

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024, 10:30 AM

Far Hills Campus Traditional Worship (Livestreamed)

Gather

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *SHINE LIKE THE SUN* (John. C. Ylvisaker)

John Benjamin, Judy Mansky

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(silence for reflection)

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.

We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts. We let hurt grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

Amen.

P: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

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 worshipping with us!



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the reconciling 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: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;
⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”
⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sing twice)

Cong. *Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mer - cy; Come, seek the ten - der faith - ful-ness of God. Re - God.*

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

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

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 12:20-33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's



2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my



3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and



goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and



friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear deed, day, to your grace I now sur - ren - der.



love will be my fin - est la - bor.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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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.

M e a l

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

OFFERING: MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN (*arr. David Schack*)

*Epiphany Chorale
Judy Mansky, flute*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
 spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
 your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERING PRAYER


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And also with
 you. *Presider:* Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We
 lift them to the Lord. *Presider:* Let us give
 thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is
 right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ; who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation. And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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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: *RECUEILLIR (MEDITATION)* (Kathleen Wissinger)

Jubilate Bells, Jill Byers, director

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING*

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.

Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

SENDING

A: Go in peace. Share your bread.

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 Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024:
Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 15:1-39

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister: Linda Snyder
Organist: John Benjamin
Sound: Ted Meyer
Stream Team: Scott Haligowski, Ryan Pearson
Ushers: Lon & Therese Molnar
Communion Servers: Debbie & Paul Gresham, Justin & Vivian Proehl,
Verity Snyder

Parish Notes

Recently hospitalized: Nancy Kilian, Carol Raridan.

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

Sympathy to Rae Handlir on the death of her husband David, and to Jim & Joyce Evans on the death of their nephew, Pete Williams.

Altar flowers in the Far Hills sanctuary are placed by Perry & Suzie Peloquin in memory of Ralph Tillitt.

Pantry immediate need: Clean, gently used towels and brown paper grocery bags.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday: March 24	Austin Campus, 9 & *10:30 a.m. Far Hills Campus, 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday: March 28	Far Hills Campus, 7 p.m.
Good Friday: March 29	Far Hills Campus, Noon and *7 p.m.
Easter Vigil: March 30	Austin Campus, 7 p.m.
Easter Sunday: March 31	Austin Campus, 9 & 10:30 a.m. Far Hills Campus, 9 & *10:30 a.m.

*livestream services

Holy Week Children's Event

TODAY, 11:45 AM-12:30 PM, Austin Campus

Families will engage in multisensory activities that will help us grow in our understanding of Holy Week and the Easter story. Walk-ins welcome!

Easter Flower Orders Due TOMORROW, March 18

Order online under the Give/Serve tab on our website, or place an order form in the offering plate today.

Final Soup, Singing & Saints + Pantry Care Packages

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00-7:30 PM, Far Hills Celebration Center

Soup supper followed by Holden Evening Prayer. This week's theme is *Dying and Rising with Christ – Mystery of Faith: Hans Nielsen Hauge, Norwegian lay preacher, and poet John Donne*. Worshiper Alex Villalva is scheduled to speak. Find details and sign up by scanning the QR code. If not attending supper, arrive around **6:30 p.m.** for abbreviated worship followed by assembly of Pantry Care Packages.



The next monthly **Church Council** meeting is Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m. at the Austin Campus. All church members are welcome to attend.

Easter Carry-In Breakfast, Austin Campus

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection with a carry-in, pastry-style breakfast on Easter morning! Breakfast treats will be available between services and after the 10:30 a.m. service at Austin. For details, to contribute food or drink, or to help with setup/cleanup, see the sign-up sheets at Austin or contact Brittany Albert (balbert@epiphanydayton.org).

Adult Education, Sundays, April 7-28, 9 AM

Pastor Karl Biermann: *Not Necessarily "Good" – God's Surprising Name!*

Explore the surprising senses of a word we always thought we knew. 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. Walk-ins welcome!

Online Giving: To set up or change recurring donations to the operation budget and ministries, or to make a one-time donation, scan the QR code to visit our Give Now webpage.



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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9:00 AM Praise Worship
10:30 AM Traditional Worship

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9:00 AM Traditional Worship
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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