

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others
Epiphany of Our Lord
January 8, 2023, 10:30 AM
Far Hills Campus Traditional Worship

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: God of life,

C: you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

P: Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: We have been forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Savior. Therefore, let us be reconciled to each other and share the peace of the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please take this time to say hello and share the peace in the comment section of the YouTube channel livestream or in the Facebook feed comment section. Take a selfie and let us know you are worshipping with us!



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: FROM PSALM 72

A: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

C: that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;

A: Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.

C: May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

A: In his time may the righteous flourish;

C: let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

A: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.

C: May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

A: For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.

C: He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

A: From oppression and violence he redeems their lives;

C: precious is their blood in his sight.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sing twice)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

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You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - - ia!

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
 him whose praise the ages sound.
 We too have a star to guide us,
 which forever will provide us
 with the light to find our Lord,
 with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
 that will never lead astray
 with its message so appealing,
 is the word of God, revealing
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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 Music: DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ, Danish, 19th cent.
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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.**

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

meal

OFFERING: *WHAT STAR IS THIS WITH BEAMS SO BRIGHT?* (Howard Helvey)

Epiphany Chorale

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.

5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
 church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.**

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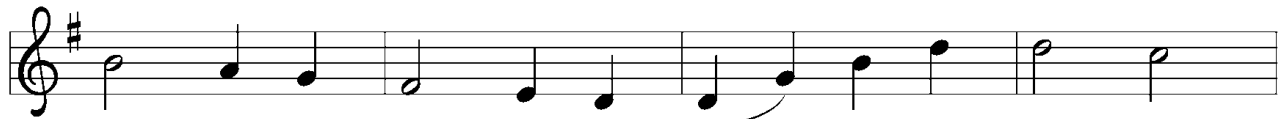
If you are unable to attend worship due to health concerns, please contact the church office to be included on the homebound list.



1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

DISMISSAL

A: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Please take a moment to share comments and fellowship with each other after the service is completed.
The livestream will continue for a few minutes to allow for your interaction.*

Scripture readings for the Baptism of Our Lord, January 15, 2023:
Isaiah 42:1-9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 3:13-17

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Barry Scott
Assisting Minister:	Melonie June Warren
Organist:	John Benjamin
Livestream:	Landon Henderson, Alex Wasser
Ushers:	Stan & Susan Goode
Communion Servers:	Felicity Glass, Ann Painter, Charlotte, Cooper & Sam Richard

Parish Notes

Recently hospitalized: Bill Serr

In Hospice care: Kate Brown

Our sympathy to Mary Jane Nielsen on the death of Phil Nielsen, and to Don Clark on the death of his father, Epiphany member Gerald Clark.

Blood Drive | Saturday, November 12 | 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, November 11.

Children's Education

-Today is Young Server Sunday – please thank our children and youth serving in worship.

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

No Sunday School today. Next week Sunday School returns!

Cards and Gifts for Tonya Johns and Wendy Hedge

In gratitude for Tonya's and Wendy's many years of faithful service, we will collect cards of appreciation for them at the church office through today. If you wish to add a gift for Wendy and Tonya, include a check made out directly to Wendy or Tonya in the card. Cards may be dropped off at the Welcome Center desk.

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/

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9:00 AM Praise Worship
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(Sanctuary)

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10:30 AM Livestream

(Broadcast alternates weekly between Far Hills and Austin)

Let Us Pray for You

We want to know when you're hospitalized and when you have a major life event, such as a birth, marriage, death in the family, etc. If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Julie (860-371-4030, jreuning-scherer@epiphanydayton.org).

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 Sanctuary. Please either return it 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 info or questions, please ask our campus coordinators, Jennifer Henderson (Far Hills) or Brittany Albert (Austin), or contact Natalie Heimann, director of member engagement (nheimann@epiphanydayton.org or ext. 100). Thanks again for joining us today!

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