



**Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church**

10:45 a.m. Worship
June 28, 2015
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I AM THE GATE

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Gather

Gathering Music

"Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me, To be a sanctuary
Pure and Holy, Tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

Camp Songs

"Light of the World"

- V1** You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world.
V2 You are a candle in the dark
V3 You are a city on a hill ...
V4 You are a star in the night ...

"Prince of Peace"

You are holy (echo) You are mighty (echo)
You are worthy (echo) Worthy of praise (echo)
I will follow (echo) I will listen (echo)
I will love you (echo) All of my days (echo)

Group 1:

I will sing to and worship
The king who is worthy
I will love Him, adore Him
I will bow down before Him
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Group 2:

You are lord of lords, you are king of kings
You are mighty God, lord of everything
You're Emmanuel, you're the great I Am
You're the prince of peace who is the lamb
You're the living God, you're my saving grace
You will reign forever, you are ancient of days
You are alpha, omega, beginning, and end
You're my savior, messiah, redeemer, and friend

TOGETHER: You are my prince of peace, and I will live my life for you

Welcome

***Opening Hymn #533 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"**
Verses 1, 2 and 5

***Call to Worship 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.

**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.**

Baptismal YES!

Invitation to Affirm God's Baptismal Promise

Song

I'm trading my sorrows,
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
for the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness,
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
for the Joy of the Lord

"Trading My Sorrows"

We say,
"Yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord"
"Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord"
"Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Amen!"

I am pressed but not crushed
persecuted not abandoned

Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse,
for his promise will endure
And his joy's gonna be my
strength

Though the sorrow must
last through the night,
His Joy comes with the morning

Prayer of the Day

Experiencing God in Haiti

*Please stand as you are able.

Word

Children's Message (Based on Psalm 150)

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.)

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

"Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he's up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won't follow a stranger's voice but will scatter because they aren't used to the sound of it."

Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about. So he tried again. "I'll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good—sheep stealers, every one of them. But the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

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"

***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

***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.

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

Communion Blessing

Life in Community

*Please stand as you are able.

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; David Russell, brother of Dee Jackson; Mike Casey, father-in-law of Danielle Moore Casey.
- ◆ 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.*

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.

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)
Ushers	Jeri Porter, Kitt Richter (8:15), Connie Astrachan, Norma Smith (10:45)
Instrumentalist	Thom McNeil
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.



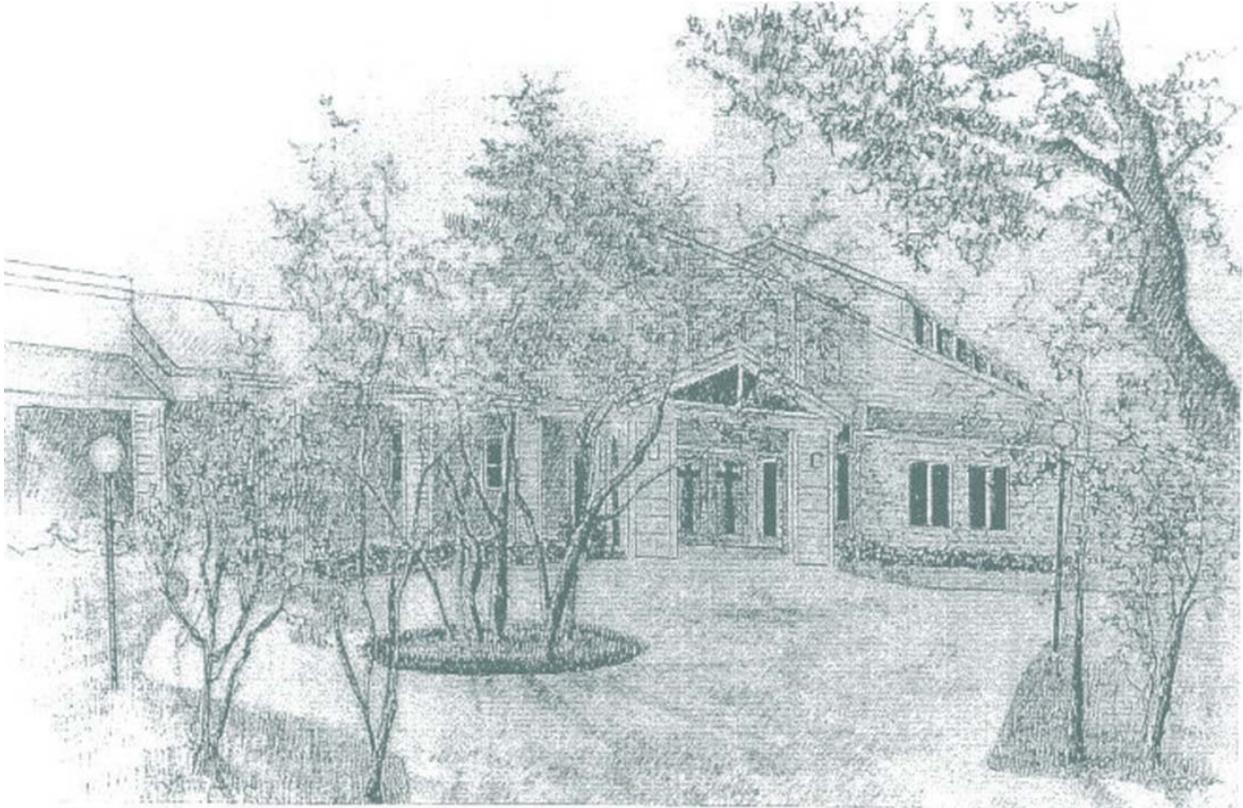


**Have a Happy and
Safe 4th of July!**

**Church Office will
be closed Friday,
July 3rd!**



Holden Evening Prayer
Wednesdays
July 1st, July 22nd, August 19th
Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.



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