

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

6th Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023, 10:30 AM

Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

Gather

OPENING SONG: *LET GOD ARISE*

Hear the holy roar of God resound
Watch the waters part before us now
Come and see what He has done for us
Tell the world of His great love

Pre-Chorus: Our God is the God who saves (2X)

Chorus: Let God arise
Let God arise
Our God reigns now and forever
He reigns now and forever

His enemies will run for sure
And the church will stand, she will endure
He holds the keys of life, our Lord
Death has no strength, no final word (**Pre-Chorus**) (**Chorus 2X**)

Bridge: Our God is a God who saves (4X) (**Chorus 2X**)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STORYBOOK PROJECT

BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: **Amen.**

P: ...Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C: **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P: 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!

SONG OF PRAISE: *NOBODY LOVES ME LIKE YOU*

Morning

I see you in the sunrise every morning
It's like a picture that you've painted for me
A love letter in the sky

Story

I could've had a really different story
But you came down from Heaven to restore me
Forever saved my life

Chorus: Nobody loves me like you love me Jesus
I stand in awe of your amazing ways
I worship you as long as I am breathing
God you are faithful and true
Nobody loves me like you

Mountains

You're breaking down the weight of all my mountains
Even when it feels like I'm surrounded
You never leave my side (**Chorus**)

Bridge: Oh what a song to sing (3X)
Oh what a song my heart keeps singing

Bridge2: Oh what a song to sing (3X)
Jesus you love me
And I love you God

Chorus2: Nobody loves me like you love me Jesus
I stand in awe of your amazing ways
I worship you as long as I am breathing
God I will worship you
Forever worship You (**Chorus**)

Nobody loves me like you love me Jesus
I stand in awe of your amazing ways
Nobody loves me like you
Nobody loves me like you

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: ACTS 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

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

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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: *GLORIFIED*

Praise belongs to you
Let every kingdom bow
Let every ocean roar
Let every heart adore you now

Praise belongs to you
What can I do but sing
The greatest joy I've found
Is to lay a crown before my King
Before my King

Chorus: I've come to worship
I've come to lift up your name
For you deserve this life laid down
Like the one that you gave

I have but one voice
One heart and one sacrifice
So would you take this life laid down
And be glorified
Be glorified

Praise belongs to you
Let songs from children rise
You silence all your foes
You set your glory in the skies

Praise belongs to you
Creation's calling now
For the King to be revealed
O King of Heaven come down
King of Heaven come down (**Chorus**)

Be glorified (3X) (**Chorus**)

Be glorified (3X)

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Meal

OFFERING: *I AM NOT ALONE*

When I walk through deep waters
I know that you will be with me
When I'm standing in the fire
I will not be overcome
Through the valley of the shadow
I will not fear

Chorus: I am not alone
I am not alone
You will go before me
You will never leave me *(Repeat)*

In the midst of deep sorrow
I see your light is breaking through
The dark of night will not overtake me
I am pressing into you
Lord you fight my every battle
And I will not fear **(Chorus)**

Bridge: You amaze me, redeem me
You call me as your own *(Repeat 3X)*

You're my strength, you're my defender
You're my refuge in the storm
Through these trials you've always been faithful
You bring healing to my soul **(Chorus 2X)**

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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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG: LORD, I NEED YOU

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And 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

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
And 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 2X)

My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need you

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: YOU NEVER LET GO

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know you are near

Pre-Chorus: And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus: Oh no, you never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, you never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no, you never let go
Lord you never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes
We'll live to know you here on the earth (**Pre-Chorus**) (**Chorus**)

You keep on runnin' and you never let go (**Chorus**)

Bridge: Yes I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise you
Still I will praise you (*Repeat*) (**Chorus 2X**)

Lord you never let go of me

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*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 7th Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023:
Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10,32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Barry Scott
Assisting Minister:	Sam Culham
Praise Team:	Allison Crews, Emily & Lee Dixon, Ned Greene, Al Grodrian, Dick Lane, Sandy Schwartzwalder, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V:	Jonathan Rodriquez, Spencer Watamaniuk
Stream Team:	Scott Haligowski, Ryan Pearson
Ushers:	Bob & Kris Mangan
Communion Servers:	Grace Bosh, Paige, Reid, & Sienna Pearson
Acolyte:	Grace Bosh

Parish Notes

Recently hospitalized: Paul Gresham, Joyce Evans

Night of Song | Monday, May 15 | 7 PM | Far Hills Sanctuary

Join us for a performance of musical theater selections and jazz standards featuring the Reuning-Scherer family. Admission is free. Goodwill offerings will benefit the Drama Ministry.

Centerville Community Chorus Spring Concert | Sunday, May 21 | 3 PM | Far Hills Sanctuary

Centerville Community Chorus invites you to their spring performance, Working! Hear songs like "Manic Monday," "Nine to Five," "Nice Work If You Can Get It," "A Hard Day's Night," "Armed Forces Salute," "Java Jive," "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," and more. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Free admission, donations are welcome!

Evening Vacation Bible School registration is now open! Evening VBS will take place for children ages three through completed fifth grade, June 5-8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. See website to register or sign up to volunteer.

The **annual congregational meeting** has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 25.

Storybook Project offering envelopes can be found in today's bulletins. Donations can also be made online. We appreciate your support of this vital prison ministry that keeps families connected through voices and storybooks.

Pentecost geraniums can be ordered online or through paper order forms found at the usher tables. Geraniums will be displayed during worship on Pentecost Sunday and stay at campuses to be planted on May 28.

Far Hills 9 a.m. Praise Worship will move to the **Outdoor Chapel** for the season on May 28, weather permitting.

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(Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

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10:30 AM Praise Worship

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10:30 AM Livestream

(Broadcast alternates weekly between Far Hills and Austin)

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 the church office. Thanks again for joining us today!

Let Us Pray for You

We want to know when you're hospitalized and when you have a life event, such as a birth, marriage, death in the family, etc. If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office (937-433-1449) or prayer@epiphanydayton.org.

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