

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 10, 2024
Traditional Worship
Austin Campus 9:00 AM, Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM

Gather

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT: *GENEROSITY APPEAL*

Ed Wasser (A), Robyn Zimmann (FH)

BLESSING FOR VETERANS

PRELUDE: *BLESSED ASSURANCE (arr. Karen Roth)*

Jubilate Bells, Jill Byers, director

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

(silence for reflection)

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

P: These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once for all on the cross, swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
 3 In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to day



to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
 to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a long life's way.



so we to-day first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
 O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,



of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
 teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

Text: Frank von Christerson, 1900–1996, alt.
 Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune
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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

WELCOMING THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 17:8-16

⁸ The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9:24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: NFC



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P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 12:38-44

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - ings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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.**

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M e a l

OFFERING: *SOMETIMES A LIGHT SURPRISES* (Craig Courtney)

Epiphany Chorale

The musical score consists of six staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 7/8 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is primarily eighth and quarter notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes). The lyrics are: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our". The third staff has lyrics: "lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,". The fourth staff has lyrics: "all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you." The fifth staff has lyrics: "We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:". The sixth staff concludes with lyrics: "we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing." and ends with a double bar line.

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957
Music: Dwight Liles
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OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: NFC

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And also with

Presider: *Congregation:*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is our duty and delight...join their unending hymn:

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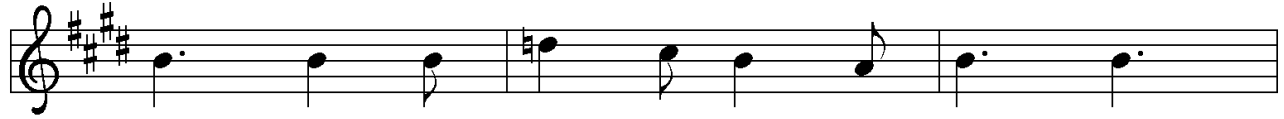
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. 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.

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 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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 Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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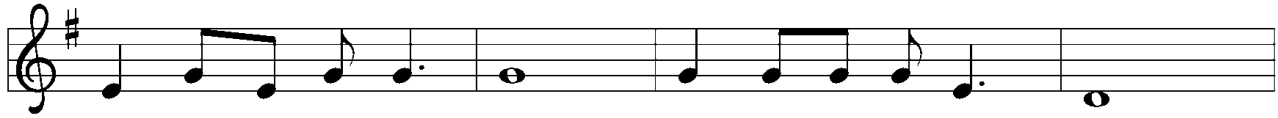
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BENEDICTION



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

SENDING

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture readings for the 26th Sunday after Pentecost, November 17, 2024:
 Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-25, Mark 13:1-8

Serving in Worship

Austin Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Julie Reuning-Scherer
Pianist: John Benjamin

Far Hills Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Heidi Johns
Assisting Minister: Judith Clark
Organist: John Benjamin
Sound: Alex Wasser
Ushers: Adam & Todd Armstrong
Communion: Wendy Beavers, Debbie & Jon Hauberg, Mary Moenter