

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*We Love Jesus by Serving Others*  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 7, 2024, 10:30 AM**  
Austin Campus Praise Worship (Livestreamed)

## Gather

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**GATHERING SONG:** *HERE I AM TO WORSHIP*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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:** *BLESSED BE YOUR NAME*

### 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: EZEKIEL 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-13

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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: *BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE*

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

## Meal

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### OFFERING: *FIRM FOUNDATION (HE WON'T)*

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

### 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: OCEANS

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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### BENEDICTION

### CLOSING SONG: GREATER

### SENDING

**L:** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

Scripture readings for the 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 14, 2024: Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85:8-13, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29
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### Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Assisting Minister:	Billy Heaning
Praise Team:	Erin Haligowski, Mayci Minnich, Paige & Sienna Pearson
A/V:	Roland Hogendoorn, Dick Lane
Stream Team:	Anthony Brown, Ryan Pearson
Usher:	Todd Schluter
Communion Servers:	Diana & Reid Pearson, Annie & Stephanie Wierwille
Acolyte:	Reid Pearson

## Parish Notes

**Altar flowers** in the Far Hills Sanctuary are from Jennifer Henderson in memory of her father, Joe Gorman, for his birthday, and in the Austin Sanctuary are from Julie Thomas and family in honor of Dianne & Randy Thomas' wedding anniversary.

**Receiving hospice care:** Brian Peltomaa.

**Sympathy to** David Montgomery and family on the death of his father, James Montgomery, and to Carlin & Natalie Heimann on the death of Carlin's mother, Delphine Mueller.

**Pantry immediate need:** Men's shorts and pants, size 34.

We welcome Epiphany member Pastor Tracy Paschke-Johannes as part-time **Visitation Pastor** from now through October 31. She joins Pastor Julie in caring for Epiphany's homebound and hospitalized members and will work 10 hours a week. Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Tracy at [tpaschke-johannes@epiphanydayton.org](mailto:tpaschke-johannes@epiphanydayton.org).

### ***Into the Woods Tickets On Sale Now***

Performances begin THIS WEEK – Wednesday, July 10, through Sunday, July 14. \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors, students, and military. Click on Events on our website for times and to purchase tickets online. For assistance, call 937-433-1449 x103.

Join a **Summer Small Group** experience facilitated by Pastor Julie on three Thursday nights, July 11, July 25, & August 8, at Austin Campus from 6:30-7:30 p.m. or online from 8-9 p.m. Bishop Jim Hazelwood's book of short reflections, "Everyday Spirituality: Discover a Life of Hope, Peace and Meaning" will be referenced but is not required reading. Sign up online under the Gather tab.

The whole congregation is invited to send off our youth and adult leaders as they board the bus to **2024 ELCA Youth Gathering** in New Orleans on Sunday, July 14. We commission the group at Far Hills 9 a.m. worship. Join us for a prayer in the parking lot around 10:15 a.m. Follow their journey on their trip blog on our website, and be sure to follow @ELCYouthDayton on Instagram.

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



*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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