

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*We Love Jesus by Serving Others*  
**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 14, 2024, 10:30 AM**  
Far Hills Campus Traditional Worship

## Gather

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*(The prelude will begin a few minutes before 10:30)*

**PRELUDE:** *TRIO IN G MAJOR – I. ALLEGRO (Franz Joseph Haydn)*

*Judy Mansky, flute, Andy Lewis, cello, John Benjamin, piano*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism...

**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 worshiping with us!*



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
 the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
 to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
 that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

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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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### FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**A:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 29**

- A: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
**C: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**  
A: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;  
**C: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**  
A: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
**C: the God of glory thunders.**  
A: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
**C: the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**  
A: The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.  
**C: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.**  
A: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare;  
**C: in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"**  
A: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
**C: the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**  
A: O Lord, give strength to your people;  
**C: give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.**

**SECOND READING: ACTS 19:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

- A: The word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

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

**GOSPEL READING:** MARK 1:4-11

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** CHRIST, WHEN FOR US YOU WERE BAPTIZED

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1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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## 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.**

## 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: THIS IS MY BELOVED SON** (arr. John Benjamin)

*Epiphany Chorale*

*When John baptized the Christ, our Lord, the heavens opened wide.  
The Spirit from on high came down, descending like a dove.  
Assuring those on Jordan's banks a voice proclaimed these words:  
This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.  
Come Holy Spirit heavenly dove. Come now in visitation.  
Renew in us baptismal grace throughout each day, in every place.  
You are the way, the truth, the light. Lead us to our salvation.*

*As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
So may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.*

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

## 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.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## 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 MUSIC:** *In the Beauty of Holiness (Arnold Sherman)*

*Jubilate Bells, Jill Byers, director*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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## BENEDICTION

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

*To stanzas* *End*

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -  
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on on me,  
 Shine on on me,  
 shine on on me:  
 shine on on me:

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
99 10 10 33 and refrain



## SENDING

A: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

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 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, January 21, 2024: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, I Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20
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## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Judith Clark
Organist:	John Benjamin
Sound:	Ben Richter
Stream Team:	Landon Henderson, Alex Wasser
Ushers:	Ron Armstrong, David Huber
Communion Servers:	Noel Greiman, Debbie Gresham, Jon Hauberg, Kim Knechtly, Mary Moenter

## Parish Notes

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

**Altar flowers** in the Far Hills sanctuary are placed by Gary and Christine Barker in memory of their son, Jason.

**Pantry immediate need:** Boys' sizes 12-14 winter clothing.

### **Community Conversation, TODAY, 12 Noon, Far Hills Sanctuary**

Main topic: Apple Tree Society and how you can be part of a legacy of generosity. Hear how the ATS committee is working on policies, bylaws, and future seminars on planned gifts and endowments.
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### **Adult Education, Sundays thru February 4, 9 AM**

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

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 the Events tab on our website.

**Children's Sunday School at Far Hills:** 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, Children and Family Ministry Coordinator (ckrueger-meyer@epiphanydayton.org).

### **Epiphany Pickleballers**

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

Pickleballers take a break during Lent and resume afterwards. Questions? Contact Tim Ivory (937-974-0357, [tjivory55@yahoo.com](mailto:tjivory55@yahoo.com)).

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

**Monday, January 22, 3 PM, Austin Campus Sanctuary**

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 (veritys1@woh.rr.com) with questions.

## **Tenzi Tournament - ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraiser**

**Friday, January 26, 6:30-8:00 PM, Far Hills Celebration Center**

Join us for an evening of fun and competition at our Tenzi tournament! All proceeds from the event go towards supporting the youth attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Whether you're a seasoned Tenzi player or brand new to the game, everyone is welcome to participate and have a great time. Bring your family and friends for an evening of laughter, community, and friendly competition. Cost is \$10 per player. Your support will help make it possible for our youth to have a life-changing experience in New Orleans this summer. Get your advanced tickets online by January 24 to help us plan: [www.epiphanydayton.org/tenzi](http://www.epiphanydayton.org/tenzi).

The next monthly **Church Council meeting** is Tuesday, January 23, 7 PM at the Austin Campus. All church members are welcome to attend. Meeting minutes are available in the Far Hills Library.

### **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!

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](mailto: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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