

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

Third Sunday of Easter

Austin Contemporary Praise Worship

May 1, 2022

gather _____

WELCOME

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING SONG: LET GOD ARISE

1. Hear the holy roar of God resound
Watch the waters part before us now
Come and see what He has done for us
Tell the world of His great love
Our God is a God who saves
Our God is a God who saves

Chorus

Let God arise, let God arise

Our God reigns now and forever

He reigns now and forever

2. His enemies will run for sure
The Church will stand, she will endure
He holds the keys of life, our Lord
Death has no sting, no final word
Our God is a God who saves
Our God is a God who saves **(Chorus x2)**

Bridge

Our God is a God who saves

Our God is a God who saves **(Repeat) (Chorus x2)**

(You may be seated)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: *OUR GOD SAVES*

1. In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit, Lord we come
We're gathered together to lift up Your name
To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace **(Repeat)**

Bridge

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

Chorus 1

Our God saves, our God saves; there is hope in Your name

2. In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit, Lord we come
We're gathered together to lift up Your name
To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace **(Bridge)**

Chorus 2

Our God saves, our God saves

There is hope in Your name

Mourning turns to songs of praise

*Our God saves, our God saves **(Bridge) (Chorus 2)***

Our God saves, our God saves

Our God saves, our God saves

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:1-20

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 5:11-14

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

A: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL SONG: WE FALL DOWN

1. We fall down, we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 21:1-19

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON: REV. BARRY SCOTT

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A: Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SONG OF THE DAY: I WILL FOLLOW

Where You go, I'll go

Where You stay, I'll stay

When You move, I'll move

I will follow

1. All Your ways are good; all Your ways are sure

I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight, high above my life

I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go, I'll go

Where You stay, I'll stay

When You move, I'll move

I will follow

Whom You love, I'll love

How You serve, I'll serve

If this life I lose

I will follow You, yeah

I will follow You, yeah

2. Light into the world, Light into my life

I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek, knowing I will find

All I need in You alone

In You alone **(Chorus)**

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting

In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy, unending joy

And I will follow **(Chorus x2)**

I will follow You

I will follow You, yeah

(Please be seated)

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

A: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING SONG: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

1. There is an endless song, echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come, I am holding on
To the rock I cling

Chorus

*How can I keep from singing Your praise
How can I ever say enough
How amazing is Your love
How can I keep from shouting Your name
I know I am loved by the King
And it makes my heart want to sing*

2. I will lift my eyes in the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give (**Chorus**)

Bridge

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord when I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne (**Chorus**)
*I am loved by the King and it makes my heart
I am loved by the King and it makes my heart, want to sing*

Please prayerfully consider giving by text or online: www.epiphanydayton.org/giveserve. You can also access GIVE+ Text instructions from the same drop-down menu or simply text the dollar amount of your contribution to 833-941-1494.

meal

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: God of resurrection, you give us many gifts throughout our lives. Today, we offer these gifts back to you and ask you to bring new life to our world through them. Use us and our gifts to shine your light brightly. We ask this in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

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 this meal of grace! 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. Dip the bread in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.

COMMUNION SONG: REVELATION SONG

1. Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings

You are my everything and I will adore You

2. Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength, and glory and power be
To You, the only wise King **(Chorus)**
3. Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus, Your name is power, breath, and living water
Such a marvelous mystery **(Chorus)**

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: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

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BENEDICTION

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH

1. Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart
So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God

Chorus I

*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me*

2. Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along
So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God (**Chorus I x2**)
So Remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God (**Chorus I**)

Chorus 2

*Yeah, Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me*

Chorus 3

*God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me*

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING in WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Presiding and Preaching: *Rev. Barry Scott*

Assisting Minister: *Tonya Johns*

Sound & Slides: *Ted Meyer & Ben Richter*

Praise Team: *Sandy Schwartzwalder, Michele Borns, Bill Norman, Dick Lane, Craig Hoerig, Thom Reitz*

Communion Servers: *Grace Bosh, Marti Ernst-Bosh, Billy Heaning, Levi Borns*

Usher: *Sharon Culham & Scott Culham*

Acolyte: *Grace Bosh & Levi Borns*

Livestream: *Ryan Pearson & Drew Simon*

Scripture Readings for 5/8/2022, Fourth Sunday of Easter:

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30



In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther said that “Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us to eat and drink.”

Please welcome the following First Communicants to the Holy Communion table:

- **Emily Alyanak**
- **Thomas Alyanak**
- **Benjamin Haligowski**
- **Samuel Haligowski**
- **Emily Manning**
- **Eamon Miller**
- **Evan Miller**
- **Samantha Miller**
- **Finley Millward**
- **Mark Millward**
- **Samuel Richard**
- **Nolan Watamaniuk**
- **Annie Wierwille**

Parish Notes

Hospitalized: Gary Lang, Sarah Smith

Hospice Care: Janice Clark, Donna Harte

The roses on the altar are placed in celebration of the birth of Mila Petrosino, born to Jessica Link and Nick Petrosino, and grandchild of Elizabeth and Eric Link.

Sympathy to the family of Phyllis Reed on her death. There will be a memorial service celebrating her life on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 11 a.m. at Epiphany's Far Hills Campus with a luncheon to follow.

Cabaret Night with the Reuning-Scherers! | Friday, May 13 | 7 PM, Far Hills Sanctuary

The Epiphany Players Drama Ministry is pleased to announce "Cabaret Night with the Reuning-Scherers!" Join Pastor Julie's family for an evening of song from musicals to jazz standards. A freewill offering will be taken to support the Epiphany Players Drama Ministry.

Spring Fling Thing | Sunday, May 15 | 3-4 PM, Austin Campus

Families, come gather for an hour of fun and fellowship that includes an Easter egg hunt and ends with a song by our Puppet Ministry! This event is geared toward young children, but all ages are welcome. Gaga Ball is available for older children and youth.

Vacation Bible School | June 6-9 | Evenings | Far Hills Campus

Questions? Contact Sara Richter, Director of Children and Family Ministry at srichter@epiphanydayton.org.

Lawn Mowing Help Needed

It's that time of year to begin mowing the lawn, and we are in need to help with mowing and trimming the grounds at the Far Hills Campus. If you would like to help, even occasionally, please email facilities manager Jeff Hilvers.

Altar Flowers and Eternal Flame sign-ups needed.

In all worship spaces you can give altar flowers in honor, celebration or memory of loved ones, and you may also light the Eternal Flame in the Far Hills Sanctuary in memory of loved ones. Give online or by check made out to Epiphany with altar flowers or eternal flame noted in the memo. The cost is \$30 for flowers and \$10 to light the flame. Place order online or contact the church office.

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. Prayer requests can be sent to nheimann@epiphanydayton.org.

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