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like
the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the
hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke,
though I was their husband, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I
will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put
my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their
God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another,
or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from
the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their
iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: *ROMANS 3:19-28*

19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are
under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world
may be held accountable to God. 20 For "no human being will be justified in
his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the
knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed,
and is attested by the law and the prophets, 22 the righteousness of God
through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction,
23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now
justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective
through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine
forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to
prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies
the one who has faith in Jesus.

[27]Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. [28]For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *WHO YOU SAY I AM*

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

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P: The holy gospel according to St. John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: *JOHN 8:31-36*

[31]Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; [32]and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." [33]They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

[34]Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35]The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. [36]So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

DISCIPLESHIP PROJECT PRESENTATIONS BY CONFIRMANDS

INTRODUCTION *Erin Haligowski*
Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

PRESENTATIONS *Connor Cusick, Hannah Hendrickson, Kenleigh Sandor*

CONCLUSION *Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *BORNING CRY* #732



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no lon-ger young,



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.
you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be-gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confirmation marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry, a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Those who have completed this program were made disciples of the Church in Baptism. Confirmation includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, thus underscoring God's action in their Baptism.

Troy Stoller, Congregation Council President, presents the candidates to the pastor.

L: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

GUIDES: *Angie Day and Madison Risch*

Aurelia Crews, daughter of Paul & Allison Crews
Connor David Cusick, son of Eric & Brittany Cusick
Hannah Elizabeth Hendrickson, daughter of Josh & Emily Hendrickson
Reid Joseph Pearson, son of Ryan & Diana Pearson
Kenleigh Danielle Sandor, daughter of Mark & Allison Sandor
Elizabeth Rae Wierwille, daughter of Brett & Stephanie Wierwille

P: We are a family of God who comes together to pray, support, rejoice and praise our heavenly Father. Do you promise to enfold these youth into their extended family, loving them, teaching them, and helping them to know the family into which their faith has given them?

C: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Elizabeth Wierwille

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Meal

SHARING THE PEACE

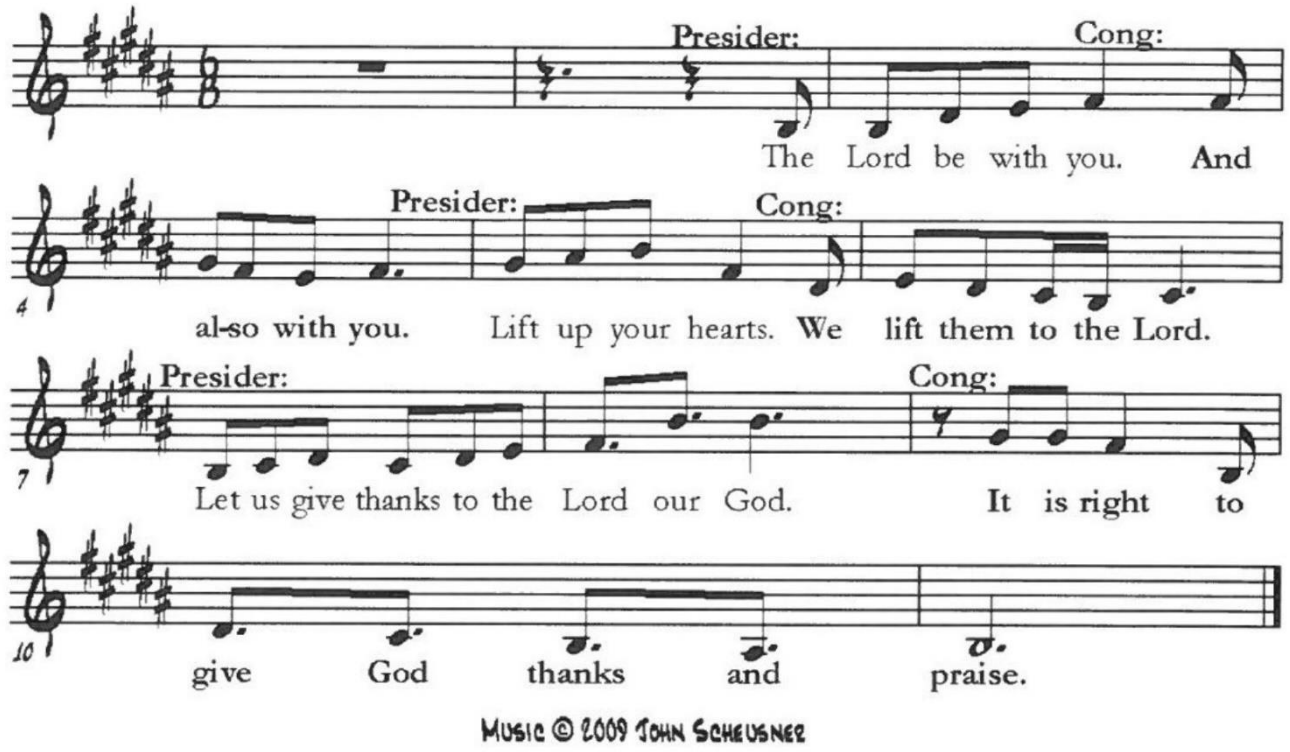
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: *GIVE ME JESUS*

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus *(Repeat)*

Chorus: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus
You can have all this world, just give me Jesus

When I am alone, when I am alone
Oh when I am alone, give me Jesus *(Repeat) (Chorus)*

When I come to die, when I come to die
Oh when I come to die, give me Jesus *(Repeat) (Chorus)*

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *MY LIGHTHOUSE*

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures you won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea

You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence you won't let go
In the questions your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus: My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise, you will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea *(Chorus)*

Bridge: Fire before us, you're the brightest
You will lead us through the storms *(Sing 4X) (Chorus)*

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SENDING

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C: Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Erin Haligowski
Organist:	John Benjamin
Praise Team:	Connor Cusick, Olivia Donaghue, Danny Fulton, Felicity Glass, Erin Haligowski, Hannah Hendrickson, Leah Hendrickson, Allie Knueven, Hannah Shreve, Adalyn Walker
Slides:	Mary Groom
Sound:	Ed Wasser and Allie Knueven
Stream Team:	Alex Wasser, Landon Henderson
Ushers:	Lon and Therese Molnar
Communion Servers:	Angie Day, Noel Greiman, Madison Risch, Kathleen Wilson

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