

EIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
We Love Jesus by Serving Others
17th Sunday after Pentecost
Austin Contemporary Praise Worship
September 19, 2021

gather

WELCOME

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING SONG: RISE UP

1. In the dark and all alone
Growing comfortable
Are you too scared to move and walk out of this tomb
Buried underneath the lies that you believed
Safe and sound, stuck in the ground, too lost to be found
You're just asleep
And it's time to leave

Chorus

*Come on and rise up
Take a breath, you're alive now
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out from the grave like Lazarus
You're brand new
The power of death couldn't hold you
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
Out of the grave like Lazarus
Rise up, rise up, rise up
Out from the grave like Lazarus*

2. When He said your name
The thing that filled your veins
Was more than blood, it's the kind of love that washes sin away
Now the door is open wide
And the stone's been rolled aside
The old is gone, the light has come so **(Chorus)**

Bridge

He's calling us to walk out of the dark
He's giving us new resurrected hearts **(Repeat bridge)(Chorus)**

(You may be seated)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: O God who makes all things known,

C: we confess that we are weighed down by our failings. Envy distances us from other people; greed causes us to only worry about our own desires. Where we might bring reconciliation, we create conflicts. Where you call us to give, we take. Deal with us not as we deserve, O God, but forgive us, cleanse us and teach us to walk in your ways. Amen

P: God, who loves and sustains you, hears your plea and forgives your sins. Respond with happy hearts, remember the poor and the outcast and welcome the child, just as you are welcomed in joy and light. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: FOREVER (HE IS GLORIFIED)

1. The moon and stars they wept
The morning sun was dead
The Savior of the world was fallen
His body on the cross
His blood poured out for us
The weight of every curse upon Him
2. One final breath He gave
As heaven looked away
The Son of God was laid in darkness
A battle in the grave
The war on death was waged
The power of hell forever broken

Pre-Chorus

The ground began to shake
The stone was rolled away
His perfect love could not be overcome
Now death where is your sting
Our resurrected King
Has rendered you defeated

Chorus

Forever He is glorified

Forever He is lifted high

Forever He is risen

He is alive

He is alive (Repeat Pre-Chorus & Chorus)

Bridge

We sing hallelujah

We sing hallelujah

We sing hallelujah

The Lamb has overcome **(Repeat)(Chorus)**

(Please be seated)

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

Word

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:13—4:3, 7-8A

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL SONG: HERE'S MY HEART

Chorus

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Here's my heart Lord

Speak what is true

'Cause I am found, I am Yours

I am loved, I'm made pure

I have life, I can breathe

I am healed, I am free **(Chorus)**

GOSPEL: MARK 9:30-37

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON: REV. JOHN MITTERMAIER

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: GREATER

1. Bring your tired and bring your shame
Bring your guilt and bring your pain
Don't you know that's not you're name
You will always be much more to me
Every day I wrestle with the voice
That keep telling me I'm not right -- but that's alright

Chorus

*'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed
When others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world
In the world, in the world
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world*

2. Bring your doubts and bring your fears
Bring your hurt and bring your tears
There'll be no condemnation here
You are holy, righteous and redeemed
Every time I fall there'll be those
Who will call me a mistake; well, that's okay **(Chorus)**

Bridge

There'll be days I lose the battle
Grace says that it doesn't matter
'Cause the cross already won the war (He's Greater, He's Greater)
I am learning to run freely
Understanding just how He sees me
And it makes me love Him more and more (He's Greater, He's Greater)
(Repeat) (Chorus to Bridge)

*My God is greater
Than he who is living in the world*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(after each petition...)*

A: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING: *LESS LIKE ME*

1. Oh I have days I lose the fight
Try my best but just don't get it right
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
And miss the moments right before my eyes
 Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have held
 When I just can't see past myself
 Lord help me be

Chorus

A little more like mercy
A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith
A little more like patience
A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me

2. Yeah, there's no denying I have changed
I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best I must confess
I still need help to see the way You see
 Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have held
 When I just can't see past myself
 Lord help me be **(Chorus)**

Bridge

Oh, to feed the beggar on the street
Love to be Your hands and feet
Freely give what I receive
Lord, help me be
I want to put You first above all else
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees
Lord, help me be **(Chorus)**

Ending

A little more I'm living
Everything I preach
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me

meal

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: We thank you for the abundance you shower on us daily, O Lord, and we witness the marvelous goodness that comes from you. Transform these gifts into signs of welcome for all who are touched by their use. Transform us into people who bless others throughout each day. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Christ welcomes you to the meal of the baptized! If you believe that Jesus is your Lord and Savior and is truly present in the meal, please join us at the table. Communion is by intinction. Gluten free wafers are available at the station to the right of the altar.

