

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

Baptism of Our Lord

Austin Praise Worship | 10:30 AM

January 15, 2023

gather _____

(Please stand as you are able)

OPENING SONG: THE LION AND THE LAMB

1. He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

*Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb*

2. So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty **(Chorus)**

Bridge

*Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty) **(Repeat bridge x2) (Chorus)**
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb*

(Please be seated)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

ISLA GRACE MURPHY

CHILD OF SHAUN AND JANIE MURPHY

SPONSORS: MATTHEW GRAHAM AND ELISE MURPHY

INTRODUCTION

PRESENTATION

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Isla baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you present Isla for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the Word of God and the Holy Supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace as a disciple of Christ Jesus. Parents and sponsors, do you promise to help Isla grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Sponsors: We do.

(Please stand as you are able)

P: People of God, do you promise to support Isla and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: We do.

P: Do you confess your continual struggle with sin, and affirm afresh your baptismal call and identity, turning from sin and death to be forgiven and born anew in Christ?

C: We do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

THANKSGIVING

P: We give you thanks...through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

PRAYER & LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your son new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life. Sustain Isla with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANOINTING

PRESENTATION OF CANDLE

WELCOME

P: Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: GRACE LIKE RAIN

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see so clearly

Chorus

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me

Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away

They're washed away

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed **(Chorus)**
3. When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing your praise
Than when we first begun **(Chorus x2)**

(Please be seated)

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

word

1ST LESSON: ISAIAH 60:1-6

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

A: The Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

2ND LESSON: ACTS 10: 34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

A: The Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3:13-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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)

SONG OF THE DAY: COME TO THE WATER

1. O, let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money, without price
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?
2. And let all who seek
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money, without strife
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?
3. And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?
4. And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
And let the ones who are laden
Bring them all to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord, come to the Lord
Come to the Lord, come to the Lord

*I will run to you, I will run to you, I will run to you my Lord
I will run to you, I will run to you, I will run to you my Lord*

(Please be seated)

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING SONG: I WILL RISE

1. There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well
Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Chorus

I will rise when He calls my name

No more sorrow no more pain

I will rise on eagle's wings

Before my God fall on my knees

And rise I will rise

I will rise

2. There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes
Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead

Bridge

And I hear the voice of many angels sing

Worthy is the Lamb

And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart

Worthy is the Lamb **(Repeat bridge)**

Worthy is the Lamb **(Chorus)**

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meal

(Please stand as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus 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: REDEEMED

1. Seems like all I could see was the struggle
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past
Bound up in shackles of all my failures
Wondering how long is this gonna last
Then You look at this prisoner and say to me
"Son, stop fighting a fight that's already been won"

Chorus

*I am redeemed; You set me free
So I'll shake off these heavy chains and wipe away every stain
Now I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed*

2. All my life I have been called unworthy
Named by the voice of my shame and regret
But when I hear You whisper, "Child lift up your head"
I remember, O God, You're not done with me yet **(Chorus)**

Bridge

*Because I don't have to be the old man inside of me
'Cause his day is long dead and gone
Because I've got a new name a new life
I'm not the same and a hope that will carry me home **(Chorus x2)***

Ending

*O God, I'm not who I used to be, Jesus, I'm not who I used to be
I am redeemed, Thank God redeemed*

(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: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

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BENEDICTION

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG: LET THE RIVER FLOW

Verse

Let the poor man say I am rich in Him
Let the lost man say I am found in Him
Let the river flow
Let the blind man say I can see again
Let the dead man say I am born again
Let the river flow, Let the river flow

Chorus

Let the river flow, let the river flow

Holy Spirit come; move in power

(Repeat from beginning)

Bridge

Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow (let the river flow)
Let the river flow **(Chorus) (Bridge x2)**

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus!

C: Thanks be to God.

SERVING in WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Preaching and Presiding: *Rev. Barry Scott*

Assisting Minister: *Linda Beckmann*

Sound & Slides: *Paige Pearson*

Praise Team: *Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Thom Reitz, Sandy Schwartzwalder, Jeff Thames*

Ushers: *Jim & Sue Ehrensberger*

Communion Servers: *Mary Downs, Angi Moots, Lori Watamaniuk, Mason Watamaniuk, Laura Woeste*

Livestream: *Drew Simon & Ryan Pearson*

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 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, January 22, 2023:

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

parish notes

Today in worship at the Austin 10:30 a.m. service, we celebrate the baptism of Isla Grace Murphy, child of Shaun and Janie Murphy.

Recently hospitalized: Steve Lubbers, Betty Michaelis

The rose on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of , grandchild of Bob and Cindy Hess

Children's Education TODAY

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

Sunday School ages three years to fifth grade

Check-in > Gathering Space (upstairs)

Check-out > Paradise Park (downstairs)

Staff Appreciation

Consider an extra gift to Epiphany in honor of our lay church staff through **January 15, 2023**. Your check with "Staff Appreciation" written on the memo line, or your online gift to "Staff Appreciation." The total of all staff appreciation gifts received will be divided equally among the lay staff who served Epiphany this past year.

The 2023 Stewardship Appeal -- We Belong

If you haven't yet responded to the 2023 Stewardship Appeal, it's not too late! Please join our friends and families in supporting Epiphany by sharing your statement of intent. A gift of any size and any frequency makes a difference! YOU make a difference! Statement of Intent cards can be found at the Welcome Center desk or on our website: www.epiphanydayton.org/giving-intent-form/

Save the Date: Day of Caring Brunch

Mark your calendar! Day of Caring's annual pancake brunch to benefit Miami Valley food pantries and homeless shelters will be returning to Far Hills on Sunday, February 26. Details on tickets, donations, and volunteers coming soon

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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