

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*We Love Jesus by Serving Others*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 7, 2024, 10:30 AM**  
Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

## Gather

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**GATHERING SONG:** *WE BELIEVE*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MINISTRY MOMENT:** *HAITIAN TIMOUN FOUNDATION*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

P: We give you thanks....

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river ....

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**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!*

**SONG OF PRAISE:** *YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)*

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our risen 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: ACTS 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: I JOHN 1:1-2:2**

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

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

**GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.  
<sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

### 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.**

### SONG OF THE DAY: *GLORIOUS DAY*

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

### Meal

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

### OFFERING: *THIS IS AMAZING GRACE*

### 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:** REVELATION SONG

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

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### BENEDICTION

**CLOSING SONG:** YOU NEVER LET GO

### SENDING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**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 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024: Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4, I John 3:1-7, Luke 24:36-48
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## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Heidi Johns
Assisting Minister:	Mike Wipperman
Praise Team:	Doug Day, Al Grodrian, Carlin Heimann, Craig Hoerig, Bill Norman, Thom Reitz, Anastasia Rodgers
A/V:	Spencer Watamaniuk, Paige Pearson
Stream Team:	Scott Haligowski, Ryan Pearson
Usher:	Lindsay Wipperman
Communion Servers:	Sharon Culham, Ben, Erin & Sam Haligowski
Acolyte:	Reid Pearson

## Parish Notes

**Baptism:** We celebrate today's baptism of Johanna Marie Curry, daughter of Cathryn & James Curry, at the Far Hills 9:00 service.

**Recently hospitalized:** Dwight Bartlett.

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

**Sympathy** to the family of Tom Rummel on his passing, and to Ruth Dewitt on the death of her brother.

**Burial:** We hold Lana Biermann and family in prayer as they prepare to bury her brother Larry at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Pantry immediate need:** gently used, clean women's spring and summer clothes, sizes XL and up.

### **Children's Sunday School at Far Hills: April 7 & 14, May 5**

Children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are signed in in the Gathering Space at 9:45 a.m. (after praise communion) and picked up on the lower level at 10:30 a.m.

### **Adult Education, Sundays, April 7-28, 9-10 AM, Far Hills Campus Room 13 and Online**

Join Pastor Karl Biermann to explore the surprising senses of a word we always thought we knew in his series, *Not Necessarily 'Good': God's Surprising Name!* Sign up on our website under Events.

### **Welcome Lunch, Sunday, April 14, 12-1 PM, Far Hills Conference Room**

This lunch is for anyone wanting to learn more about Epiphany, thinking of becoming a member, or looking for connection. Sign up online under Events.

### **Apple Tree Estate Planning Workshops**

**Tuesday, April 16, 7-8:30 PM, or Saturday, April 20, 10-11:30 AM**

#### **Far Hills Conference Room**

The Apple Tree Legacy has arranged for a Regional Gift Planner with the ELCA Foundation and a representative from the Dayton Foundation's Development Office to answer your estate planning questions and help you in the planning process. Sign up on our website under Events.

### **Women's Bible Studies: April 17, May 1, May 15 and May 29**

**7 AM Zoom or 10 AM Far Hills Conference Room**

Join Pastor Julie for this study from the Book of Faith Series on the First Letter of John. Find details and register on our website under Gather > Bible Studies.

### **First Communion Class, Sunday, April 21, 12 PM, Austin Campus**

Communion Class is offered for children of all ages and their caregivers. First Communion will be received on April 28 at any worship service. Details and register online under Events.

### **Audition Sign-Up Open for Summer Musical Into the Woods**

Auditions take place April 26 & 27 at Far Hills. Audition packets and registration online under Events > Summer Musical.

### **Young at Heart Flag Room Chat, Monday, April 29, 11:30 AM, Far Hills Campus**

"You Can't Go A Day Without Dayton," a presentation on innovations at Carillon Park, with Brady Kress. Sign up online under Events. Contact: Mary Moenter (marymoenter@gmail.com).

**Nominating Committee:** If you are a doer and want to make a difference, consider running for one of our open committee positions! Openings include At-Large member of council, President-Elect, Apple Tree Society and Nominating Committee. Contact Anthony Brown (awbrown2056@gmail.com) to learn more.

**Youth Ministry** and Erin Haligowski give many thanks to the donors whose generosity helped them exceed their fundraising goal and raise a total of \$38,500 to take 30 youth and seven adults to New Orleans this summer. Your generosity makes a difference!

Our support of the **Haitian Timoun Foundation** this year focuses on sponsoring women enrolled in the Chemen Lavi Miyó program (Pathway to a Better Life). This 18-month program identifies women who are the poorest of the ultra-poor. The cost to support one Haitian family through the program is \$2,000. Our goal is to support 10 families. Find more info, see our progress, and give on our website under Give/Serve > HTF/CLM Sponsorship.

### **It's not too late to make a special Easter offering!**

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice he made for us. By giving a special Easter offering, we can come together to show our gratitude and love for God's gift of salvation and help us continue to spread the love and message of Christ to those in our community and beyond. For those with giving envelopes, there are special envelopes in your March mailing for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter offerings. For our online givers, these same special opportunities are available to make a celebratory offering of gratitude.

### **Online Giving**

It is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent, and financial contributions. If you haven't done so, we encourage you to consider our online giving program. We accept donations made from your bank account and credit or debit cards. You can even set up a recurring gift! To learn more, visit [www.epiphanydayton.org/givenow](http://www.epiphanydayton.org/givenow). We thank you for supporting our mission!

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](mailto: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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