

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*We Love Jesus by Serving Others*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 9, 2024, 10:30 AM**  
Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

## Gather

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**GATHERING SONG:** *YOUR LOVE AWAKENS ME*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COUNCIL UPDATE:** *ANNUAL MEETING*

**BLESSING**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*(silence for reflection)*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**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!*

**SONG OF PRAISE:** *AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)*

**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

### Word

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#### WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

##### FIRST READING: GENESIS 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

##### SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13-5:1

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

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

**GOSPEL READING: MARK 3:20-35**

*[Jesus went home;]<sup>20</sup> and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat.<sup>21</sup> When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”<sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”<sup>23</sup> And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?<sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.<sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.<sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.<sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.*

*<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;<sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”<sup>30</sup> for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”*

*<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.<sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.”<sup>33</sup> And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”<sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!<sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”*

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**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.**

**SONG OF THE DAY: DEATH WAS ARRESTED**

**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:** *THANK GOD, I DO*

*Michele Borns, Hannah Hendrickson*

### 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:** *COME AS YOU ARE*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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### BENEDICTION

**CLOSING SONG:** *RESCUER*

### SENDING

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture readings for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 16, 2024: Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-15, 2 Corinthians 5:6-17, Mark 4:26-34
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## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Mike Wipperman
Praise Team:	Doug Day, Sara & Olivia Donaghue, Ned Greene, Carlin Heimann, Emily Hendrickson, Thom Reitz, Scott Watamaniuk
A/V:	Roland Hogendoorn, Sienna Pearson
Stream Team:	Landon Henderson, Ryan Pearson
Ushers:	Bob & Kris Mangan
Communion Servers:	Grace Bosh, Marti Ernst-Bosh, Lindsay & Troy Wipperman
Acolyte:	Reid Pearson

## Parish Notes

**The eternal flame** in the Far Hills sanctuary is lit this month by Tom Wolf in memory of Susan Wolf.

**Recently hospitalized:** Sue Ellefson, Carol Kelly.

**Receiving hospice care:** Brian Peltomaa.

**Pantry immediate need:** Girl' shorts, sizes 12 & 14; Men's summer clothes, 1X and up; Women's shorts, 1X and up.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will take place on Sunday, June 23, at noon in the Far Hills Sanctuary. All Epiphany members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### ***Into the Woods* Tickets On Sale Starting June 13!**

There is only ONE WEEK of summer musical performances – Wednesday, July 10, through Sunday, July 14. Click on Events on our website for times and to purchase tickets online, or buy in person on Sunday, June 23.

Become a **Patron of the Arts** in support of our summer musical by making a financial contribution! As an added perk, you'll get early access to purchase tickets online. Learn more about it on our website.

The **Summer Choir** annual blitz rehearsal is this Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. We'll rehearse all three anthems which will be sung this summer on three Sundays – June 16, July 7, and August 4. Everyone aged middle school and up is welcome. Even if you are only going to be in town for one of the dates, go ahead and attend the rehearsal! Contact John Benjamin ([jbenjamin1@udayton.edu](mailto:jbenjamin1@udayton.edu)) for more info.

**Favorite Hymn Sunday** is June 30 in the traditional services at both campuses. You have until June 23 to submit up to 5 of your favorite hymns in the box in the Far Hills Gathering Space or the Austin lobby. Or you may email them directly to John Benjamin ([jbenjamin1@udayton.edu](mailto:jbenjamin1@udayton.edu)).

Help with our strategic plan by joining a theme team! Choose from: Communication, Faith Formation, Membership Growth, Outreach, Ministry Context, and Financial Viability. Indicate your first and second choices by scanning the QR code.



The next monthly **Church Council** meeting is WEDNESDAY, June 26, 7 p.m. in the Far Hills Conference Room. All church members are welcome to attend.

**Epiphany Lutheran Preschool** is hiring for the 2024-2025 school year! Send resumes to Heather Phillips, ELP Director, at [hphillips@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:hphillips@epiphanydayton.org) or call 937-433-8715 for more info.

Parish Notes and other communications requests may be submitted to Sarah Richter, Communications Coordinator ([srichter@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:srichter@epiphanydayton.org)).

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## Far Hills Campus

6430 Far Hills Ave.  
Dayton, OH 45459  
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9:00 AM Praise Worship  
(Outdoor Chapel)  
10:30 AM Traditional Worship

## Austin Campus

10551 Sheehan Rd.  
Dayton, OH 45458  
(937) 886-9885

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!



## 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).



*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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