

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
7th Sunday after Pentecost, July 12, 2026

Praise Worship

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

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD*

Your word is a lamp unto my feet
Your way is the only way for me
It's a narrow road that leads to life
But I want to be on it
It's a narrow road but the mercy's wide
'Cause You're good on Your promise

Chorus: I'll take You at Your word
If You said it I'll believe it
I've seen how good it works
If You start it You'll complete it
I'll take You at Your word

You spoke and the chaos fell in line
I know 'cause I've seen it in my life
It's a narrow road that leads to life
But I want to be on it
It's a narrow road the tide is high
But You parted the water (*Chorus*)

Bridge: You said Your love will never give up
You said Your grace is always enough
You said Your heart
Would never forget or forsake me
You said I'm saved You call me Yours
You said my future's full of Your hope
You've never failed
So I know that You'll never fail me (*Chorus*)

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: *ALL MY FOUNTAINS*

This dry and desert land
I tell myself keep walking on
Hear something up ahead
Water falling like a song
An everlasting stream
Your river carries me home
Let it flow let it flow

Pre-Chorus: All my fountains
A flood for my soul
A well that never will run dry
I've rambled on my own
Never believing I would find
An everlasting stream
Your river carries me home
Let it flow let it flow
Chorus: Open the heavens
Come living water

All my fountains are in You
You're strong like a river
Your love is running through
All my fountains are in You
Bridge: Come on and rain down on us
Rain down on us Lord (*Chorus*)
Ending: All my fountains are in You
All my fountains are in You

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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: *ISAIAH 55:10-13*

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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: *SPRINGTIME*

You're the resurrection
That we've waited for
You buried the night
And came with the morning
You're the King of Heaven
The praise is Yours
The longer the quiet
The louder the chorus

Chorus: We will sing a new song
'Cause death is dead and gone with the winter
We will sing a new song
Let hallelujahs flow like a river
We're coming back to life
Reaching towards the light
Your love is like springtime

You're the living water
God we thirst for You
The dry and the barren
Will flower and bloom
You're the sun that's shining
You restore my soul
The deeper You call us
Oh the deeper we'll go (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Come tend the soil
Come tend the soil of my soul
And like a garden
And like a garden I will grow
I will grow (*Chorus*)

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Meal

OFFERING: *DO IT AGAIN*

Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

Chorus: Your promise still stands
Great is your faithfulness
Faithfulness
I'm still in your hands
This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet

I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing your praise again
Jesus you're still enough
Keep me within your love
My heart will sing your praise again (*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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and 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: *STILL WATERS*

Great Aunt Maureen said at a hundred and three
Write scripture on your heart for when you need it
'Cause anxiety hates Psalm twenty-three
So just say it to yourself 'til you believe it
And I'm feeling like I'm needing it right now

Chorus: (O) The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want
He leads me by still waters 'til my fears are gone
Though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
O I know You are with me my Father my friend
Your goodness and mercy
Will follow me all of my days
I know by Your still waters I'm safe
Lord I believe You can set me at ease
Turn this broken piece of me to peace and quiet
I know there's power in Your word
So I'll say it over and over 'til my soul's reminded (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Still waters run through
Any valley I could find
I'm laying fear down
Here at Heaven's river side
Your word has been true
In every season of my life
I believe yes I believe (that) (*Chorus*)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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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: 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 Karl Biermann
Assisting Minister: Steve Lubbers
Praise Team: Bob Gray, Al Grodrian, Mary Groom, Craig Hoerig,
Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Sienna Pearson, Scott
Watamaniuk
Sound: Roland Hogendoorn
Usher: John Dietrich, Kevin Carlson
Communion: Michelle Carlson, The Watamaniuk Family

Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Candy Norman
Praise Team: Bob Gray, Al Grodrian, Mary Groom, Craig Hoerig,
Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Sienna Pearson, Scott
Watamaniuk
A/V: Roland Hogendoorn
Stream Team: Reid Pearson, Ryan Pearson
Usher: Kris and Bob Mangan
Communion: The Walker Family

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