

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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## 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

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#### **FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After 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.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But 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.” <sup>5</sup>He 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.” <sup>6</sup>And 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**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By 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.

<sup>8</sup>By 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. <sup>9</sup>By 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. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By 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. <sup>12</sup>Therefore 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.”

<sup>13</sup>All 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, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But 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: <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell 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. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be 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. <sup>37</sup>Blessed 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. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“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. <sup>40</sup>You 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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*(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](mailto: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](mailto: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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