

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Austin Praise Worship | 10:30 AM**  
March 26, 2023

gather

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **OPENING SONG: BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE**

*Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah*

As we come into Your presence  
We remember every blessing  
That You've poured out so freely from above  
Lifting gratitude and praises  
For compassion so amazing  
Lord we've come to give You thanks  
For all You've done

### **Chorus 1**

*Because of Your love, we're forgiven  
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean  
We lift You up with songs of freedom  
Forever we're changed, because of Your love*

*Yeah, yeah*

As we come into Your presence  
We remember every blessing  
That You've poured out so freely from above  
Lifting gratitude and praises  
For compassion so amazing  
Lord we've come to give You thanks  
For all You've done

### **Chorus 2**

*Because of Your love, we're forgiven  
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean  
We lift You up with songs of freedom  
Forever we're changed (**Chorus 1**)  
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah*

*(Please be seated)*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy God,

**C: we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE: HEART OF WORSHIP**

1. When the music fades, all is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart  
I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

### **Chorus**

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You all about You, Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You all about You Jesus*

2. King of endless worth, no one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours  
Every single breath  
I'll bring You more than a song for a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart **(Chorus x2)**

*When the music fades, all is stripped away  
And I simply come*

*(Please be seated)*

## **WELCOMING THE CHILDREN**

## word

### **FIRST LESSON: EZEKIEL 37:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND LESSON: ROMANS 8:6-11**

<sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

**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: 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)**

*(Please be seated)*

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## **OFFERING SONG: ME ON YOUR MIND**

Please prayerfully consider giving by text or online: [www.epiphanydayton.org/giveserve](http://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.

1. I've read the words in red  
How You leave the ninety-nine  
To find the one missing  
Feels like that was written  
With me on Your mind
2. And the prodigal son who ran  
Leaving his home behind  
The part where the father came  
Running to meet him  
Did You say that with me on Your mind

### **Chorus**

*Who am I that the king of the world  
Would give one single thought about my broken heart  
Who am I that the God of all grace  
Wipes the tears from my face  
And says come as you are  
You paid the price  
You took the cross  
You gave Your life  
And You did it all  
With me on Your mind  
Me on Your mind*

3. Just knowing You're mindful of me  
Just knowing You call me Your child  
It's flooding my soul  
With unspeakable hope  
Thank you Lord that it's me on Your mind **(Chorus)**
4. I've read the words in red  
Of a heavenly home on high  
You're preparing a place where the sorrow's erased  
And when I stand before You I'll find  
All along it was me on Your mind **(Chorus)**

*With me on Your mind oh  
It was me on Your mind*

**meal**\_\_\_\_\_

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**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.*

### COMMUNION SONG: LORD, I NEED YOU

1. Lord I come, I confess  
Bowling here I find my rest  
Without You, I fall apart  
You're the one that guides my heart

#### Chorus

*Lord I need You, oh I need You*

*Every hour I need you*

*My one defense, my righteousness*

*Oh God, how I need You*

2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more  
Where grace is found is where You are  
And where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me  
Yes, where You are, Lord, I am free  
Holiness is Christ in me **(Chorus)**

#### Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You

When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You

Jesus You're my hope and stay (Chorus)

#### Ending

*My one defense my righteousness*

*Oh God, how I need you*

*(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: Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**C: Amen.**

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### **BENEDICTION**

P: God, the giver of love, ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG: COUNTING EVERY BLESSING**

1. I was blind now I'm seeing in color  
I was dead now I'm living forever  
I had failed but You were my Redeemer  
I've been blessed beyond all measure
2. I was lost now I'm found by the Father  
I've been changed from a ruin to treasure  
I've been given a hope and a future  
I've been blessed beyond all measure

### **Chorus**

*I am counting every blessing, counting every blessing*

*Letting go and trusting when I cannot see*

*I am counting every blessing, counting every blessing*

*Surely every season You are good to me*

*Oh, You are good to me*

*Oh, You are good to me*

3. You were there in the valley of shadows  
You were there in the depth of my sorrows  
You're my strength my hope for tomorrow  
I've been blessed beyond all measure **(Chorus)**

### **Bridge**

Surely Your goodness pursues me

Surely Your heart is still for me

I will remember Your mercies

All my days

Through every storm and gale **(Chorus x2)**

*Oh, You are good to me; Oh, You are good to me*

*Oh, You are good to me; Oh, You are good to me*

### **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SERVING in WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

**Preaching and Presiding:** *Rev. Barry Scott*

**Assisting Minister:** *Mike Wipperman*

**Sound & Slides:** *Ryan Maenpa & Matt Schluter*

**Praise Team:** *Doug Day, Al Grodrian, Carlin Heimann, Emily Hendrickson, Craig Hoerig, Bill Norman, Sandy Schwartzwalder, Scott Watamaniuk*

**Acolyte:** *Alaina & Troy Wipperman*

**Communion Servers:** *Brad Manning, Emily Manning, Kaitlyn Manning, Molly Manning*

**Ushers:** *Addison & Kim Brown*

**Livestream:** *Landon Henderson & Drew Simon*

**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](mailto:nheimann@epiphanydayton.org).

### parish notes

**Recently hospitalized:** Paul Gresham

**Sympathy to** Erin Haligowski on the death of her aunt

**Easter Flower Orders | Deadline is tomorrow!**

Help us decorate the altars this Easter by ordering Easter flowers. Proceeds will benefit the Bible fund. Order online or pick up an order form at the usher tables or in the Far Hills Gathering Space. Please include the name of the person ordering and the name of the person being honored/remembered.

**"Meeting Jesus at the Table" – Final Week**

**March 29 | 6-7:30 PM | Far Hills Celebration Center**

Join us for soup supper, stories about Jesus and meals, and Holy Communion. Bring a soup, salad, bread, or dessert to share as you are able. Programming is inclusive of children of all ages. We will pack Pantry care packages this week as part of our Lenten Project.

**Natalie Heimann Appreciation**

In gratitude to God for Natalie and the gifts she has shared among us as an Epiphany staff member, we invite you to join us in celebration of her ministry today, March 26, at 10 a.m. in the Far Hills Gathering Space. If you would like to make a contribution in Natalie's honor, she has designated the Haitian Timoun Foundation (HTF). To make a gift, please give online under "Haiti - HELP" or make your gift by cash or check to Epiphany Lutheran Church with "Natalie Heimann appreciation" in the memo.

**Hands-On Holy Week Prayer Stations | April 3-8 | 9 a.m.-9 p.m. | Far Hills Sanctuary**

Prayer stations for "Hands-On Holy Week" will be set up by Youth Ministry in the Narthex at the Far Hills Campus. We invite families and individuals who would like to experience the scriptures of Holy Week through their five senses to join in this experience. The entire rotation can take anywhere from 15-45 minutes to participate in at your pace. This experience is designed for people of all ages, and will be available after Palm Sunday through Holy Week whenever the building is open, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

## **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). Thanks again for joining us today!**

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