

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Loving Jesus by Serving Others*

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 15, 2024**

**Traditional Worship**

Austin Campus 9:00 AM, Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*(silence for reflection)*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,**

**and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

### SHARING THE PEACE

P: We have been forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Savior.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to each other and share the peace of the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -  
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and  
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and  
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and  
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the  
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it  
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of  
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate  
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -  
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y  
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic  
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and  
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:  
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:  
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:  
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:  
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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## 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: ISAIAH 50:4-9

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<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: JAMES 3:1-12

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<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue— a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

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

**GOSPEL READING: MARK 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

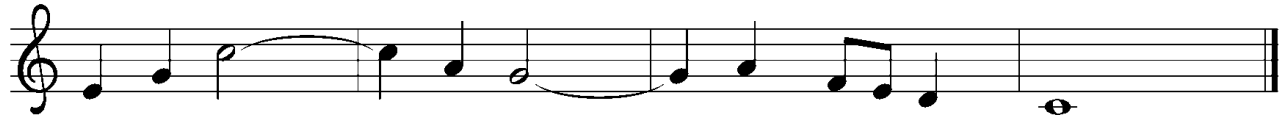
P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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## INSTALLATION OF CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

(when directed...)

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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**OFFERING: LIFT UP THE LORD**

*Epiphany Chorale*

*Lift up the Lord, all people now exalt him. Lift up the Lord, his glory proclaim.  
Lift up the Lord, come worship and adore him. Lift up the Lord and exalt his name!*

*Lift up the Lord, all people now exalt him. Lift up the Lord, his glory proclaim.  
Lift up the Lord, come worship and adore him. Lift up the Lord and exalt his name!*

*Lift up the Lord with songs of thanksgiving. Lift up the Lord in all that you do.  
Lift up the Lord, rejoice in your living. Lift up the Lord, be faithful and true.*

*Raise every voice! Sing and rejoice! Lift high the glory and the power of the Lord!*

*Lift up the Lord, all people now exalt him. Lift up the Lord, his glory proclaim.  
Lift up the Lord, come worship and adore him. Lift up the Lord and exalt his name!*

*Lift up the Lord and exalt his name! Lift up the Lord! Lift up the Lord!*

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "The trum-pets sound, the an - gels sing the feast is read - dy to be-gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide, and Je - sus wel-comes you in - side. Sing with thank-ful - ness songs of pure de-light. Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light. Take your place at the ta - ble of the King. The feast is read - y to be-gin the feast is read - y to be-gin." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket).

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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...join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, 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.*

*Christ welcomes you to the meal of grace! All who desire to receive Christ's nourishment and grace may join us at the Lord's Table. (9:00) Please come to the table by the center aisle and return to your seat by the front or side aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the bread in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. (10:30) Please come to the table by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by the center or a front aisle. Communion is by intinction; dip the wafer in the red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available at the front of the center aisle.*

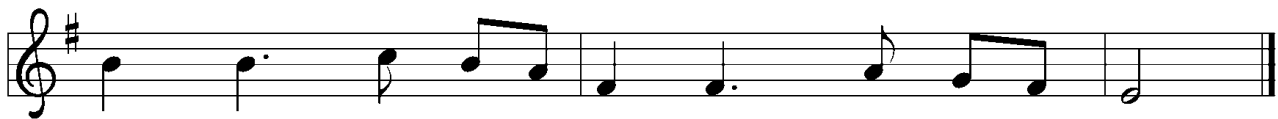




1 O God in heav - en, grant to your chil - dren mer - cy and  
 2 Je - sus, re - deem - er, help us re - mem - ber your pain and  
 3 Spir - it un - end - ing, give us your bless - ing: strength for the



bless - ing, songs nev - er ceas - ing, grace to in - vite us, peace to u -  
 pas - sion, your res - ur - rec - tion, your call to fol - low, your love to -  
 wea - ry, help for the need - y, hope for the scorn - ful, peace for the



nite us— O God in heav - en, au - thor of love.  
 mor - row— Je - sus, re - deem - er, sav - ior, and friend.  
 mourn - ful— Spir - it un - end - ing, com - fort and guide.

Text: Daniel T. Niles, 1908–1970, alt.

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**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

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**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN: LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS**

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1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

**SENDING**

**A:** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

Scripture readings for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 22, 2024:  
Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54, James 3:13-4:8, Mark 9:30-37

## Serving in Worship

### Austin Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Drew Tucker, Executive Director  
HopeWood Outdoors  
(ELCA Lutheran Outdoor Ministries in Ohio)

Pianist: John Benjamin

### Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer

Assisting Minister: Ben York

Organist: John Benjamin

Pianist: Joyce Zimmann

A/V: Ben Richter, Melonie June Warren

Stream Team: Anthony Brown, Drew Simon

Ushers: Gregg Gorsuch, Steve Knapp

Communion Servers: Debbie & Paul Gresham, Kim Knechtly, Kathleen Wilson