

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
February 4, 2024, 10:30 AM  
Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

## Gather

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**GATHERING SONG:** *COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP*

**Chorus:** Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God, come

One day every tongue will confess you are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now (**Chorus**)

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength we gladly choose you now (**Chorus**)

Come, come

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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: SING, SING, SING

**Chorus:** Sing, sing, sing and make music with the heavens  
We will sing, sing, sing  
Grateful that You hear us when we shout Your praise  
Lift high the name of Jesus

What's not to love about You  
Heaven and Earth adore You  
Kings and kingdoms bow down  
Son of God, You are the One  
You are the One

You are the love that frees us  
You are the light that leads us  
Like a fire burning  
Son of God, You are the One  
You are the One we're living for **(Chorus)**

What's not to love about You?  
Heaven and Earth adore You  
Kings and kingdoms bow down  
Son of God, You are the One  
You are the One we're living for **(Chorus 2X)**

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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

Word

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## WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 40:21-31**

- <sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
- <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;  
<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
- <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
- <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
- <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.
- <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?
- <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
- <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
- <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: I CORINTHIANS 9:16-23**

- <sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.
- <sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

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 1:29-39**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once.

<sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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: FOREVER**

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For he is good, he is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn his love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

**Chorus:** Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise (**Chorus 2X**)  
Forever

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

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

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

**OFFERING:** *OVERWHELMED*

I see the work of your hands  
Galaxies spin in a heavenly dance oh God  
All that you are is so overwhelming

I hear the sound of your voice  
All at once it's a gentle and thundering noise oh God  
All that you are is so overwhelming

**Chorus:** I delight myself in you, captivated by your beauty  
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by you

God I run into your arms unashamed because of mercy  
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by you

**Bridge:** You are beautiful, you are beautiful  
Oh God there is no one more beautiful  
You are beautiful, God you are the most beautiful

You are wonderful, you are wonderful  
Oh God there is no one more wonderful  
You are wonderful, God you are the most wonderful

You are glorious, you are glorious  
Oh God there is no one more glorious  
You are glorious, God you are the most glorious

**Chorus2:** I delight myself in you, in the glory of your presence  
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by you

God I run into your arms unashamed because of mercy  
I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by you

I'm overwhelmed, I'm overwhelmed by you

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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: ONLY YOU

Take my heart, I lay it down  
At the feet of You who's crowned  
Take my life, I'm letting go  
I lift it up to You who's throned

**Chorus:** And I will worship You, Lord  
Only You, Lord  
And I will bow down before You  
Only You, Lord

Take my fret, take my fear  
All I have I'm leaving here  
Be all my hopes, be all my dreams  
Be all my delights, be my everything (**Chorus**)

**Ending:** And it's just You and me here now  
Only You and me here now (Sing 4X)

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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### BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING SONG: ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you're feeling frail you're not the only  
We are all the same in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on  
But thank God it's all you need

**Chorus:** And all the people said Amen  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends  
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter  
Weak or strong we know love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all (**Chorus**)

**Bridge:** Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start  
For theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God (**Chorus 2X**)

And all the people said Amen

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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 Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 11, 2024: 2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9
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## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Heidi Johns
Assisting Minister:	Jane Lane
Praise Team:	Michele Borns, Sara Donaghue, Ned Greene, Al Grodrian, Dick Lane, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V:	Ed Wasser, Jacob Barnes
Stream Team:	Anthony Brown, Scott Haligowski
Usher:	Kim Brown
Communion Servers:	Brad, Emily, Kaitlyn & Molly Manning

## Parish Notes

**Recently hospitalized:** Paul Gresham.

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

**The eternal flame** is lit this month by Ray and Rose Wasky for victims of wars.

**Pantry immediate need:** Kids' winter clothing sizes 3, 4, and 5T.

**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).



**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 on the poster at the Far Hills Campus or by scanning the QR code. 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.



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

### **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) 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. Brunch tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors/kids under 12 and are available for purchase online and between worship services at both campuses. You may also drop off personal hygiene donations at both campuses February 4-25. Questions? Contact Sharon Bond (sharonbond@hotmail.com).

**Strategic Planning Team Update:** This week we want to share with you the Values that guide our congregation. Values represent enduring principles guiding organizational decision-making and express the characteristics and behaviors Epiphany holds most dear. These Values are *Love, Service, Growth, Welcome, Intergenerational, and Integrity*. For a more complete explanation, please read the weekly updates in our e-newsletter. Stay tuned for more details on Epiphany's Strategic Themes next week.

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.

**Epiphany Lutheran Preschool** open enrollment is now live! 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) with any questions.

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.

Thanks to generous contributions, no more **Egg Cartons** are needed.

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

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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