

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

We Love Jesus by Serving Others
Ascension of Our Lord
May 12, 2024, 10:30 AM
Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

Gather

GATHERING SONG: *HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: *STORYBOOK PROJECT*

Billy Heaning

BLESSING FOR MOTHERS

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!

SONG OF PRAISE: *LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our 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 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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: *GREAT THINGS*

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: *GRAVES INTO GARDENS*

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: *IN CHRIST ALONE*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

S e n d

BLESSING FOR GRADUATES

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *MY LIGHTHOUSE*

SENDING

L: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture readings for Pentecost, May 19, 2024:
Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-35, Romans 8:22-39, John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Mike Wipperman
Song Leader:	Erin Haligowski
A/V:	Ted Meyer, Billy Heaning
Stream Team:	Landon Henderson, Ryan Pearson
Ushers:	Bob & Kris Mangan
Communion Servers:	Brad, Emily, Kaitlyn & Molly Manning
Acolyte:	Troy Wipperman

Parish Notes

Altar flowers in the Far Hills sanctuary are from Teresa Accuntius in memory of her parents, Amos and Ruth Ashe. Altar flowers on May 5 were from Christine & Gary Barker. Apologies for the omission.

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

Pantry immediate need: Toddler and kids' jackets, and men's shorts sizes small and medium.

Today we observe a Ministry Moment for the **Storybook Project** prison ministry. To support this ministry financially, place cash or checks marked for the Storybook Project in the offering plate today or give online on our website under the Give/Serve tab.

Far Hills Campus Outdoor Chapel Mulching, Saturdays, May 11 & 18, 8:30 AM – Noon
Contact Kathleen Wilson (KathleenDWilson@earthlink.net, 937-238-2265).

Geranium Order Deadline TOMORROW, 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 TOMORROW, 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 **Tinkerbelle's Closet**, hosted by Germantown Methodist Church. Find details and drop-off locations at www.germantownchurch.com/grow/youth/tinkerbells/.

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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