

# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Baptism of Our Lord, January 12, 2025

Praise Worship

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

## Gather

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**GATHERING SONG:** *BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

**P:** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.  
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C:** **I renounce them.**

**P:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**C:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C:** **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.**

**P:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C:** **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.**

AFFIRMATION

**P:** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**C:** **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

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

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE:** *REST ON US*

### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Word made flesh,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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### **WELCOMING THE CHILDREN**

#### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> *But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;*

*I have called you by name, you are mine.*

<sup>2</sup> *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;*

*and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;*

*when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.*

<sup>3</sup> *For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

*I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.*

<sup>4</sup> *Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,*

*I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.*

<sup>5</sup> *Do not fear, for I am with you;*

*I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;*

<sup>6</sup> *I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—*

*<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING: PSALM 29**

A: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods;

**C: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

A: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;

**C: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

A: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

**C: the God of glory thunders.**

A: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;

**C: the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

A: The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: In the temple of the Lord, all are crying, "Glory!"**

A: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;

**C: the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

A: O Lord, give strength to your people;

**C: give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.**

**SECOND READING: ACTS 8:14-17**

*<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

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 3:15-17,21-22**

*<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."*

*<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY: LIGHT THE FIRE**

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

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

## Meal

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**OFFERING:** *LIVING WATER*

## 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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;

in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;

and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## 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 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. (10:30) 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.

**COMMUNION SONG:** *HOLY SPIRIT*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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## BENEDICTION

**CLOSING SONG:** *COUNTING EVERY BLESSING*

## SENDING

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Serving in Worship

#### Far Hills Campus 9:00 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Karl Biermann  
Assisting Minister: Mark Chilson  
Praise Team: Michele Borns, Craig Hoerig, Dick Lane,  
Mary Miller, Bill Norman, Thom Reitz,  
Allison Wade, Scott Watamaniuk  
Sound: Roland Hogendoorn  
Ushers: Beth Fischer, Tom Gariety  
Communion: Erich Biermann, Lou & Sandy Czewski, Mary Downs

#### Austin Campus 10:30 AM

Presiding Minister: Pastor Heidi Johns  
Assisting Minister: Jane Lane  
Praise Team: Michele Borns, Craig Hoerig, Dick Lane, Mary Miller,  
Bill Norman, Thom Reitz, Allison Wade, Scott Watamaniuk  
A/V: Roland Hogendoorn, Owen Smith  
Stream Team: Scott Haligowski, Ryan Pearson  
Ushers: Bob & Kris Mangan  
Communion: Sharon Culham, Ben, Erin & Sam Haligowski

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