



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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A Blessing for the Way: Jesus Returns to The Father

Gather

Prelude

Hymn Medley

Welcome

***Opening Hymn**

“How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art”

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb (*Chorus*)

Verse 3

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art! (*Chorus*)

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Leader: We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

All: and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Leader: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**All: By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

Leader: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

All: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Leader: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit
and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power
of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

***Song of Reflection #814 "Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"**

Prayer of the Day

Word

Children's Message

The children may bring their offerings forward at this time for 'Side by Side Kids'. After the Children's Message, children may be taken to the preschool nursery or return to their families.

(Please sign and pass the attendance book at this time.)

*Scripture Reading...Acts 1:4-9 (The Voice)

Jesus: This is what you heard Me teach — that just as John ritually cleansed people with water through baptism, so you will be washed with the Holy Spirit very soon.

When they had gathered just outside Jerusalem at the Mount of Olives, they asked Jesus,

Disciples: Is now the time, Lord—the time when You will reestablish Your kingdom in our land of Israel?

Jesus: The Father, on His own authority, has determined the ages and epochs of history, but you have not been given this knowledge. Here's the knowledge you need: you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. And you will be My witnesses, first here in Jerusalem, then beyond to Judea and Samaria, and finally to the farthest places on earth.

As He finished this commission, He began to rise from the ground before their eyes until the clouds obscured Him from their vision.

*Please stand as you are able. 3

Song of Response #661(vs. 1) *“I Love to Tell the Story”

***Gospel Reading...Luke 24:44-53 (The Voice)**

Jesus: I’ve been telling you this all along, that everything written about Me in the Hebrew Scriptures must be fulfilled—everything from the law of Moses to the prophets to the psalms.

Then He opens their minds so they can comprehend the meaning of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Jesus: This is what the Scriptures said: that the promised Anointed One should suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, that in His name a radical change of thought and life should be preached, and that in His name the forgiveness of sins should be preached, beginning in Jerusalem and extending to all nations. You have witnessed the fulfillment of these things. So I am sending My Father’s promise to you. Stay in the city until you receive it—until power from heaven comes upon you.

Then He leads them out to Bethany. He lifts up His hands and blesses them, and at that moment, with His hands raised in blessing, He leaves them and is carried up into heaven. They worship Him, then they return to Jerusalem, filled with intense joy, and they return again and again to the temple to celebrate God.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Message *“A Blessing for the Way”* Pastor Felix Malpica

Song of Response #798 *“Will You Come and Follow Me”

***Apostles Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 Community**

***Sharing of the Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.

Offering

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Offering Music "Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain" Farlee

*Offering Response #583 (vs. 1,2) "Take My Life, That I May Be"

*Offering Prayer

Communion

*Great Thanksgiving

Benjamin Splichal Larson

Leader: All: Leader: All:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We

lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our_ God.

All:

It is right_ to give our thanks_ and praise_

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It features three staves of music. The first staff begins with a 3-measure rest, followed by a melodic line. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord_ our_ God.". The third staff concludes with lyrics: "It is right_ to give our thanks_ and praise_". There are dynamic markings like *mf* and *f* throughout the score.

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Leader: 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 God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. So, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

(Leader, conclusion) (to Sanctus)

We praise your name and join their un - end - ing - hymn:

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a single staff of music. The lyrics are: "We praise your name and join their un - end - ing - hymn:". The score ends with a double bar line.

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*Sanctus

1st Time: Pastor
2nd Time: Congregation

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*Words of Institution

*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;
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.

*Invitation to the Lord's Table

Communion Distribution

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to the Lord's Table. God is really present - in bread and wine - forgiving sins and promising new life. In the distribution, individual cups have been pre-filled with wine or white grape juice (in the center of the trays).

Communion Music #496 "One Bread, One Body"

Communion Blessing

Life in Community

*Please stand as you are able.

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song #579 *“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”*

*Sending

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord ...

All: Thanks be to God . . . And we will!

Postlude *“I Love to Tell the Story”*

Thank you for worshipping God today! Following the service, you are invited to remain for fellowship. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself to one of our pastors or church staff. Blessings!



Join Us May 24th to Support Our Youth Living Out Loud . . . Faithfully!

- ◆ High School Senior Recognition Sunday
- ◆ Commissioning of College Students traveling with the Haiti Mission Trip



Anniversary Sunday June 7th

- One Worship at 10:00 a.m.
- Senior High Eagle's Wings Choir and Hearts in Puppetry from Naperville, IL. (Pastor Tom's old stompin' grounds)
- Lunch Celebration following worship
- Children's activities
- Master Planning Input from the entire congregation... Looking Ahead!

Prayers

- ◆ For the people of Nepal, that they may find relief and comfort during these difficult times.
- ◆ Drew Paulson, Phil Wahlberg, Harold Hervig, Don Schrader, Carol Gerrow, Steve Larson and Isabelle Hubner on their health challenges.
- ◆ For our Confirmands: Lauren Freche, Chloe Harms, Caroline Johnson, Claire Larson, Ian McClure, Caroline Paulson, and Jacob Paulson.
- ◆ This Sunday marks the first anniversary when Pr. Felix and Jessica officially arrived at Shepherd of the Hills. We have been richly blessed to enjoy their partnership in ministry!
- ◆ College students as they take their final exams.
- ◆ For the Shepherd of the Hills community as we prepare for our Anniversary Sunday Celebration and Master Planning Community Input Initiative on Sunday, June 7th.
- ◆ Our faith community that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

***People on our Prayer Concerns list will be rotated every two weeks unless informed otherwise*

Sunday Morning Servants

Pastors	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Felix Malpica
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	Milt Nielsen (8:15), Sarah Demmel (10:45)
Instrumentalists	Lisa Boatman, Laura Hills, Thom McNeil, Jacob Thogmartin (10:45)
Ushers	Shelia Hilts (8:15), Connie Astrachan, Susannah Auby (10:45)
Altar Stewards	Ken and Elnora McDonald (8:15)
Communion Bread	Audrey Lunecki
Coffee Angels	Hal and Barb Hampton (8:15)
Offering Tellers	Connie Astrachan, Charlyn Bacon
Bulletin Team	Elnora McQuiston, Ethel Kunze, Marie Fortune, Kay Knutsen
Visual Artist	Nicolas Dertien
Guatemala Lutheran Church	Pr. Karen Castillo
Altar Flowers	In celebration of Pr. Felix and Jessica's first anniversary at Shepherd of the Hills