

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024, 10:30 AM

Far Hills Campus Traditional Worship (Livestreamed)

Gather

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

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.

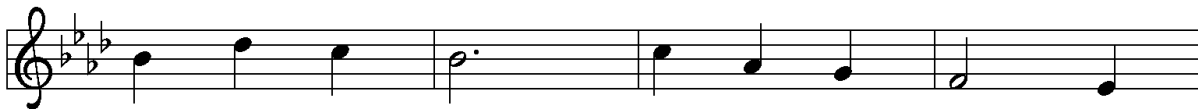
Please take this time to say hello and share the peace in the comment section of the YouTube channel livestream or in the Facebook feed comment section. Take a selfie and let us know you are worshiping with us!



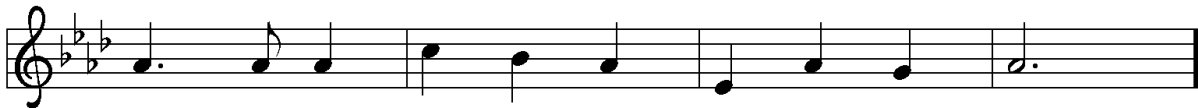
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: COME, YOU FAITHFUL, RAISE THE STRAIN

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1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 4

A: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

C: have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

A: “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;

C: how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”

A: Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;

C: the Lord will hear me when I call.

A: Tremble, then, and do not sin;

C: speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

A: Offer the appointed sacrifices,

C: put your trust in the Lord.

A: Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

C: You have put gladness in my heart.

A: In peace, I will lie down and sleep;

C: you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.

SECOND READING: I JOHN 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's

3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

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

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24:36-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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.

Meal

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

OFFERING: MY GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD (Keith Hampton)

Epiphany Chorale

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 sprung to life this mor - - row.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our
 faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
 ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

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:



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has

set heart and will on things a - bove that we



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of

con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry

fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"

say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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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 HYMN: AROUND YOU, O LORD JESUS

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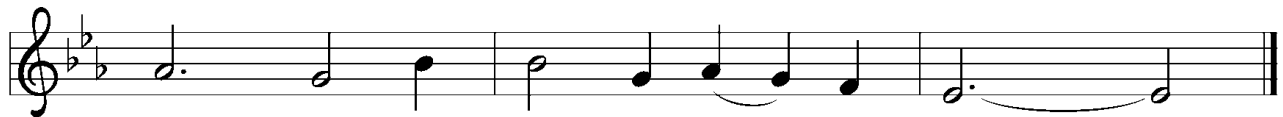
1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite
Music: O JESU, ÅN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Send

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY*

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- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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SENDING

- A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
A: 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 4th Sunday of Easter, April 21, 2024:
Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, I John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Heidi Johns
Assisting Minister:	Linda June Snyder
Organist:	John Benjamin
Sound:	Todd Schluter
Stream Team:	Landon Henderson, Alex Wasser
Ushers:	Lon & Therese Molnar
Communion Servers:	Felicity Glass, Kathy Hibbs, Kim Knechtly, RoseAnn Venis, Kathleen Wilson

Parish Notes

Birth: The white rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Charlotte Sue Dillhoff, child of Rob & Sophia Dillhoff.

Recently hospitalized: Pat McGeehan.

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

Pantry immediate need: clean, gently used blankets, throws, and towels.

Children's Sunday School at Far Hills: April 14, May 5

Children ages 3 through 5th 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, thru April 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, TODAY, 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. Walk-ins welcome.

Apple Tree Estate Planning Workshops

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

Far Hills Conference Room

Open to YOU, your family, and friends! Have you put off thinking about your will and finances? Get help answering your estate planning questions and with the planning process. Sign up on our website under Events.

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

7 AM Zoom or 10 AM Far Hills Conference Room

Find details and register on our website under Gather > Bible Studies.

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

First Communion will be received on April 28 at any worship service. Details and register online under Events.

The next monthly **Church Council** meeting is Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m. at the Far Hills Campus. All church members are welcome to attend.

Summer Musical Auditions: *Into the Woods*, April 26 & 27, Callbacks April 29

Everyone first-grade and up is welcome! Get the audition packet and sign up on our website 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).

**Vacation Bible School, Children Ages Three through Fifth Grade
Monday, June 10 – Thursday, June 13, 6:30-8:30 PM, Far Hills Campus**

Register online under Events by May 13! Adult and youth helpers needed to be on a decorating team, guide small groups, lead activities, and help with snacks. Sign up online under Give/Serve > Help with VBS.

Today we give thanks for the ministry of **Operation Prom Dress** and the difference it made in so many lives. We bless Tinkerbell's Closet which takes up this ministry this spring. For details on how to support Tinkerbell's Closet, go to www.germantownchurch.com/grow/youth/tinkerbells/.

Nominating Committee: Consider running for one of our open committee positions: At-Large member of council, President-Elect, Apple Tree Society and Nominating Committee. Contact Anthony Brown (awbrown2056@gmail.com) to learn more.

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!

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

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. 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.



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10:30 AM Traditional Worship

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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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