

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023, 10:30 AM
Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

Connection SUNDAY

Gather

PRELUDE: *COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: *ADOPT-A-FAMILY*

Marti Ernst-Bosh

BLESSING FOR VETERANS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

(silence for reflection)

P: Holy One,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation.

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

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 worshiping with us!

SONG OF PRAISE: FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON'T)

Chorus: Christ is my firm foundation, the rock on which I stand
Everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus, he's never let me down
He's faithful through generations so why would he fail now
He won't, he won't

I've still got joy in chaos, I've got peace that makes no sense
And I won't be going under, I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus, he's never let me down
He's faithful in every season so why would he fail now
He won't, he won't
He won't fail, he won't fail
He won't, he won't
He won't fail, he won't fail

Bridge: Rain came and wind blew, my house was built on you
I'm safe with you, I'm gonna make it through (**Repeat Bridge**)

Yeah I'm gonna make it through
'Cause I'm standing strong on you
Oh, I'm gonna make it through
'Cause my house was built on you

(Chorus)
He won't fail, he won't fail
He won't

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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: THE LION AND THE LAMB

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 sin of the world his blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Oh every knee will bow before him

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings
Our God who comes to save us 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
Who can stop the Lord almighty, who can stop the Lord
(**Chorus**)

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

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

Meal

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

OFFERING: GOODNESS OF GOD

I love you Lord, oh your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus: All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love your voice, you have led me through the fire
In the darkest night you are close like no other
I've known you as a Father, I've known you as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God (**Chorus**)

Bridge: Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give you everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me (**Bridge**) (**Chorus**)

I will sing of the goodness of God

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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: CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

Oh Christ be magnified, Christ be magnified, Christ be magnified in me

Were creation suddenly articulate
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry
Then from North to South and East to West
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Were the whole Earth echoing his eminence
His name would burst from sea and sky
From rivers to the mountain tops
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Chorus: Oh Christ be magnified
Let his praise arise
Christ be magnified in me
Oh Christ be magnified
From the altar of my life
Christ be magnified in me

When every creature finds its inmost melody
And every human heart its native cry
Oh then in one enraptured hymn of praise
We'll sing Christ be magnified (**Chorus**)

Bridge: I won't bow to idols, I'll stand strong and worship you
And if it puts me in the fire, I'll rejoice 'cause you're there too

I won't be formed by feelings, I hold fast to what is true
If the cross brings transformation, then I'll be crucified with you

'Cause death is just the doorway into resurrection life
And if I join you in your suffering, then I'll join you when you rise

And when you return in glory with all the angels and the saints
My heart will still be singing, my song will be the same **(Chorus)**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *GOD SO LOVED*

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find his mercy
Come to the table, he will satisfy
Taste of his goodness, find what you're looking for

Chorus: For God so loved the world that he gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in him will live forever

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms **(Chorus)**

Chorus2: The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Bridge: Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, praise him for the wonders of his love
(Repeat Bridge)

For God so loved the world that he gave us
His one and only Son to save **(Chorus) (Chorus2)**

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

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SENDING

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

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 25 th Sunday after Pentecost, November 19, 2023: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18, Psalm 90:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30
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Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Mike Wipperman
Praise Team:	Allison Crews, Emily & Lee Dixon, Ben Richter
A/V:	Roland Hogendoorn, Sienna Pearson
Stream Team:	Landon Henderson, Ryan Pearson
Ushers:	Bob & Kris Mangan
Communion Servers:	Grace Bosh, Marti Ernst-Bosh, Candy & Ella Norman
Acolyte:	Troy Wipperman

Parish Notes

Birth: The white rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Beau Herbert Eryn, grandson of Bob & Mary Fran Ransbottom.

Recently hospitalized: Dorothy Sicken, Ray Vance.

Receiving palliative hospice care: Joyce Evans.

Pantry immediate need: Kids winter clothes, especially girls sizes 8, 10 and boys sizes 4, 5, 10, 12.

