

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*We Love Jesus by Serving Others*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 28, 2024, 10:30 AM**

Far Hills Campus Traditional Worship (Livestreamed)

Gather

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MINISTRY MOMENT:** *STRATEGIC PLAN*

## PRELUDE

## 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: ...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 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,  
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - jice.  
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.  
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

**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**

Word

**WELCOMING THE CHILDREN**

**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20**

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

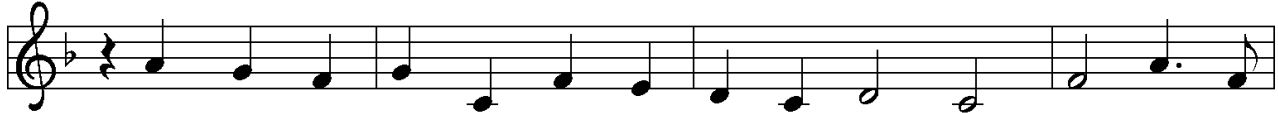
P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.  
 Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003  
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**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.**

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

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

# Meal

**OFFERING:** BALM IN GILEAD (arr. Mark Shepperd)

Epiphany Chorale

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

**OFFERTORY:** AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD (v. 3)

#302

*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 HYMN: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

#612

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,




give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your  
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is  
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,  
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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### BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN:** *OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING*

#886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

### SENDING

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

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture readings for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, February 4, 2024:  
Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11,20, I Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

### Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Heidi Johns
Assisting Minister:	Sandy Houpt
Organist:	John Benjamin
Sound:	Melonie June Warren
Stream Team:	Landon Henderson, Drew Simon
Ushers:	David Huber, Lon Molnar
Communion Servers:	Wendy Beavers, Debbie Hauberg, Bob & Cindy Hess, Kathy Hibbs



## Parish Notes

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

**Sympathy** to Chris Knapp on the death of her father and to Lindsay Wipperman on the death of her grandmother.

**Pantry immediate need:** Boys' winter clothing sizes 18 months and 2.

**Thank You, Allison!** Today is Allison Crews' last Sunday as Praise Music Director. We have been blessed by her capable and creative leadership for the past nine months! She brought us new ideas such as Worship All Week, personal stories of faith in Connection Sunday, and collaborating with Sunday School singers. We thank God for her ministry among us and are grateful that she will continue with us as a fellow member of Epiphany.

Please note that the **church office is closed this Tuesday, January 30**, while the staff is at an off-site training session.

**Sunday School Helpers Needed:** Make a difference in the life of Epiphany children! Classes continue at the Far Hills Campus for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Click the Gather tab on our website to get to the Children's Ministry page for a full schedule. We also need youth (12+) and adult volunteers to help with the classes. Scan the QR code to sign up or visit the website under Give/Serve/Sunday School Helpers. For more info contact Caitlin Krueger-Meyer, Children & Family Ministry Coordinator ([ckrueger-meyer@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:ckrueger-meyer@epiphanydayton.org)).



**Egg Cartons Needed:** Children & Family Ministry needs 12-count egg cartons (any type/color) to prepare for an exciting worship activity! Donations may be placed in the bin outside of the church office.

Open enrollment for **Epiphany Lutheran Preschool** begins February 1 at 10 AM. For more info click on the Gather tab on our website to get to the Preschool page. Contact Heather Phillips, Preschool Director ([hphillips@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:hphillips@epiphanydayton.org)) with any questions.

### **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](mailto:pammy466@aol.com)).

### **Young at Heart Dinner Out, Sunday, February 18, 5:30 PM**

Join other Epiphany members ages 55 and better for dinner at The Chop House (7727 Washington Village Dr.). We will order from the menu. Sign up by the February 11 deadline via our website under the Events tab. Contact event coordinator Mary Moenter ([marymoenter@gmail.com](mailto:marymoenter@gmail.com)) with questions

### **Day of Caring Pancake Brunch**

**Sunday, February 25, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM, Far Hills Campus**

Our annual participation in the Day of Caring supports local food pantries and homeless shelters. You may also drop off personal hygiene donations at both campuses February 4-25.

The **Associate Pastor Call Committee** continues its work. The ELCA is experiencing a shortage of pastors, so the number of candidates available is less than ever before. Michele Uhl, chairperson, asks that we pray for the committee and the process, pray for potential candidates, and that we wait patiently for the Holy Spirit to reveal the candidate meant for Epiphany.

**Strategic Planning Team Update:** The following statements were affirmed by our Congregation Council at its December meeting:

- Epiphany's updated **mission statement** is: *Grow in faith, build thriving community, and transform lives through Christ's love.* We will also keep our existing mission language to *Love Jesus by Serving Others.*
- Epiphany's **vision** is: *To be a welcoming and intergenerational congregation dedicated to faith formation, service, worship, fostering personal growth, and witnessing Christ in the world.*
- Epiphany's **values** that guide our congregation are: *Love, Service, Growth, Welcome, Intergenerational, Integrity.*

For a more complete explanation, please read the corresponding weekly updates in our e-newsletter. Stay tuned for **Epiphany's Strategic Themes** to be introduced next Sunday.

The next monthly **Church Council meeting** is Tuesday, February 27, 7 PM at the Far Hills Campus. All church members are welcome to attend. Meeting minutes are available in the Far Hills Library.

**Lent Schedule:** Join us **Ash Wednesday**, February 14, as we are reminded of our sin and brokenness, and as we have ashes placed on our foreheads and hear that our sins are forgiven. Worship services are 12 Noon and 7 PM\* (\*livestreamed) in the Far Hills Sanctuary.

- All are welcome to a family-friendly **Soup Supper** at 6 PM in the Celebration Center.
- The remaining Wednesdays in Lent, join us for **Soup, Singing, & Saints**, 6:00-7:30 PM in the Celebration Center. Each week will begin with a simple soup supper followed by Holden Evening Prayer, with themes for each week built around the commemoration of saints in the Lutheran calendar.
- Sign up to bring soup or mac & cheese or to help with setup and hosting at the poster at the Far Hills Campus or online under the Events tab. If not bringing an entrée, please bring a salad, bread, side dish, or dessert to share.
- We will be putting together Pantry care packages as a congregation-wide **Lenten service project** again this year. Stay tuned for more info.

Complete info on our Lenten activities is in your weekly e-newsletter.

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

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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