

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others  
**Epiphany of Our Lord**  
**January 7, 2024, 10:30 AM**  
Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

## Connection SUNDAY

### Gather

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#### **GATHERING SONG:** *THE ONLY NAME (YOURS WILL BE)*

**Verse 1:** Yours will be the only name that matters to me  
The only one whose favor I seek  
The only name that matters to me

**Verse 2:** Yours will be the friendship and affection I need  
To feel my father smiling on me  
The only name that matters to me

**Chorus:** And yours is the name, the name that has saved me  
Mercy and grace, the power that forgave me  
And your love is all I've ever needed (**Verse 1, Chorus**)

**Bridge:** When I wake up in the Land of Glory  
And with the saints I will tell my story  
There will be one name that I proclaim (*Repeat*)

Jesus Jesus Jesus  
Just that name (**Bridge 2X**)

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#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **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)*

**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!*

### **SONG OF PRAISE: DAY ONE**

Well, I wish I had a short term memory  
Wish the only thing my eyes could see  
Was the future burning bright right in front of me  
But I can't stop looking back

Yeah, I wish I was a perfect picture of  
Somebody who's never not good enough  
I try to measure up but I mess it up  
And I wish I wasn't like that

**Pre-Chorus:** I wish I wasn't wishing anymore  
Wish I could remember that nobody's keeping score  
I'm tired of throwing pennies in a well  
I gotta do something  
Here goes nothin'

**Chorus:** It's day one of the rest of my life  
It's day one of the best of my life  
I'm marching on to the beat of a brand new drum  
Yeah, here I come  
The future has begun  
Day one

Well, every single day Your grace reminds me  
That my best days are not behind me  
Wherever my yesterday may find me  
Well, I don't have to stay there

See my hourglass is upside down  
My someday soon is here and now  
The clock is tickin'  
And I'm so sick and tired of missing out (**Pre-Chorus, Chorus**)

It's day one  
And here comes the sun

**Bridge:** Every morning, every morning  
Every morning, mercy's new  
Every morning, every morning  
Every morning, I will fix my eyes on You  
Every morning, every morning  
Every morning, mercy's new  
Every morning, every morning  
Sun's coming up, the beginning has begun (**Chorus 2X**)

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## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Word

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## **WELCOMING THE CHILDREN**

### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6**

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

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

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift 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.

<sup>5</sup>Then 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.

<sup>6</sup>A 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.**

### **SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In 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: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of 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. <sup>8</sup>Although 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, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so 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. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in 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.**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

#### **GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "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." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>'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.' "

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then 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." <sup>9</sup>When 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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On 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. <sup>12</sup>And 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**

#### **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:** *STAND IN YOUR LOVE*

When darkness tries to roll over my bones  
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own  
When brokenness and pain is all I know  
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken

**Chorus:** My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in your love (3X)

Shame no longer has a place to hide  
I am not a captive to the lies  
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind  
I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken (**Chorus**)

**Bridge:** There's power that can break off every chain  
There's power that can empty out a grave  
There's resurrection power that can save  
There's power in your name, power in your name (**Chorus 2X**)

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

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

## Meal

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

### **OFFERING: THY WORD**

**Chorus:** Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path *(Repeat)*

When I feel afraid and I think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end **(Chorus)**

I will not forget your love for me and yet  
My heart forever is wandering  
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side  
I will love you to the end **(Chorus)**

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end **(Chorus)**

You're the light unto my path

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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  
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  
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 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: *MY LIGHTHOUSE*

In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures you won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, you are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence you won't let go, in the questions your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, you are the peace in my troubled sea

**Chorus:** My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness, I will follow you  
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise, you will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings, with each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, you are the peace in my troubled sea (**Chorus**)

**Bridge:** Fire before us, you're the brightest  
You will lead us through the storms (*Repeat*) (**Chorus**)

Safe to shore

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## SENDING

**L:** Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**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 Baptism of Our Lord, January 14, 2024: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11
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## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Heidi Johns
Assisting Minister:	Natalie Heimann
Praise Team:	Allison Crews, Ned Greene, Carlin Heimann, Dick Lane, Thom Reitz
A/V:	Billy Heaning, Spencer Watamaniuk
Stream Team:	Anthony Brown, Scott Haligowski
Usher:	Stephanie Fulton
Communion Servers:	Brad, Emily, Kaitlyn & Molly Manning

## Parish Notes

**Hospitalized:** Kay Breseman, George Schmitt.

**Receiving hospice care:** Joyce Evans (palliative), Brian Peltomaa.

**Altar flowers** in the Far Hills sanctuary are placed by Paul and Debbie Gresham in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Today we welcome **Pastor Heidi Johns** at the Austin Campus as she begins her six-month contract to serve as our new transitional pastor.

**Adult Education:** Dr Larry Welborn: *The Meaning of Jesus' Miracles for Today*

**Sundays, January 7-February 4, 9 AM**

Meeting in Far Hills Campus Room 13 (lower level) and by Zoom link. All adults and teens are welcome. New and improved tech is being used for better sound quality over Zoom! For more info and to sign up, go to Events on our website.

**Children's Sunday School at Far Hills:** Winter session starts today! Children ages three through fifth grade can be signed in at the table in the Gathering Space at 9:45 AM and picked up on the lower level at 10:30 AM. See our website for more details and a full schedule. For more info contact Caitlin Krueger-Meyer (ckrueger-meyer@epiphanydayton.org), Children and Family Ministry Coordinator.



### **Open Basketball, Tuesdays, 7-9 PM, Far Hills Celebration Center**

Returns January 9. All are welcome to this outreach ministry. Contact coordinator Landon Henderson (roadrunner.lyle@gmail.com) with questions.

### **Epiphany Pickleballers**

#### **Wednesdays, 7-9 PM, Far Hills Celebration Center**

If pickleball is your passion, join other Epiphany players on the pickleball court. Pickleballers will take a break for Lent and resume in the spring. Questions? Contact Tim Ivory (937-974-0357, tjivory55@yahoo.com).

### **“Which Craft?” Small Group**

#### **Thursday, January 11, 7 PM, Austin Campus Classroom**

Bring a craft of your choosing or create the group project at this small group of ladies that meets at each campus monthly. Contact coordinator Laurie Evans (lewoeste@gmail.com) to get email updates and calendar.

### **Young at Heart Sip and Sing**

#### **Monday, January 22, 3 PM, Austin Campus Classroom**

Mark your calendar to join other Epiphany members 55 and better for heavy snacks, drinks, and a sing-along of old-time gospel music. Registration is required. \$5 per person paid at the door. Sign up online under the Events tab. Contact coordinator Verity Snyder (veritysl@woh.rr.com) with questions.

**Pantry:** The Pantry will reopen January 8.

The next monthly **Church Council meeting** is Tuesday, January 23, 7 PM (location to be announced). All church members are welcome to attend. Meeting minutes can be found in the Far Hills Library.

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

### **Sunday School and Praise Band Collaborative Performance January 21, 9 AM Service, Far Hills Campus**

The children and praise band will sing a special song together during the service and will teach the congregation hand motions to the song!

### 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

10:30 AM Traditional Worship

## Austin Campus

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9:00 AM Traditional Worship

10:30 AM Praise Worship

**[www.epiphanydayton.org](http://www.epiphanydayton.org)**

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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