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

Celebrate Epiphany Potluck

TODAY, 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. **Please join us even if you haven't RSVP'd!**

Building the Body of Christ: Stewardship Appeal 2024

Today is Commitment Sunday

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. Today we offer our 2024 statements of intent to support Epiphany's mission plans for the coming year. You can do so by placing your statement of intent card in the offering plate or by going to Epiphany's website under Give/Serve > 2024 Giving Intent Form. Thank you for building the body of Christ here at Epiphany!

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 TODAY, November 12

Each year Epiphany provides gifts and holiday meals for those in need. Working with social service agencies, we identify families who can use an extra blessing for the holidays. Epiphany families and small groups adopt these families and shop, wrap, and deliver the gifts to the Far Hills Celebration Center. The gifts are picked up by social workers and delivered along with a frozen turkey and non-perishable holiday staples we provide. For more info and to sign up online, scan the QR code or 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.



Celebrate John Benjamin's 25th Anniversary on Staff

Reception: Sunday, November 26, 11:30 AM, Far Hills Celebration Center

Last month marked 25 years for John Benjamin as a staff member at Epiphany! He began as the organist and Chorale accompanist, and is now the Director of Traditional Worship as well as Chorale. His varied talents include working with cantors and instrumentalists, selecting the worship music, and playing for weddings. You might have also seen him participating in our dramas, whether on-stage, in the band, or as the music director.

In John's words: *"When Martha, the kids, and I arrived in Centerville in 1998, my mom was thrilled that we were back in Ohio, and that I didn't have a church job to prevent us from visiting her on the weekends. Little did I know then that I would find a congregation like Epiphany that, as God would have it, needed me. By Reformation Sunday that year, I had a church job (sorry, Mom!) and I have been blessed to serve God and the people of Epiphany Lutheran Church for these 25 years. One of the great joys for me as a musician is making music with others. I do that every weekend with YOU all singing with gusto from the pews. On numerous occasions, I do that with wonderful guest musicians in worship. I would be honored if you would contribute to the music ministry to continue to make these collaborative opportunities possible."*

To donate to our music ministry in honor of John's years of service to Epiphany, please give cash/check with "John's 25th" in the memo to the office or in the offering plate, or give online under the Give/Serve tab and specify "Gift in Honor of > John Benjamin's 25th Anniversary." Everyone is also invited to a reception in John's honor on Sunday, November 26, after the 10:30 AM worship service!

Help Decorate Our Worship Spaces for Advent

Austin Campus: Sunday, November 26, after the 10:30 AM service

Far Hills Campus: Friday, December 1, beginning at 9 AM

For more details or to let us know you're helping, contact Austin – Brittany Albert (balbert@epiphanydayton.org) or Far Hills – Michelle Carlson, Liturgical Arts Team (kdmcarlson@sbcglobal.net).

**Young at Heart Christmas Dinner: Reservation Deadline November 29
Sunday, December 10, 6 PM, Bethany Village, Serr Grand Room**

The Young at Heart Ministry invites those age 55 and better to a Christmas dinner party! The meal is provided by Epiphany member Molly McConnell from Little Miami River Catering, with entertainment provided by Epiphany member Todd Armstrong and his barbershop quartet. Cost is \$35 per person. Reservations must be made by November 29 in order to attend, with payment required upon making your reservation. Sign up online under the Events tab, or see a ministry representative between services at either campus. Please direct questions to event coordinator Jane Lane (lanedickjane@gmail.com).

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

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.

Cancelled: Bingo Night Fundraiser for ELCA Youth Gathering

Due to unforeseen circumstances with acquiring a charitable bingo license from the state of Ohio, the Bingo Night scheduled for November 14 has been cancelled. Registrants have been contacted by Youth Ministry Director Erin Haligowski. Look for future bingo nights happening in January and February!

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

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9:00 AM Praise Worship
(Sanctuary)
10:30 AM Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)

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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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