

Thanksgiving Eve Worship



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*In Everything Give Thanks...Even When,
Especially When, Its's Not Easy To Do!*

THE SPIRIT GATHERS

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP...Count Your Blessings!

OPENING SONG OF GRATITUDE *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

THE SPIRIT TEACHES

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING...PSALM 136 (THE MESSAGE)

Pastor: Thank God! He deserves your thanks.

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Thank the God of all gods,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Thank the Lord of all lords.

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Thank the miracle-working God,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: The God whose skill formed the cosmos,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: The God who laid out earth on ocean foundations,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: The God who filled the skies with light,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: The sun to watch over the day,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Moon and stars as guardians of the night,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: And rescued Israel from Egypt's oppression,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Took Israel in hand with his powerful hand,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Split the Red Sea right in half,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Led Israel right through the middle,

All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Dumped Pharaoh and his army in the sea,
All: His love never quits.

Pastor: The God who marched his people through the desert,
All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Smashed huge kingdoms right and left,
All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Struck down the famous kings,
All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Handed the land over to Israel.
All: His love never quits.

Pastor: God remembered us when we were down,
All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Rescued us from the trampling boot,
All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Takes care of everyone in time of need.
All: His love never quits.

Pastor: Thank God, who did it all!
All: His love never quits!

REFLECTION

God's Love Never Quits Pr. Tom Grevlos

SONG OF RESPONSE #733

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father;
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;

All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above

join with all nature
in manifold witness
to thy great
faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
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Morning by morning
New mercies I see;

All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

THE SPIRIT TEACHES

THANK YOU GOD...1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (NRSV) Pr. Tom Grevlos

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

REFLECTION *Real Gratitude...When it's Hard to Say Thanks* Pr. Tom Grevlos

SONG OF RESPONSE #881

Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

THE SPIRIT STRENGTHENS

THANKSGIVING PRAYERS Led by: Carole Morgan

PRAYER SONG

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
when I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer:
come and listen to me.

(2X)

SHARING OF THE PEACE (VIRTUAL GREETING)

THANK OFFERING

To give, go to shephills.org and click on Give Here or
By mail, send to 3525 Bee Cave Rd, Austin, TX 78746
Take a picture of QR Code with your camera phone to Give now



GENEROSITY IMPACT...

MEALS ON WHEELS AND GUATEMALA RELIEF

Our special Thank Offering will be shared by Meals-on-Wheel ministry and our Guatemala ministry. Since the pandemic over 570,000 meals through Meals-on-Wheels have been served to our most vulnerable homebound seniors in Central Texas. In Guatemala, our brothers and sisters in Christ in Aurora have had their crops wiped out by Hurricane Eta. Both need our help. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THANKS

SONG OF GRATITUDE BELLS

Give Thanks

THE SPIRIT TEACHES

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING...Psalm 30 Read by: Larry Morgan

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity,
"I shall never be moved."

By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:

"What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"

Prayer

COMMISSIONING

COMMISSIONING SONG #840 *Now Thank We All Our God*

- 1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

PRAYER OF SENDING

O Great Spirit,
Whose breath gives life to the world
And whose voice is heard in the soft breeze,
We need your strength and wisdom.

May we walk in Beauty. May our eyes
Ever behold the red and purple sunset.
Make us wise so that we may understand
What you have taught us.

Help us learn the lessons you have hidden
In every leaf and rock.
Make us always ready to come to you
With clean hands and straight eyes.

So when life fades, as the fading sunset,
Our spirits may come to you without shame.
From a Native American prayer

COMMISSIONING

Pastor: In good times and difficult times, in victories and defeats, in our joys and sorrows, may we be grateful to God for loving us into existence. We are here and for that we give thanks. Filled with gratitude let us go out to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God...and We Will!**

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Please pray for Dawn Paulson, Bob Moore, Julie Shank and Jeri Porter

Please pray for Linda Squires, sister of Laura Hills

Please pray for Tom and Sally Moore, parents of Dabney Gomes

Please pray for those who mourn the death of Kerry Dyer, cousin of Tiffany Stein

Please pray for friends of Shepherd members: Ellsworth and Mildred Tonn and Byron and Kay Bradfute

We pray for all those affected by the coronavirus and for all those in the medical field caring for the sick and the researchers developing a vaccine. We pray for a cure for the sake of our country and the world.

Please pray for Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia Luterana Augustina Virgen dec Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala; Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti, Mariposa Family Learning Center and Bread For All

Please pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

**Prayers for family members are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors

Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Director of Worship/Arts

Kevin McClure

Keyboard

Maria Lyapkova

Altar Flowers

Larry and Carole Morgan

AV

Bill Dawson

Scripture Reading/Prayers

Larry and Carole Morgan

Festival of Love

BY the NUMBERS @ Shepherd of the Hills “Festival of Love” on Saturday, Nov. 14th...

712... the amount of pounds of food received for our Bread-for-All Food Pantry

136... the number of ornaments taken off the Christmas share tree, giving a Christmas gift to a child in need

45... the number of God’s children who gathered to make quilts, paint, pull weeds, trim bushes, receive baby care kit material, pull ornaments, and everything else in between!

30+... the number of pledges/commitments received to begin our stewardship response

THANK YOU for being the Church!



Sundays in Advent

Jesus, In Person



November 29

In-person Sunday 8:15am

Sunday Live Stream at 10:45 am

(no Saturday service this week only)

December 5/6 + 12/13 + 19/20

In-person Saturday at 5:30 pm & Sunday at 8:15 am

Sunday Live Stream at 10:45 am

Beginning November 29, Worship begins with Children's Church, a short segment created for young and old alike!

Wednesdays in Advent

Holden Evening Prayer

December 2, 9 + 16

Live Stream at 7:15 pm

