



**Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church**

8:15 a.m. Worship
June 28, 2015
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I AM THE GATE

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Prelude

"How Great Thou Art"

Hobby

Welcome

***Opening Hymn #533 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**

Verses 1, 2 and 5

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***Kyrie**

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace from above,
for our salvation, let us pray
to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the church of
God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Leader: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



* 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...Psalm 23 (Message)

Leader: God, my shepherd!
I don't need a thing.
You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.

**All: True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.**

Leader: Even when the way goes through
Death Valley,
I'm not afraid
when you walk at my side.

**All: Your trusty shepherd's crook
makes me feel secure.**

Leader: You serve me a six-course dinner
right in front of my enemies.
You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.

*Please stand as you are able. 3

All: **Your beauty and love chase after me**
 every day of my life.
 I'm back home in the house of GOD
 for the rest of my life.

***Alleluia Response**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel Reading...John 10:1-10 (NSRV)**

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

“I Am... The Gate”

Pastor Judith Spindt

***Message Song #798**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Please stand as you are able.

*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

Offering

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

Offertory

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

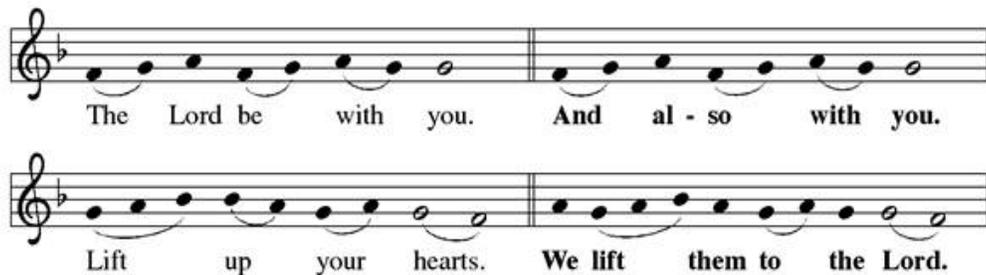
*Offering Prayer

*Offering Response #583 *"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

Verses 1 and 2

Communion

*Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Great Thanksgiving (continued)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs.

*Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, the second for the second line, the third for the third line, and the fourth for the fourth line. The melody is more complex than the first section, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes.

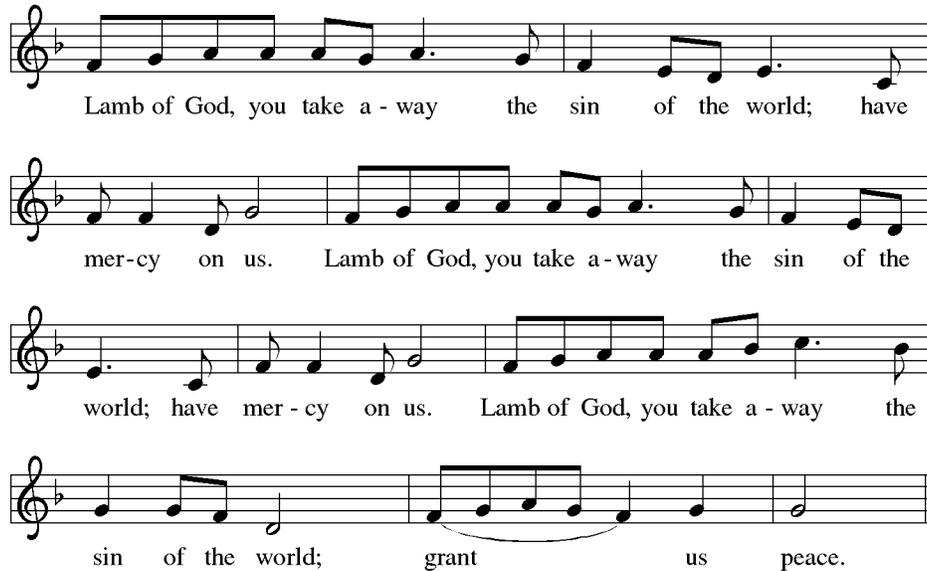
*Words of Institution

*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.

*Please stand as you are able.

*Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 #484 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
Verses solo, Refrain congregation

Life in Community

Sending

*Benediction

***Sending Song #856 "How Great Thou Art"**
Verses 1 and 4

*Sending

Leader: As you have opened the gate to experience the presence of God, may we ...

All: **Open the gate for others to experience God as we love and serve you.**
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Open Now the Gates of Beauty"

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!

Prayers

- ◆ For our 12 high school youth and 4 chaperones who will be attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit in July.
 - ◆ For the gift of new life, Ella and Claire, born on June 11th to Drew and Lauren Tate.
 - ◆ For Drew Paulson, Mary Louise McCarty, Joan Polak, Tommy Rieger, Harold Hervig, Don Schrader, Steve Larson, and Donna Herschleb on their health challenges.
 - ◆ For Jack Carlos, brother of Sandy Wikelius; Mike Casey, father-in-law of Danielle Moore Casey; David Russell, brother of Dee Jackson.
 - ◆ For our Master Planning, that Your plans for Shepherd of the Hills might be accomplished in Your name.
 - ◆ For 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
Guest Pastor	Pr. Judith Spindt
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	Fred Viehweg (8:15), Scott Kodak (10:45)
Vocal Soloist	Kurt Petersen (8:15)
Ushers	Jeri Porter, Kitt Richter (8:15), Connie Astrachan, Norma Smith (10:45)
Altar Stewards	Tom and Betty Lueders (8:15), Lil Scheede (10:45)
Communion Bread	Lil Scheede
Coffee Angels	Nancy Etzler (8:15)
Greeters	Linda Roesle (10:45)
Offering Counters	Connie Astrachan, Sharon Hamala
Bulletin Team	Elnora McQuiston, Barbara Hampton, Dee Jackson
Bulletin Cover Design	Nick Dertien
Guatemala Lutheran Church	Pr. Karen Castillo
Altar Flowers	Given by Tom and Betty Lueders, in celebration of their anniversary.

Welcome to Pastor Judith Spindt from the Southwest Texas Synod Office. Pastor Spindt is a graduate of the Seminario Evangelico de Puerto Rico and earned a Doctorate in Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She has served parishes in Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and California. She was called by the ELCA in 2001 to serve as Region 7 Coordinator. She served in New Jersey as Latino Ministry Coordinator, Mission Director and eventually Director for Evangelical Mission. Pastor Spindt came to SWT Synod in 2013 to the position of Director for Evangelical Mission.