EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 15, 2026
Praise Worship
Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM, Austin Campus 10:30 AM* (*Livestream)

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *HOUSE OF THE LORD*

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory yeah
Chorus: There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
Interlude: Oh oh oh
We shout out Your praise
We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away (*Chorus*)
Bridge: ('Cause) We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
We are forgiven accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (*Chorus 2x, Interlude*)

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Welcome and Announcements

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: *YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME*

There were walls between us
By the cross You came and broke them down
You broke them down
And there were chains around us
By Your grace we are no longer bound
No longer bound

Pre-Chorus: You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive
Chorus: Your love is greater
Your love is stronger
Your love awakens awakens awakens me
(REPEAT)

Feel the darkness shaking
All the dead are coming back to life
I'm back to life
Hear the song awaken
All creation singing we're alive
'Cause You're alive (*Pre-Chorus*, *Chorus*)

Bridge 2x: And what a love we've found
Death can't hold us down
We shout it out
We're alive 'cause You're alive (*Chorus 2x*)

Ending: Your love awakens me
Your love is greater
Your love is stronger
Your love awakens awakens awakens me

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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

WELCOME THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: *ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18*

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand! The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." 13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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 25:14-30*

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another
two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded
with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had
the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's
money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled
accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me
five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him,
'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a
few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received
the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a
harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not
scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here
you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy
slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where
I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with
interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten
talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have
an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will
be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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: *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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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING: *THE HEART OF WORSHIP*

When the music fades
All is stripped away and I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless your heart

Pre-Chorus: I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself is not what you have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus: I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about you, it's all about you Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about you, it's all about you Jesus

King of endless worth
No one could express how much you deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is yours
Every single breath *(Pre-Chorus, 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

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: *SALT AND LIGHT*

Oh, the beauty of a King
You make righteous those who seek
You have written, and redeemed my story

Chorus: Let my eyes see your kingdom shine all around
Let my heart overflow with passion for your name
Let my life be a song, revealing who you are
For you are salt and light

Oh, the love that set me free
You bring hope to those in need
You have written and redeemed my story *(Chorus)*

Bridge: You are love's great height
You are deep and wide, a consuming fire
You are salt and light *(Repeat Bridge) (Chorus)*

You are salt and light (2X)

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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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

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

Serving in Worship

Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Tracy Paschke-Johannes
Assisting Minister:	Mark Chilson
Praise Team:	Wendy Beavers, Doug Day, Rich Embry, Jake Groom, Mary Groom, Craig Hoerig, Bill Norman, Cat Sorensen
Slides:	Lori Embry
Sound:	Spencer Watamaniuk
Usher:	George Downs and Tom Gariety
Communion:	Josh Hendrickson, Nathan Hendrickson, Angi Moots and Lori Watamaniuk

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Corey Wagonfield
Assisting Minister:	Billy Heaning
Praise Team:	Wendy Beavers, Doug Day, Rich Embry, Jake Groom, Mary Groom, Craig Hoerig, Bill Norman, Cat Sorensen
Live Stream:	Anthony Brown, Scott Haligowski
Slides:	Owen Smith
Sound:	Spencer Watamaniuk
Usher:	Jill Frost and Dale Rethlake
Communion:	Bob and Everett Bresemann, Annie and Stephanie Wierwille

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