(Please stand as you are able)

COMMUNION SONG: GRAVES INTO GARDENS

1. I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied
Here in Your love

Chorus

Oh, there's nothing better than You

There's nothing better than You

Lord there's nothing

Nothing is better than You

2. I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again (**Chorus**)

Bridge 1

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes

You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can

Bridge 2

You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies

You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can

You're the only one who can

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: MY FEET ARE ON THE ROCK

1. I can see the clouds roll in
I can feel the winds, they try to shake me
I will not be moved
My feet are on the rock
2. I can feel the waters rise
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me
Fear won't hold me now
My feet are on the rock

Chorus 1

*When I feel my hope about to break
I will cling to Your unchanging grace
Let the waters come and the earth give way
I'll be dancing in the rain
My feet are on the rock*

3. I can see the morning light
I can feel the joy on the horizon
Here my faith is found
I stand on solid ground (**Chorus**)

Bridge

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
So stomp your feet and clap your hands
Our feet are on the rock (**Repeat x2**)

Chorus 2

*When I feel my hope about to break
I will cling to Your unchanging grace
Let the waters come and the earth give way
I'll be dancing in the rain (**Chorus 1**)*

My feet are on the rock. My feet are on the rock.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Parish Notes

Recently hospitalized: Stephen Spitler, Trent Brooks

Flowers in the Far Hills Sanctuary are given by Mary and Pete Moenter in memory of Thomas Hutcheson and by Vicki and Chuck Lambright in honor of their anniversary.

The eternal flame for September is lit by Mary in Pete Moenter in memory of Thomas Hutcheson.

Lutheran Disaster Response

If you would like to make a donation to Lutheran Disaster Response, you can give online, designating where you'd like the gift to be applied, or by check, with LDR and the designation in the memo line. Rest assured that 100% of your contribution will go to relief efforts.

Children's Christmas Musical Auditions This Month at Far Hills Campus

Wednesday, September 22 | 6-8 PM

Saturday, September 25 | 10 AM - Noon

Epiphany Players Drama Ministry is pleased to announce its 2021 Christmas Musical, Dr. Newheart's Christmas Cure, which will be directed by Jackie (Darnell) Randall and presented during worship December 11-12 in the Far Hills Celebration Center. Participation is open to anyone in grades 1-8! Questions? Contact drama@epiphanydayton.org.

Community Blood Drive in Far Hills Celebration Center

Saturday, September 25 | 8 AM-Noon

Schedule an appointment at www.donortime.com – enter code: 46

Serve with Us in Worship

With more opportunities for in-person worship, now is a great time to use your gifts for serving within our worshipping community. Thank you for the gift of your time and your commitment to Epiphany. Learn more and sign up at epiphanydayton.org/serve-in-worship/

Give Altar Flowers, Eternal Flame

Give altar flowers in honor, celebration or memory of loved ones, and you may also light the Eternal Flame in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$30 for flowers and \$10 to light the flame. Give online or by check made out to Epiphany with altar flowers or eternal flame noted in the memo. Please contact Natalie Heimann (nheimann@epiphanydayton.org).

Let Us Pray for You! We want to know when you're hospitalized or when you have a life event, such as a birth, marriage, death in the family, etc. Contact Pastor Jay (937-750-2333). Prayer requests can also be sent to nheimann@epiphanydayton.org.

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Preaching and Presiding: *Rev. John Mittermaier*

Assisting Minister: *Mike Wipperman*

Praise Team: *Bill Norman, Scott Watamaniuk, Jimmy Basner, Reil St. Amand, Michele Borns, Anastasia Rodgers, Carlin Heimann*

Sound and Slides: *Paige Pearson, Roland Hogendoorn*

Ushers: *Diana Pearson, Reid Pearson*

Communion Servers: *Lindsey Wipperman, Troy Wipperman, Angie Day, Ember Day*

Acolyte: *Alaina Wipperman*

Livestream: *Ryan Pearson, Scott Haligowski*

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