

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021, Traditional Worship
Far Hills Campus, 10:30 AM

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor John Mittermaier
Assisting Minister:	Melonie June Warren
Pianist:	Amy Gray
Cantor:	Linda June Snyder
Sound:	Roland Hogendoorn
Stream Team:	Anthony Brown, Alex Wasser
Ushers:	Bob Sulgrove, Mark Wilson
Communion Servers:	Felicity Glass, Sandy Houpt, Barb Parisi, Verity Snyder, Kathleen Wilson

GATHER

PRE-SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARSHIP MINISTRY MOMENT

PRELUDE

(Please stand as you are able and face the baptismal font)

CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the \ddagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful 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. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \ddagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

At this time, please share the peace with those around you. Also, please take this time to say hello and share the peace in the comment section of the YouTube channel livestream or in the Facebook feed comment section. Take a selfie and let us know you are worshiping with us!



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing,
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers,



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
 pass - es knowl-edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
 sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
 praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
 freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
 glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
 God; to make all things new.

Refrain

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Please be seated)

WORD

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS

FIRST READING: AMOS 5:6-7, 10-15

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⁶Seek the *LORD* and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!
¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.
¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.
¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.
¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the *LORD*, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.
¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the *LORD*, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: FROM PSALM 90

A: Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
C: Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?
A: Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
C: so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
A: Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.
C: Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.
A: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
C: prosper the work of our hands.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 4:12-16

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¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sing twice)



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, to whom shall we go?
5
You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - - - ia!

GOSPEL READING: MARK 10:17-31

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P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY: TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

#685



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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.**

(Please kneel or be seated)

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

(Please be seated)

MEAL

OFFERING: HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS (arr. Margaret Bonds)

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERTORY: AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

#465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider:

The Lord be with you.

Congregation:

And also with you.

Presider:

Lift up your hearts.

Congregation:

We lift them to the Lord.

Presider:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation:

It is right to give God 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:

SANCTUS

#191

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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EUCARISTIC 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

Homebound List and Communion: If you are unable to attend worship due to health concerns, please contact the church office to be included on the homebound list.

COMMUNION HYMN: GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

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- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow’rs your grace con-ferred;



na - ture’s won-der, Je - sus’ wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave’s shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of-f’ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ’s age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim-ing, serv - ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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(Please stand as you are able)

SEND

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING (vv. 1,2,5,6)

#886



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please take a moment to share comments and fellowship with each other after the service is completed. The livestream will continue for a few minutes to allow for your interaction.

Parish Notes

The flowers on the Far Hills Sanctuary are placed by Bob and Cindy Hess in memory of Bob's mother, Eileen Hess

Recently hospitalized: Helen Bernhard, Peggy Surdyk, Wendy York

Congratulations to Brooke Konicki and Carter Semenchuk who were married August 21, 2021.

Sympathy to Karla Knepper on the death of her father, Mark and Claire Chilson on the death of Claire's father, and to Angie Day on the death of her father.

Sponsor Children's Bibles

Please consider sponsoring the gift of one of these Bibles for third graders, or a Bible given at baptism, in the amount of \$25 per book. Give online, or by cash or check with the designation "Bible Sponsor," and thank you for helping to put the Word into a child's hands through the gift of a Bible!

Service of Silent Loss

October 13 | 7 PM | Austin Campus

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. We invite those who have experienced this type of loss to join us in this service of acknowledgment and healing.

Stewardship Commitment Sunday on October 17, 2021

The Stewardship Committee recently announced Epiphany's "FAITHFUL STEWARDS in the New Normal" campaign. This year's campaign is comprehensive – inviting the gifts of our time, talents, and abundance. We pray that you'll come celebrate with us at Stewardship Commitment Sunday on October 17, 2021.

Young at Heart Flag Room Chat

Monday, October 18 | 11:30 AM | Far Hills Flag Room

The Young at Heart Ministry hosts a Flag Room Chat luncheon with guest Sandra Combs, Executive Assistant and Mission Liaison at Graceworks, who will talk with us about the newer services provided by Graceworks' ministry. We're offering delicious Monster Pizza from Doubledays for just \$7 per person or bring your own lunch. Please RSVP to Verity Snyder (937-886-0454) by Sunday, October 17.

Farewell to Pastor Jay and the Shailer Family

Sunday, October 24 | 12:30-3 p.m. | Austin Campus | RSVP by October 15

This "Ohio Meets Texas" event will have a pig roast from Little Miami River Catering, and we will ask attendees sign up to bring potluck sides, hotdogs and buns, soda and desserts. An online sign-up to RSVP, including slots for items to bring, will be made available next week.

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.

Epiphany Lutheran Church streams one of its worship services every Sunday, and the videos are shared on Epiphany's website and social media channels.

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FAITHFUL STEWARDS IN THE NEW NORMAL

Stewardship Appeal 2022



The Psalmist writes in Psalm 85:2 "Your love has always been our lives' foundation, your fidelity has been the roof over our world." (from THE MESSAGE)

What do you get when you mix a large amount of generosity with a sizeable quantity of ministry goals in a COVID environment? You get a picture of Epiphany in 2020-21. A new chapter in the legacy of generosity in our congregation was written last year!

Thanks be to God for your generosity! We were able to fund all our online worship costs, make an additional debt payment, and make gains on deferred maintenance. While not terribly exciting, all these things are important to sustain our worship and enable us to fulfill our mission of loving Jesus by serving others. Epiphany supporters who made a giving statement of intent raised their commitment by an average of 15% last year. That's remarkable in a year when in-person worship was severely disrupted!

This week's emphasis: We invite you to GROW IN ABUNDANCE.

Stewardship campaign history clearly demonstrates that those who make a commitment always give more faithfully. Setting up automatic contributions takes the worry out of remembering to honor that commitment and helps the church plan the flow of finances that support worship and ministries. Your statement of intent is not a binding document but a promise and personal goal to be a good steward of all that God entrusted to you.

In the first week of this Fall's appeal, we invited you to GROW IN SPIRIT. You will get a chance to make that commitment on your statement of intent card, and over the course of the year, we will provide resources to help with that commitment.

Last week we invited you to GROW IN SERVICE. You get a similar opportunity to make a commitment on your statement of intent, and we will work to facilitate the necessary connections that will make your service possible.

This week, we invite you to GROW IN ABUNDANCE. Jesus taught about money in many of his parables (Talents in Jesus' time were actually coins!). While money itself is neither good nor bad, how it is valued in the heart and how it is put to use is very much a spiritual matter! Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." What does your giving indicate about where your heart is?

In a recent letter from ALOA, **Adult Lutherans Organized for Action**, the executive director referenced a Wall Street Journal article in which psychologist Alison Gopnik reported on a number of valid scientific studies indicating that as we age into older adulthood, we tend to be more generous. In other words, **BE HAPPY...GIVE!** We believe this to be true for all ages, as demonstrated by our youngest Epiphany family members offering ministry gifts during Vacation Bible School.



Stewardship Commitment Sunday is OCTOBER 17 at ALL worship services!

The Giving Statement of Intent is ONLINE NOW at www.epiphanydayton.org/2022-Giving-Intent Form.

RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR

The chart below shows how we are currently funding our operating budget, which enables our worship, service and fellowship to thrive. Look through the chart to see where you are currently. As you do this, consider these questions:

- » How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?
- » How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?
- » Where would I be on the chart if I doubled my giving? And can I consider doing that?
- » How much more could I give if I really want to?

