

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024, 10:30 AM

Far Hills Campus Traditional Worship (Livestreamed)

Gather

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *PREDOMINANT PRAISE (Ron Mallory)*

Jubilate Bells, Jill Byers, director

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....

Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river...now and forever.

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!



1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: SONG OF PRAISE, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 98

A: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,

C: the Lord’s right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

A: O Lord, you have made known your victory,

C: you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

A: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

C: all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

A: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;

C: lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

A: Sing to the Lord with the harp and the voice of song.

C: Shout with joy before the king, the Lord.

A: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

C: Let the rivers clap their hands,

A: let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

C: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

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

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.
 All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

- P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.
- A: The following people have come to our congregation and desire to join with us in our mission to love Jesus by serving others.

Betty & Jeff Fox

Carol & Gregg Gorsuch

David & Karen Rohlfing

Kate Walch

Brock Fulgenhauer

Bonnie & Brian Peltomaa

Barbara Schildman

Robyn Zimmann

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.**

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We welcome you in living out the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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: *WITH A JUBILANT HEART (Jason Krug)*

Jubilate Bells



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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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.

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'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC: KYRIE (Cathy Moglebust)

Jubilate Bells

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED

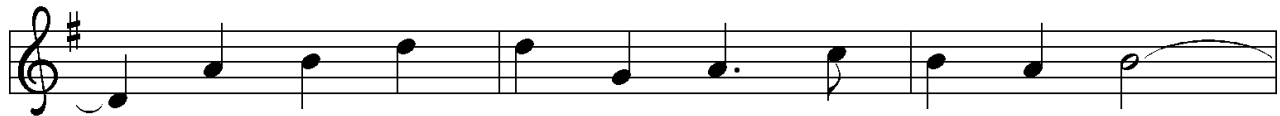
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1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
Text © John B. Geyer.

SENDING

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 7th Sunday of Easter, May 12, 2024:
Acts 1:15-17,21-26, Psalm 1, I John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Sandy Houpt
Organist:	John Benjamin
Sound:	Ted Meyer
Stream Team:	Anthony Brown
Ushers:	Lon & Therese Molnar
Communion Servers:	Bob Ellefson, Noel Greiman, Debbie Hauberg, Mary Moenter, RoseAnn Venis

Parish Notes

Baptism: This Sunday we celebrate the baptism of Rose Speaker, child of Jenny & Stephen Speaker, at Austin Campus traditional worship.

Congratulations to Beverly & Terry Cole on the marriage of their daughter, Erin Cole, on April 20.

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

Pantry immediate need: Girls' spring and summer clothes, sizes 10 and 12.

Children's Sunday School at Far Hills: May 5, LAST CLASS

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.

Far Hills Campus Outdoor Chapel and Memorial Garden Clean-Up

Mulching – Saturdays, May 11 & 18, 8:30 AM – Noon

Contact Kathleen Wilson (KathleenDWilson@earthlink.net, 937-238-2265).

Community Blood Drive, Saturday, May 11, 8 AM-12 Noon, Far Hills Celebration Center

To schedule an appointment, go to www.donortime.com and enter Code 46. Drop off cookies in the Far Hills Kitchen by Friday, May 10.

Geranium Order Deadline May 13

Pentecost geraniums can be ordered online or through paper order forms in the worship space. Geraniums will be displayed during worship on Pentecost Sunday and stay at campuses to be planted on May 19.

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.

Far Hills 9 a.m. Praise Worship will move to the Outdoor Chapel for the season on May 26, weather permitting.

Set Up Crew Is Hiring!

Paid or volunteer help needed with Far Hills praise setup, coffee, and more. Rotating schedule from Memorial Day weekend through late September. Adults and youth 16 and older, contact Kathy Whited (kwhited@epiphanydayton.org) for details.

Epiphany Lutheran Preschool is hiring for the 2024-2025 school year! Please send resumes to Heather Phillips, ELP Director, at hphillips@epiphanydayton.org or call 937-433-8715 for more info.

The next monthly **Church Council** meeting is Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m. at the Far Hills Campus. All church members are welcome to attend.

As Operation Prom Dress is now a retired ministry, we encourage donations of prom dresses to **Tinkerbell's Closet**, hosted by Germantown Methodist Church. Find details and drop-off locations at www.germantownchurch.com/grow/youth/tinkerbells/.

Help us meet our Resurrection Project goal of raising \$20,000 to support 10 families through the **Haitian Timoun Foundation's** Chemen Lavi Miyó program. Give on our website under Give/Serve > HTF/CLM Sponsorship.

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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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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