

# Thanksgiving Eve Worship



**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**NOVEMBER 25, 2020 | 7:00 PM**

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

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**THE SPIRIT GATHERS**

**GATHERING MUSIC** Bell Choir

***Now Thank We All Our God***

***Arr. Jason Krug***

**OPENING PRAYER**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP...Psalm 118**

**OPENING SONG OF GRATITUDE #856 vs 1,3 & 4 *How Great Thou Art***

**THE SPIRIT TEACHES**

**PSALM OF THANKSGIVING...Psalm 136**

**REFLECTION**

***God's Love Never Quits***

**SONG OF RESPONSE #733 vs 1 & 2**

***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

**THE SPIRIT TEACHES**

**THANK YOU GOD...1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18**

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

**SONG OF RESPONSE #881**

***Let All Things Now Living***

**THE SPIRIT STRENGTHENS**

**THANKSGIVING PRAYERS** Led by: Carole Morgan

**PRAYER SONG** ***O Lord Hear My Prayer***

**SHARING OF THE PEACE (VIRTUAL GREETING)**

## **THANK OFFERING/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.

**\*SONG OF GRATITUDE** Bells *Give Thanks*

### **THE SPIRIT TEACHES**

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

**REFLECTION** *Deep Gratitude*

### **PRAYER**

### **THE SPIRIT SENDS**

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

**PRAYER OF SENDING** From a Native American prayer

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.

## **SLIDES 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!**

## **SLIDE/CAMERA POSTLUDE**

### **PRAYERS**

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

**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 Linda Squires, sister of Laura Hills

**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, for all those who have had family or friends die, 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!

## 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

