# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
## 24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 8, 2026
Praise Worship
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM

## Gather

### GATHERING SONG: *THE LION AND THE LAMB*

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare his praise
For who can stop the Lord almighty

> ***Chorus:*** Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah
> He's roaring with power and fighting our battles
> And every knee will bow before him
> Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
> For the sin of the world, his blood breaks the chains
> And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
> Every knee will bow before him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord almighty *(Chorus)*

> ***Bridge:*** Who can stop the Lord almighty *(5x)*
> Who can stop the Lord *(Chorus)*

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING FOR VETERANS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Holy God,

**C: We confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.**
**We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.**
**We trust the voice of our shame and fear,**
**which keeps us from entering fully**
**into relationship with you and others.**
**We are not awake to the coming of your reign.**
**Rouse us and rescue us,**
**that we may enter into your joy.**
**Amen.**

## 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

## WELCOME THE CHILDREN

## FIRST READING: *AMOS 5:18-24*

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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 25:1-13*

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish,
and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil
with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at
midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to
meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps.
8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are
going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and
for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'
10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.
11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'
12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake,
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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: *HOLY FOREVER*

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

***Pre-Chorus:*** Your name is the highest, your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions all powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

***Chorus:*** And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear his name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen *(Chorus)*

***Chorus2:*** Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

You will always be Holy
Holy forever

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## OFFERING: *OH HOW I NEED YOU (FIND YOU)*

***Verse1:*** Lord, I find You in the seeking
Lord, I find You in the doubt
And to know You is to love You
And to know so little else

> ***Chorus:*** I need You
> Oh, how I need You
> Oh, how I need You
> Oh, how I need You

*(Verse1) (Chorus)*

***Verse2:*** Lord, I find You in the morning
Lord, I seek You ev'ry day
Let my life be for Your glory
Woven in Your threads of grace *(Chorus 2x)*

***Interlude*:** Oh oh oh oh

> ***Bridge:*** Light glorious light I will go where You shine
> Break the dawn crack the skies
> Make the way bright before me
> In Your light I will find
> All I need all I need is You (yeah) *(2x) (Chorus 2x)*

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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

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection … And let the church say, Amen!
**C: Amen!**

P: Send your Holy Spirit… And let the church say, Amen!
**C: Amen!**

P: Join our prayers… almighty Father, now and forever!
**C: Amen!**

## 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 SONG: *DEATH WAS ARRESTED*

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

***Chorus:*** Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

***Bridge:*** Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

## Send

## BENEDICTION

## **CLOSING SONG:** *EVERLASTING GOD*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

***Pre-Chorus***: Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer *(Chorus)*

***Chorus***: You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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## **SENDING**

L: Go in peace. Flourish with creation.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Serving in Worship

### Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

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| Presiding Minister: | Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer |
| Assisting Minister: | Andy Addy |
| Praise Team: | Michele Borns, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Al Grodrian, Mary Groom, Dick Lane, Thom Reitz, Anastasia Rodgers, and Robyn Zimmann |
| Slides: | Ed Wasser |
| Sound: | Roland Hogendoorn |
| Usher: | Ryan Helbach, Tom Gariety |
| Communion: | Joyce Addy, Michelle Carlson, Sheryl Kent, Mason Watamaniuk |

### Austin Campus 10:30 AM

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| Presiding Minister: | Pastor Corey Wagonfield |
| Assisting Minister: | Candy Norman |
| Praise Team: | Michele Borns, Gabe Ferraiuolo, Al Grodrian, Mary Groom, Dick Lane, Thom Reitz, Anastasia Rodgers, and Robyn Zimmann |
| Slides: | Sienna Pearson |
| Sound: | Roland Hogendoorn |
| Usher: | Kris and Bob Mangan |
| Communion: | Ben, Sam and Erin Haligowski |

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