

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Austin Campus Praise Worship
September 18, 2022

gather _____

WELCOME

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING SONG: TODAY IS THE DAY

1. I'm casting my cares aside, I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good

Chorus

Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day, today is the day

2. I'm putting my fears aside, I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You, Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good
It's good **(Chorus)**

Bridge

I will stand upon Your truth (I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You (all my days I'll live for You)
And I will stand upon Your truth (I will stand upon Your truth)
And all my days I'll live for You (all my days I'll live)

Chorus 2

Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow, I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day (x5)

(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, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.**

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: AT YOUR NAME

1. At Your name
The mountains shake and crumble
At Your name
The oceans roar and tumble
At Your name
Angels will bow
The earth will rejoice
Your people cry out

Chorus

Lord of all the earth we shout Your name, shout Your name

Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise

Yahweh, Yahweh, we love to shout Your name, (oh Lord)

2. At Your name
The morning breaks in glory
At Your name
Creation sings Your story
At Your name
Angels will bow
The earth will rejoice
Your people cry out **(Chorus)**

Bridge

There is no one like our God; we will praise You, praise You

There's no one like our God; we will sing, we will sing

There is no one like our God; we will praise You, praise You

There's no one like our God; we will sing, we will sing **(Chorus x2)**

Ending

Yahweh, Yahweh, we love to shout Your name, oh Lord

(Please be seated)

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

Word

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20

AMOS 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 16:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON: REV. 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: 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

I can sing

(Please be seated)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(Please see names at end of bulletin)

P: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a part of his own body, the Church. In the community of God's people, we learn from God's Word his loving purpose for us and all creation. We are nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit who keeps calling us to identify with specific congregations of the Christian Church wherever we go. We rejoice that by God's grace our lives have been brought together at Epiphany.

P: In our worship services, we make public confession of our faith.
Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear his Word and share in his supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

New Member Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: We thank you, Lord, for these new members you have brought to our congregation. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all your children will be one and you will be All-in-All.

C: We welcome you as brothers and sisters in Christ who share your commitment to be disciples of Jesus. We pledge you our prayers, a spirit of friendliness and warmth, and an extended concern for your faithful and continued relationship to our Lord through his Church.

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

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING SONG: THE SAME LOVE

1. You choose the humble and raise them high
You choose the weak and make them strong
You heal our brokenness inside
And give us life

Chorus

*The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name
The same God that spread the heavens wide
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name*

2. You take the faithless one aside
And speak the words, "You are mine"
You call the cynic and the proud
"Come to Me now" (**Chorus**)

Bridge

You're calling, You're calling
You're calling us to the cross
You're calling, You're calling
You're calling us to the cross (**Repeat bridge**) (**Chorus**)

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: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

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: COME AS YOU ARE

1. Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy, O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame

All who are broken lift up your face

O, wanderer come home; You're not too far

So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart

Come as you are

2. There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, a rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure **(Chorus)**

Bridge

Come as you are

Fall in His arms

Come as you are

3. There's joy for the morning, sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal **(Chorus)**

Come as you are, come as you are...

(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: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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BENEDICTION

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: EVERYDAY

1. What to say, Lord, it's You who gave me life
And I can't explain just how much You mean to me
Now that You have saved me, Lord, I give all that I am to You
That every day I will be a light that shines Your name
2. Every day, Lord, I'll learn to stand upon Your Word
And I pray that I, that I might come to know You more
That You would guide me with every single step I take
That every day I will be Your light unto the world

Chorus

Every day it's You I live for

Every day I'll follow after You

Every day I'll walk with You my Lord

3. Every day, Lord, I'll learn to stand upon Your Word
And I pray that I, I might come to know You more
That You would guide me with every single step I take
And every day I will be Your light unto the world **(Chorus x2)**

Bridge

It's You I live for everyday

It's You I live for everyday

It's You I live for everyday **(Repeat) (Chorus x2)**

End

It's You I live for every day

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

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

Assisting Minister: *Natalie Heimann*

Sound & Slides: *Ed Wasser, Sienna Pearson*

Praise Team: *Al Grodrian, Ned Greene, Carlin Heimann, Thom Reitz,
Sandy Schwartwalder, Scott Watamaniuk*

Communion Servers: *Diana Pearson, Reid Pearson, Candy Norman,
Ella Norman*

Ushers: *Sam Culham*

Acolyte: *Reid Pearson*

Livestream: *Anthony Brown, Ryan Pearson*

Scripture Readings for 9/25/2022, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

Parish Notes

New Members Received

Dixon, Lee & Emily; *Ian, Elliot*

Ewing, Chad & Michael, Randi; *Blake Ewing*, Martin Michael-Ewing**

Hung, Chia & Danni; *Micah, Lucas*

Johnson, Chris

Lubbers, Steve & Pam

Mason, Vern

Meija, Robin

Rathbun, Dick & Sherry

Sisken, Dorothy

*Already members through baptism at Epiphany

The flowers on the altar in the Austin Sanctuary are placed by Todd and Barb Holmes in memory of Scott Lenz.

Sympathy to Sharon Tjaeden-Glass on the death of her mother

Today in worship at the Far Hills 9:00 a.m. service, we welcome William Georgia as a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. Parents are Caroline (Alyanak) and William Georgia.

New Member Potluck Picnic – NEXT WEEK!

Sunday, September 11 | Noon | Far Hills Outdoor Chapel

For those who are interested in becoming members of Epiphany or were received as members in 2021-2022, we invite you to a New Member picnic! Please RSVP online for the picnic, as well as registering your interest in becoming a member of Epiphany, if applicable, by September 9.

We will receive new members in worship September 18. Please register even if you are unable to attend the picnic. If you have questions, please email office manager **Natalie Heimann** or call 937-433-1449.

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Sunday School Reboot

- Rally Day - September 11

Join us as we kick off fall education ministries! Learn about the re-opening of Far Hills Sunday School (starting September 18) for children preschool - grade 5 and adult education. We will also celebrate the kick-off of the school year for confirmation and youth ministries.

- You're Invited to Help Make Ministry Happen!

We are looking for more adults and youth to assist in the Sunday School program starting **September 18**. For more details and to sign up, go to our website. Contact [Sarah Richter](#) with any questions.

Blood Drive | Saturday, September 17 | 8 AM-Noon | Far Hills Campus

Schedule an appointment at www.donortime.com and enter code: 46.

Bakers: Help support the Blood Drive by baking cookies! Blood donors greatly appreciate your home-baked treats! Please drop cookies off in the Far Hills Kitchen, marked for the blood drive, by Friday, September 16.

New ministry and fellowship opportunities!

Make sure to read your enews or visit our website (www.epiphanydayton.org) to learn about all the new opportunities to connect with each and with Epiphany starting in September! Contact the church office at 937-433-1449 with any questions.

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