

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others
All Saints Sunday
November 5, 2023, 10:30 AM
Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

Gather

GATHERING 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 a God who saves
Our God is a God who saves

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

His enemies will run for sure
The Church will stand, she will endure
He holds the keys of life, our Lord
Death has no sting, no final word
(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus x2)
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: *STEWARDSHIP APPEAL*

Al Grodrian

REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

The candles on the altar are in memory of Epiphany members who died since our last All Saints service: Sue Allenson, Kate Brown, Gerald Clark, Carol Eggert, Jerry Friedman, Mike Grabeman, Bob Hein, Bryan Hucke, John McEvoy, Betty Michaelis, Phil Nielsen, Cap Phillips, Randy Quick, Dick Rathbun, Burnell Roberts, Sharon Schweinhagen, Vick Shambo, Chuck Stuart, Linda Stuart, Emy Turner, Mike Werts, Faye Wilkerson, Jackie Wurtzbacher.

P: Let us remember all the saints before God.

(silence for reflection)

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

C: and you will find rest for your souls.

P: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light,

C: and you will find rest for your souls.

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 worshiping with us!

SONG OF PRAISE: KING OF KINGS

In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope, without light
'Til from Heaven you came running
There was mercy in your eyes
To fulfill the law and prophets
To a virgin came the word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of glory, majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

(continued)

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake you died **(Chorus)**

And the morning that you rose
All of Heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By his blood and in his name
In his freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me **(Chorus)**

Praise forever to the King of Kings

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

W o r d

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: I JOHN 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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: *HYMN OF HEAVEN*

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the One who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus: There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And every prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears (**Chorus**)

(continued)

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain"
Forever He shall reign (**Chorus**)

Chorus2: So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

M e a l

Please prayerfully consider giving by text or online: www.epiphanydayton.org/giveserve.

OFFERING: NO LONGER SLAVES

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God (*Repeat*)

From my mother's womb you have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into your family
Your blood flows through my veins (**Chorus**)

Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God
I am a child of God
I am a child of God (**Chorus**)

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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: O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling **(Chorus 2X)**

Bridge: Oh what a Savior, isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before him for he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
(Bridge) (Chorus)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you're feeling frail 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
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter
Weak or strong we 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 spirits who are torn apart
Blessed are the prosecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people lonely for another start
For this is a kingdom, the kingdom of God (**Chorus 2X**)

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SENDING

L: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture readings for the 24th Sunday after Pentecost, November 12, 2023:
Amos 5:18-23, Psalm 70, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Jane Lane
Praise Team:	Allison Crews, Doug Day, Sara Donaghue, Ned Greene, Bill Norman, Thom Reitz, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V:	Alayna & Roland Hogendoorn
Stream Team:	Scott Haligowski, Ryan Pearson
Usher:	Diana Pearson
Communion Servers:	Sharon Culham, Ben & Sam Haligowski
Acolyte:	Reid Pearson

Parish Notes

Recently hospitalized: David Handlir.

Receiving palliative hospice care: Joyce Evans.

Sympathy to Paul Crews on the death of his great-grandmother Virginia McGrath.

Funeral: A celebration of the life of Dick Rathbun will be held Wednesday, November 15, 5-7 PM at Routsong Funeral Home (2100 East Stroop Road).

Altar flowers in the Far Hills Sanctuary are placed by Chris and Steve Knapp in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Pantry immediate need: Winter coats, all sizes.

Children's Sunday School at Far Hills: Ages 3 years to 5th grade

Check-in = Gathering Space (upstairs) at 9:45 AM

Check-out = Rooms 10 & 18 (downstairs) at 10:30 AM

Strategic Plan Community Conversation

TODAY, 12-1 PM, Austin Campus

We invite everyone to help shape Epiphany's future by providing input at our Community Conversation. Families attending the Confirmation/High School Ministry event at 4 PM today will also have an opportunity to participate and share their input.

Celebrate Epiphany Potluck

November 12, 12 Noon, Far Hills Celebration Center

Epiphany's Generosity Team and Church Council invite you to a Potluck to celebrate our church, our staff, our ministries, and you! We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to get to know one another better and celebrate the abundance God has provided us and our congregation. Through some generous donations, pulled pork sandwiches and cake will be provided, and we ask everyone to bring a side or salad. RSVP online is appreciated but not required!

Building the Body of Christ: Stewardship Appeal 2024

Commitment Sunday, November 12

In recent weeks we've heard from adults and youth about how Epiphany can build the body of Christ through our mission, by investing in our children, and among our neighbors. Next Sunday we offer our 2024 statements of intent to support Epiphany's mission plans for the coming year.

Bingo Night Fundraiser for ELCA Youth Gathering

Tuesday, November 14, 6:30-8:00 PM, Far Hills Celebration Center

Don't miss out on a chance to support our youth headed to New Orleans next summer and have a great time with the fun of Bingo, delicious snacks, and a lively atmosphere! Tickets are \$10 per person. Bingo is \$2/card per round. Get your tickets online by November 12 to help us plan! We will also be providing Kid Care activities for kiddos who might be too young to play bingo (must be potty trained).

Thanksgiving Service and Pie Fest

Tuesday, November 21, 7 PM, Far Hills Sanctuary

Thanksgiving offering directed to Epiphany's Pantry

Invite friends and family to join us for worship at 7 PM, followed by fellowship with coffee and dessert in the Celebration Center! Please bring a pre-cut pie or other dessert to share and drop it off before worship in the CC.

Adopt-a-Family: In-person sign-ups start November 12

For more info and to sign up online, visit the Events tab on our website. Questions can be sent to adoptafamily@epiphanydayton.org, or contact Marti and Mark Bosh at 937-478-8042.

The next monthly **Church Council meeting** is Tuesday, November 28, 7 PM in the Far Hills Conference Room. All church members are welcome to attend.

Thanksgiving Holiday: The church buildings will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23-24.

Parish Notes and other communications requests may be submitted to Sarah Richter, Communications Coordinator (srichter@epiphanydayton.org).

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 scan the QR code to reach our online prayer request form or contact the church office (937-433-1449) or prayer@epiphanydayton.org.



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Far Hills Campus

6430 Far Hills Ave.
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9:00 AM Praise Worship
(Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

Austin Campus

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9:00 AM Traditional Worship
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 scan the QR code to reach our online Connection Card or fill out a card located at the usher table as you enter the Sanctuary.

Next steps: Become a part of the Epiphany family by attending regularly, and get involved by coming to one of our events or 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!



Epiphany Lutheran Church streams one of its worship services every Sunday, and the videos are shared on Epiphany's website and social media channels.

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