

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

1st Sunday of Advent

Austin Contemporary Praise Worship | 10:30 AM

November 27, 2022

gather _____

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING SONG: ALIVE AND BREATHING

1. What holds your heart, what stirs your soul
What matters come to mind
The cares you keep, the thoughts you think
It's not all wasted time
Seek and you will find

Chorus

*Joy still comes in the morning
Hope still walks with the hurting
If you're still alive and breathing
Praise the Lord
Don't stop dancing and dreaming
There's still good news worth repeating
So lift your head and keep singing
Praise the Lord*

2. The years roll by, we wonder why
We lost our way from home
Our Father finds the child inside
We left for growing old
Awake, awake, awake my soul **(Chorus)**

Bridge

Let everything, let everything, let everything praise the Lord
In the working, in the waiting, let it praise the Lord
In the blessing, in the breaking, come on praise the Lord
In the dying, the rising, let it praise the Lord
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord **(Chorus x2)**

(Please be seated)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C: Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE: *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 1**)

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

(Please be seated)

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH: PREPARE

P: We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

C: As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.

ADVENT SONG: LIGHT ONE CANDLE

Light one candle to watch for Messiah

Let the light banish darkness

He shall bring salvation to Israel

God fulfills the promise

word

1ST LESSON: ISAIAH 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

2ND LESSON: ROMANS 13:11-14

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:26-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore 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)

NICENE CREED

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: YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME

1. There were walls between us, by the cross you came
And broke them down, You broke them down
And there were chains around us, 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)

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING SONG: PREPARE THE WAY

1. Prepare the way
Make straight the path for him
Let the King of glory enter in
Let the King of glory enter in
Who is this King of glory?

Chorus

*The Lord strong and mighty
The Lord mighty to save
The earth is full of His glory
Creation calls*

Prepare the way

His love endureth forever

His power is without an end

His strength is victory's treasure

Let all who call His name

Prepare the Way (**Repeat from beginning**)

Bridge

Let the King of glory enter in, let the King of glory enter in
Let the King of glory enter in, let the King of glory enter in
Who is this King of glory? (**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: Let us pray: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

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 into the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available at the center station.

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

So 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: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

send _____

BENEDICTION

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

1. You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same -- in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God, it's all you need

Chorus

*And all the people said Amen, whoa
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord
For His love never ends
And all the people said Amen*

2. If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all (**Chorus**)

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God (**Chorus x2**)

And all the people said Amen

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING in WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Preaching and Presiding: Rev. Barry Scott

Assisting Minister: Natalie Heimann

Sound & Slides: Spencer Watamaniuk & Ben Richter

Praise Team: Allison Crews, Al Grodrian, Carlin Heimann, Dick Lane, Thom Reitz,
Scott Watamaniuk

Acolyte: Addison Hogendoorn & William Hogendoorn

Communion Servers: Dean Donaghue, Sara Donaghue, Lynnee Hogendoorn, William Hogendoorn

Ushers: Stephanie Fulton

Livestream: Scott Haligowski & Landon Henderson

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.

Scripture Readings for 12/4/2022, 2nd Sunday in Advent:
Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

parish notes

Recently hospitalized: Gerry Clark, Phil Nielsen

We Belong Stewardship Commitment Update

Thank you so much to all who have submitted your statements of intent for the 2023 stewardship campaign. So far, 131 households have made commitments, totaling \$648,990. It's not too late to respond with your own commitment for 2023! Cards can be placed in the offering, mailed to Epiphany, or you can complete an online.

Children's Education

Sunday School | Far Hills Campus | November 27 | 9:45 a.m.

Special Advent Sunday School today and December 18.

Play & Learn | Austin Campus | December 4 | 11:30 AM-12:15 PM

After 10:30 a.m. worship gather for a light lunch, playground time, and Bible stories and discussion with Ms. Sarah.

Adopt-A-Family Online and In-person adoptions now open!

Our annual Adopt-a-Family Christmas gift program offers both online and in-person adoptions. Please fill out the adoption request form, and we will identify a family who can benefit from your generous support. In-person adoptions will take place at both campuses before and after services beginning today. Drop-off will take place December 12-14. Questions about this year's program can be sent to adoptafamily@epiphanydayton.org.

Advent Devotion & Discussion:

The Uncluttered Heart: Making Room for God During Advent and Christmas

Wednesdays November 30, December 7 & 14 | 7 PM | Far Hills Conference Room

Join a daily devotion with an offered weekly discussion group for the Advent Season. Books are available through the church office for \$11. Questions? Contact Pastor Julie.

Winter Accessories Drive

In collaboration with the Pantry, we are collecting winter clothing items such as gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves to be given to local children and youth through case managers. Donation bins will be available at both campuses for new or gently used items. All sizes welcome, but the greatest need is for ages 14-18. Contact Sarah Richter for more information.

WELCOME GUESTS!

- ❖ **We want to get to know you! If you are a first-time or returning guest, please fill out a Connection Card located at the usher table as you enter the worship space. Please either return to an usher or place it in the offering plate. There is also space for prayer requests.**
- ❖ **Next steps: Become a part of the Epiphany family by attending regularly, and get involved by coming to one of our events or by helping one of our many ministries. We invite you to see where loving Jesus by serving others might lead you. Our pastors and staff are always available to help you find ways to get connected in service and fellowship.**
- ❖ **For more information or questions, please ask our campus coordinators, Jennifer Henderson (Far Hills) or Brittany Albert (Austin), or contact Natalie Heimann, office manager (nheimann@epiphanydayton.org or ext. 100). Thanks again for joining us today!**

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