

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others
Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 11, 2024, 10:30 AM
Far Hills Campus Traditional Worship (Livestreamed)

Gather

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.

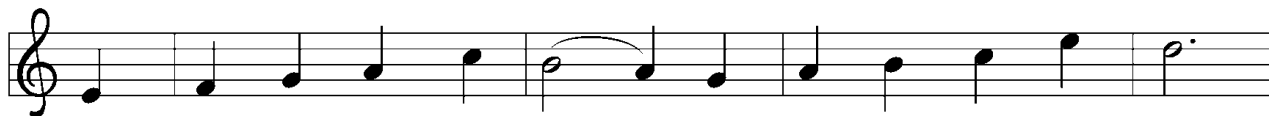
C: Amen.

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 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, 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: 2 KINGS 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSIVE READING: FROM PSALM 50

A: The mighty one, God the Lord, has spoken.

C: **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**

A: Our God will come and will not keep silence.

C: **God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**

A: “Gather before me my loyal followers,

C: **gather those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”**

A: The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,

C: **it is God who is judge.**

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Choir: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 9:2-9

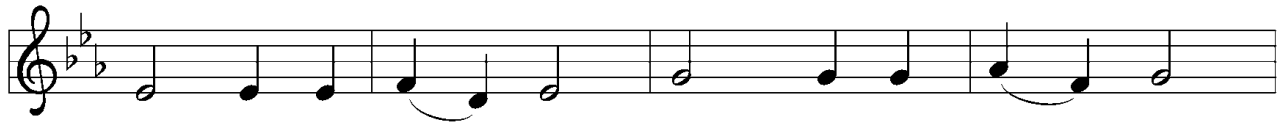
²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



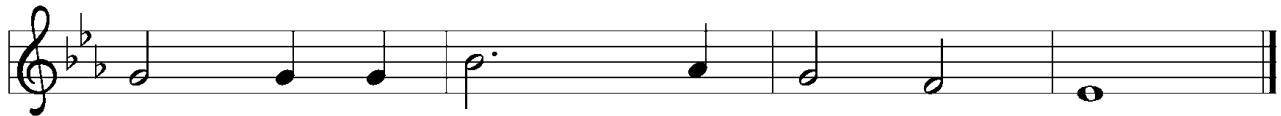
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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.

M e a l

Please prayerfully consider giving by text or online: www.epiphanydayton.org/giveserve.

OFFERING: GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

Epiphany Chorale

The congregation is invited to join in singing verses 1 and 4.

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.**
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,**
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**
- 4 Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.**

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969. Music: arr. Michael Burkhardt.

*In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing alleluias to our king.*

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

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. 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.



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

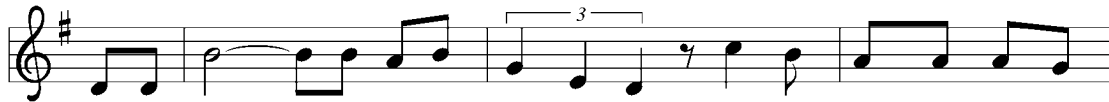
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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

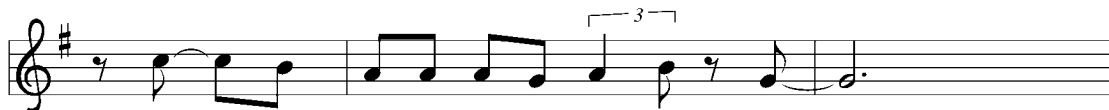
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Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

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 1st Sunday in Lent, February 18, 2024:
Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, I Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Linda June Snyder
Organist:	John Benjamin
Instrumentalists:	Wayne Markworth, Chris Jeffery, trumpet Ben Richter, timpani
Sound:	Ted Meyer
Stream Team:	Drew Simon, Alex Wasser
Ushers:	Landon Henderson, David Huber
Communion Servers:	William Deel, Bob Ellefson, Noel Greiman, Sandy Houpt, Mary Moenter

Parish Notes

Recently hospitalized: Paul Gresham.

