

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024, 10:30 AM
Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *I WILL FOLLOW*

Chorus: Where you go I'll go, where you stay I'll stay
When you move I'll move, I will follow

All your ways are good, all your ways are sure
I will trust in you alone
Higher than my sight, high above my life
I will trust in you alone

Chorus2: Where you go I'll go, where you stay I'll stay
When you move I'll move, I will follow you
Who you love I'll love, how you serve I'll serve
If this life I lose I will follow you yeah, I will follow you yeah

Light unto the world, light unto my life
I will live for you alone
You're the one I seek, knowing I will find
All I need in you alone, in you alone (**Chorus2**)

Bridge: In you there's life everlasting
In you there's freedom for my soul
In you there's joy, unending joy, and I will follow

Chorus3: Where you go I'll go, where you stay I'll stay
When you move I'll move, I will follow you
Who you love I'll love, how you serve I'll serve
If this life I lose I will follow (**Chorus2**)

I will follow you yeah, I will follow you yeah

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: *STRATEGIC PLAN*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection)

P: God, our rock and our refuge,
C: we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant. Renew your creation.
Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken:
The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.
By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

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: LORD OF LORDS

Beholding your beauty is all that I long for
To worship you Jesus is my sole desire
For this very heart you have shaped for your pleasure
Purposed to lift your name higher

Here in surrender in pure adoration
I enter your courts with an offering of praise
I am your servant come to bring you glory
As it's fit for the work of your hands

Chorus: Now unto the lamb who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
All of creation resounds with the song
Worship and praise him the Lord of lords

Spirit now living and dwelling within me
Keep my eyes fixed ever on Jesus' face
Let not the things of this world ever sway me
I'll run 'til I finish the race **(Chorus)**

Chorus2: Now unto the lamb who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
All eternity echoes the song
Worship and praise him the Lord of lords

Bridge: Holy Lord you are holy
Jesus Christ is the Lord *(Repeat)*

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Chorus3: Now unto the lamb who sits on the throne
Be glory and honor and praise
Call all the sinners to join in the song
Worship and praise him the Lord of lords

The Lord of Lords (3X)

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

W o r d

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

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

GOSPEL READING: MARK 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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: BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE

Come set your rule and reign in our hearts again
Increase in us we pray, unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are your church, we need your power in us

We seek your kingdom first, we hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives, for you're our joy and prize

To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
We are your church, we pray revive this earth

Chorus: Build your kingdom here, let the darkness fear
Show your mighty hand, heal our streets and land
Set your church on fire, win this nation back
Change the atmosphere, build your kingdom here we pray

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Unleash your kingdom's power, reaching the near and far
No force of Hell can stop your beauty changing hearts

You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are your church, we are the hope on earth **(Chorus)**

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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: *CHILD OF LOVE*

I was walking the wayside, lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life, trying to satisfy my soul
All the lies I believed in, left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from Heaven, and I've never been the same

Chorus: I'm gonna climb a mountain, I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom, I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire, but I saw you in the flames
Just when I thought it was over, You broke me out of the grave **(Chorus)**

I am a child of love, I am a child of love

Bridge: Nothing can change the way you love me
Nothing can change the way
I belong to you, yes, I do, nothing can separate *(Repeat)*

I'm gonna climb a mountain, I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom, I am a child of love **(Chorus)**

I am a child of love, I am a child of love

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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: TO THE TABLE

Hear the voice of love that's calling
There's a chair that waits for you
And a friend who understands
Everything you're going through

But you keep standing at a distance
In the shadows of your shame
But there's a light of hope that's shining
Won't you come and take your place

Chorus: So bring it all to the table
It's nothing he ain't seen before

For all your sin
All your sorrow and your sadness
There's a Savior and he calls
Bring it all to the table

He can see the weight you carry
And the fears that hold your heart
But through the cross you've been forgiven
You're accepted as you are

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Chorus 2: So bring it all to the table
It's nothing he ain't seen before

For all your trials
All your worries and your burdens
There's a Savior and he calls
Bring it all to the table

And bring it all
You can bring it all

Bridge: Come on in take your place
There's no one who's turned away
All you sinners all you saints
Come right in and find your grace **(Bridge, Chorus)**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *BLESSED BE YOUR NAME*

Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your name

Pre-Chorus: Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord still I will say

Chorus: Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name

Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be your name

Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name **(Pre-Chorus) (Chorus)**

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Bridge: You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be your name (**Bridge, Chorus 2X**)

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SENDING

L: 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 4 th Sunday after Epiphany, January 28, 2024: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28
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Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Sam Culham
Praise Team:	Allison Crews, Ned Greene, Carlin Heimann, Dick Lane, Bill Norman, Thom Reitz, Allison Wade, Cassie Wade, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V:	Ted Meyer, Sienna Pearson
Stream Team:	Anthony Brown, Ryan Pearson
Usher:	Kim Brown
Communion Servers:	Paige & Reid Pearson, Lindsay & Troy Wipperman
Acolyte:	Ella Norman

Parish Notes

Congratulations to Debbie & Jon Hauberg on the wedding of their daughter Claire to Zasha.

Recently hospitalized: Bill Witter.

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

Sympathy to Sharon Bond on the death of her brother; Donna & Ray Copenheaver and Lisa Dietrich on the death of their daughter/sister Pam; Sarah Richter on the death of her father; Andy Addy on the death of his aunt; and Melanie Belleman, daughter of Laurie Evans-Woeste, on the death of her father.

Altar flowers in the Far Hills sanctuary are placed by Caitlin Kruger-Meyer and family in loving memory of Daniel Krueger.

Pantry immediate need: Men's long pants.

Today we observe **Young Server Sunday**. If your child or youth would like to help serve, please contact Jennifer Henderson (Far Hills) or Brittany Albert (Austin).

No Children's Sunday School at Far Hills today. Classes return next week, January 28, for children ages three through fifth grade. Visit our website and click on the Gather tab to get to the Children's Ministry page for more details and a full schedule. For more info contact Caitlin Krueger-Meyer, Children & Family Ministry Coordinator (ckrueger-meyer@epiphanydayton.org).

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. For more info and to sign up, go to the Events tab on our website.

Tenzi Tournament – ELCA Youth Gathering Fundraiser

This 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.

Open enrollment for **Epiphany Lutheran Preschool** begins February 1 at 10 AM. For more information visit our website and click on the Gather tab to get to the Preschool page.

Epiphany Night at the Movies, Friday, February 2, 6-8 PM, Far Hills Flag Room

You're invited to a Night at the Movies where we'll enjoy a PG-rated movie suitable for all ages on our TV. Snacks will be provided; you are welcome to bring your own dinner. Feel free to bring comfort items such as camp chairs, pillows, blankets. You'll have to show up to find out which movie it is (or contact Pam)! For questions, contact event coordinator Pam Lubbers (pammy466@aol.com).

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.

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

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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 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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