

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others  
**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Austin Campus Praise Worship**  
July 24, 2022

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## **WELCOME**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **OPENING SONG: EVERLASTING GOD**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

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We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever

Our Hope, our strong Deliverer

### **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* **(Repeat from beginning)**

Our God, You reign forever

Our Hope, our strong Deliverer **(Chorus)**

*(Please be seated)*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **OPENING PRAYER**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen**

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

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

## SONG OF PRAISE: *BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE*

1. Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are your church  
We need Your power in us
2. We seek Your kingdom first;  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause  
We are your church  
We pray revive this earth

### Chorus

*Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray*

**(Continued)**

3. Unleash your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of Hell can stop  
Your beauty-changing hearts  
    You made us for much more than this  
    Awake the kingdom seed in us  
    Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
    We are Your church  
    We are the hope on earth (**Chorus**)

*(Please be seated)*

## **WELCOMING THE CHILDREN**

### Word

#### **FIRST READING: GENESIS 18: 20-32**

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

**A:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## **SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 2:6-19**

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. <sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

A: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **GOSPEL SONG: WE FALL DOWN**

I. 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

### **GOSPEL: LUKE 11:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread. <sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SERMON:** JULIE REUNING-SCHERER

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**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:** *GOD SO LOVED*

1. Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water; come and thirst no more
2. Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table; He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness; find what you're looking for

**Chorus 1**

*For God so loved the world that He gave us*

*His one and only Son to save us*

*Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

3. Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms  
See His open arms

**Chorus 2**

*For God so loved the world that He gave us*

*His one and only Son to save us*

*Whoever believes in Him will live forever*

*The power of hell forever defeated*

*Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom*

*For God so loved, God so loved the world*

**Bridge**

Praise God, praise God

From whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, praise Him

For the wonders of His love **(Repeat bridge)**

*For God so loved the world that He gave us*

*His one and only Son to save **(Chorus 2)***

4. Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

*(Please be seated)*

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

A: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**OFFERING SONG:** *THERE WAS JESUS*

1. Every time I tried to make it on my own  
Every time I tried to stand and start to fall  
All those lonely roads that I have traveled on  
There was Jesus
2. When the life I built came crashing to the ground  
When the friends I had were nowhere to be found  
I couldn't see it then but I can see it now  
There was Jesus

**Chorus**

*In the waiting, in the searching*

*In the healing and the hurting*

*Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces*

*Every minute, every moment*

*Where I been and where I'm going*

*Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it*

*There was Jesus*

3. For this man who needs amazing kind of grace  
For forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay  
I'm not perfect so I thank God every day  
There was Jesus, there was Jesus **(Chorus)**

**Bridge**

On the mountain, in the valleys

There was Jesus in the shadows of the alleys

There was Jesus in the fire, in the flood

There was Jesus -- always is and always was

No I never walk alone

You're always there **(Chorus)**

*There was Jesus, there was Jesus*

*There was Jesus*

*Please prayerfully consider giving by text or online: [www.epiphanydayton.org/giveserve](http://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**

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*(Please stand as you are able)*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

**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

#### COMMUNION SONG: O COME TO THE ALTAR

1. Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

#### Chorus

*O come to the altar*

*The Father's arms are open wide*

*Forgiveness was bought with*

*The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling **(Chorus x2)**

#### Bridge

Oh, what a Savior, isn't He wonderful

Sing alleluia, Christ is risen

Bow down before Him for he is Lord of all

Sing alleluia, Christ is risen **(Repeat)(Chorus)**

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### 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: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

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## BENEDICTION

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG: *HAPPY DAY*

1. The greatest day in history  
Death is beaten, You have rescued me  
Sing it out -- Jesus is alive  
The empty cross, the empty grave  
Life eternal, You have won the day  
Shout it out -- Jesus is alive  
He's alive

### Chorus

*And oh, happy day, happy day, You washed my sin away*

*Oh, happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same*

*Forever I am changed*

2. When I stand in that place  
Free at last, meeting face-to-face  
I am Yours, Jesus You are mine  
Endless joy, perfect peace  
Earthly pain finally will cease  
Celebrate -- Jesus is alive  
He's alive (**Chorus**)

### Bridge

Oh, what a glorious day, what a glorious way

That You have saved me

And oh, what a glorious day, what a glorious name (**Chorus**)

*What a glorious, glorious day, I'll never be the same*

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

**Presiding and Preaching:** *Rev. Julie Reuning-Scherer*

**Assisting Minister:** *Mark Chilson*

**Sound & Slides:** *Roland Hogendoorn, Billy Heaning*

**Praise Team:** *Michele Borns, Al Grodrian, Carlin Heimann, Craig Hoerig, Dick Lane*

**Communion Servers:** *Diana Pearson, Reid Pearson, Lindsay Wipperman, Troy Wipperman*

**Ushers:** *Kendall Brown, Kim Brown*

**Acolyte:** *Alaina Wipperman, Troy Wipperman*

**Livestream:** *Landon Henderson, Alex Wasser*

**Scripture Readings for 7/31/2022, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:**

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-12, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21*

## Parish Notes

**Hospitalized:** Linda Beckmann, Kate Brown, Barb Parisi

**The flowers** in the Far Hills Sanctuary are placed in celebration of Glynn and Toni McNaughton's anniversary.

**The Music Man | Far Hills Celebration Center | Last performance today!**

**July 24, 2:30 PM**

Select your seats and print your tickets from home or pick up at Will Call (in the church lobby) one hour prior to the show. Tickets Prices: \$20 front row or \$15 all other seats

**Please join us in gratitude to God for outgoing Director of Praise Worship Michele Borns and the gifts she has shared among us!**

**Today July 24 | 11:30 a.m. in the Austin Campus Sanctuary**

To make a contribution in Michele's honor, she has designated Praise Worship, and specifically Praise Team needs; please give online under staff appreciation, or by cash or check to Epiphany with "Michele Borns appreciation" in the memo by July 31.

**A 60 Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence**

**Sundays through August 14 | 11:45 AM-12:30 PM, Far Hills Outdoor Chapel**

Epiphany plans to facilitate discussion around the ELCA resource "A 60 Day Journey Toward Justice in a Culture of Gun Violence." It is 63 days of short readings and prayers, based on the ELCA's work on anti-violence over the past three decades.

**Morning Prayer in the Outdoor Chapel**

**Wednesday, July 27 | 9 AM, Far Hills Campus Outdoor Chapel**

Slow down this summer and join us in the beauty of the Outdoor Chapel for a 40-minute prayer service combining the ancient words of Morning Prayer with scriptures and song.

**Family Playground Night**

**Friday, July 29 | 7-8:30 PM, Austin Campus Patio**

Calling all families with young kids! Playground Night is an opportunity for kids to play outside and for parents/caregivers to chat or just relax. Feel free to bring your own dinner and eat at the patio tables. Comfy camp chairs suggested for the adults. You are welcome to invite friends or neighbors. No registration. In case of rain, a movie will be shown in the Austin classroom. For more information, contact Sarah Richter.

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