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

Sympathy to Arlon Zabel on the death of her husband Ron Geibert, and to Billy Heaning on the death of his grandfather.

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

Pantry immediate need: Kids' winter clothing sizes 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12.

Your Input Matters! Community Conversation

Next Sunday, February 18, 12 Noon, Austin Campus

Epiphany worshippers, our church leaders desire your input into the decision-making regarding a recommendation to help reduce or eliminate our mortgage debt. Accordingly, you are invited to a Community Conversation next Sunday, February 18 at the Austin Campus to share more fully the thinking so far and hear your thoughts regarding the path forward. The Congregation Council will take the ideas raised into consideration as they make a recommendation to the congregation later this spring.

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. Complete info is on our website under the Events tab.

- Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors/kids under 12 and are available for purchase online, between worship services at both campuses, or at the door.
- Sign up online to bring an egg casserole or to help in a variety of roles, including jobs for youth!
- You may also drop off personal hygiene donations at both campuses February 4-25. See the list of items needed online.

Questions? Contact Sharon Bond (sharonbond@hotmail.com).

Tenzi Tournament: Return of the Tenz!

Saturday, February 24, 6:30-8:00 PM, Far Hills Celebration Center

Join us for an evening of fun and competition at our next Tenzi tournament! All proceeds 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! Bring your family and friends for an evening of laughter, community, and friendly competition. Cost is \$10 per player in advance or \$15 at the door. *Get your advanced tickets by February 22* to help us plan: www.epiphanydayton.org/tenzi. New! Return of the Tenz! will include a kids-only area, some added tournament-style play, bonus rounds for an additional buy-in, and more as we switch things up for more fun! If you joined us in January, you'll want to join us again. And if you missed it in January, you don't want to miss this one!

Lent Schedule

- Join us **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, as we have ashes placed on our foreheads and hear that our sins are forgiven.
 - ✓ All are welcome to a family-friendly Soup Supper at 6 PM in the Far Hills Celebration Center.
 - ✓ Worship services are 12 Noon and 7 PM* (*livestreamed) in the Far Hills Sanctuary.
 - ✓ Offerings can be made with Ash Wednesday envelopes or via the Give/Serve tab on our website by choosing *Ash Wednesday Offering* in the Fund dropdown menu.
- Sign up to bring soup or mac & cheese or to help with setup and hosting on the poster in the Far Hills Narthex or by scanning the QR code. If not bringing an entrée, please bring a salad, bread, side dish, or dessert to share.
- 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.
- We will be putting together Pantry Care Packages as a congregation-wide **Lenten service project** again this year. First up on February 14 is laundry detergent (no pods). Donations may be made anytime to the bins at both campuses. You may also make a monetary donation via the Give/Serve tab on our website by choosing *Lenten Pantry Care Packages* in the Fund dropdown menu, or by check with *Lent Project* in the memo line.



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

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

Reservation deadline: Today!

Join other Epiphany members ages 55 and better for dinner at The Chop House (7727 Washington Village Dr.). We will order from the menu. Contact Mary Moenter (marymoenter@gmail.com) with questions.

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 5th 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 and Family Ministry Coordinator (ckrueger-meyer@epiphanydayton.org).



Strategic Planning Team Update: Epiphany's Strategic Themes were introduced last week. These are the opportunities or driving factors Epiphany must address today if it is to be successful in the future. Epiphany's Strategic Themes are *Communication, Faith Formation, Membership Growth, Outreach, Ministry Context, and Financial Viability*. This week we address Strategic Voices, which are the variety of perspectives that give our strategy balance. For us, those voices are *Witness, Process, Stewardship, and Learning & Growth*. For a more complete explanation, please read the weekly updates in our newsletter. Stay tuned for more details on Epiphany's Goals and Objectives 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.

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.

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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10:30 AM Praise Worship

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(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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