

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Austin Campus Praise Worship
August 7, 2022

gather _____

WELCOME

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING SONG: YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME

1. There were walls between us and by the cross you came
And broke them down, You broke them down
And there were chains around us and by Your grace
We are no longer bound, no longer bound
You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive

Chorus

*Your love is greater, Your love is stronger
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me
Your love is greater, Your love is stronger
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me*

2. Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming
Back to life, I'm back to life
Hear the song awaken, all creation singing
We're alive, 'cause You're alive
You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive **(Chorus)**

Bridge

And what a love we've found, death can't hold us down
We shout it out
We're alive, 'cause You're alive **(Repeat x2)(Chorus x2)**

(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: GOOD, GOOD FATHER

1. I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good, Good Father

It's who You are, it's who You are, it's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am

2. I've seen many searching
For answers, far and wide
But I know we're all searching
For answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word **(Chorus)**

Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways

You are perfect in all of Your ways

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us **(Repeat bridge)**

3. Love so undeniable
I, I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable
I, I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still, You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love **(Chorus x2)**

(Please be seated)

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

Word

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

1. '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: LUKE 12:32-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON: REV. BARRY SCOTT

(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: JESUS MESSIAH

1. He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners

The Ransom from heaven

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

2. His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing (**Chorus**)

Bridge

All our hope is in You

All our hope is in You

All the glory to You God

The Light of the world (**Chorus**)

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

The Lord of all, The Lord of all

(Please be seated)

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

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

OFFERING SONG: EVEN SO COME

1. All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon
2. Call back the sinner, wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus 1

*Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus come
Even so come, Lord Jesus come*

3. There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon **(Chorus)**

Bridge

So we wait, we wait for You
God we wait; You're coming soon
So we wait, we wait for You
God we wait; You're coming soon

Chorus 2

*Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing **(Chorus 1)**
Even so come, Lord Jesus come*

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meal

(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: GIVE ME JESUS

1. In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
In the morning when I rise
Give me Jesus

Chorus

Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus

You can have all this world

Just give me Jesus

2. When I am alone
When I am alone
Oh, when I am alone
Give me Jesus (**Chorus**)
3. When I come to die
When I come to die
Oh, when I come to die
Give me Jesus (**Chorus**)

(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: MY LIGHTHOUSE

1. In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea
2. In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse

Shining in the darkness

I will follow You

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse

I will trust the promise

You will carry me safe to shore

Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore

3. I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are the peace in my troubled sea **(Chorus)**

Bridge

Fire before us, You're the brightest

You will lead us through the storm **(Repeat x3) (Chorus)**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Presiding and Preaching: Rev. Barry Scott

Assisting Minister: Candy Norman

Sound & Slides: Ed Wasser

Praise Team: Lee Dixon, Al Grodrian, Carlin Heimann, Sandy Schwartzwalder, Scott Watamaniuk, Kathy Whited

Communion Servers: Elliot Dixon, Emily Dixon, Brad Manning, Emily Manning

Ushers: Emily Schluter, Matt Schluter

Acolytes: Grace Bosh, Ella Norman

Livestream: Anthony Brown, Ryan Pearson

Scripture Readings for 8/14/2022, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

Parish Notes

Our sympathy to Gerald Clark and Don Clark on the death of their wife and mother, Janice.

Hospitalized: Lisa Dietrich

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 14 at all worship services

All students of any age, teachers and school administrators – please join us in worship next Sunday to receive a blessing as the new school year commences. Feel free to bring your backpack to be blessed as well!

Lutheran Disaster Relief – Kentucky flooding

Give to **Lutheran Disaster Response** through Epiphany in response to the recent flooding in Kentucky. Donate through online giving, by check or cash designated for LDR, or by texting a dollar amount (for example, text "100 Disaster") to 833-941-1494. Please indicated that you would like your gift designated for Kentucky in the memo.

We're hiring!

Epiphany is actively seeking candidates for **Facilities Manager, Praise Worship Director, Preschool teachers and Set Up Staff**. Contact us at jobs@epiphanydayton.org.

Sunday School Reboot

We are looking for at least 20 more adults as well as youth to get this fall's Sunday School program off the ground starting September 18. Whether or not you've participated in the past, if you can pass a background check and are available one or two Sundays this fall, we want YOU to sign up as a Sunday School helper! No planning or prep required. Two adults assigned for each age group at each meeting time. For more details and to sign up, go to our website. Contact Sarah Richter with any questions.

Habitat for Humanity

Epiphany is serving at a Habitat for Humanity Build Site on Saturday, August 13. Sign up for your spot by Friday, August 5. After that, the build site will open to the public. The link to Habitat's Volunteer Hub is on our website! Contact Andrea Helbach at andrea.k.helbach@gmail.com for more information.

Annual Confirmation Registration

Registration online for BreakThru, Epiphany's confirmation program for Grades 6-9, will take place August 1-31.

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.

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