



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

**10:45 a.m. Worship
August 16, 2015**

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GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES?

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Gather

Prelude

"Prelude in E Minor"

Bach

Welcome

*Opening Hymn

#723

"Canticle of the Turning"

***Time of Honesty - Psalm 10 (The Voice)**

Why, O Eternal One, are You so far away?

Why can't You be found during troubling times?

Mean and haughty people hunt down the poor.

May they get caught up in their own wicked schemes.

For the wicked celebrates the evil cravings of his heart
as the greedy curses and rejects the Eternal.

The arrogance of the wicked one keeps him from seeking the True God.
He truly thinks, "There is no God."

His ways seem always to be successful;

Your judgments, too, seem far beyond him, out of his reach.

He looks down on all his enemies.

In his heart he has decided, "Nothing will faze me.

From generation to generation I will not face trouble."

His mouth is full of curses, lies, and oppression.

Beneath his tongue lie trouble and wickedness.

He hides in the shadows of the villages,

waiting to ambush and kill the innocent in dark corners.

He eyes the weak and the poor.

*Please stand as you are able. 2

Ominously, like a lion in its lair,
he lurks in secret to waylay those who are downtrodden.
When he catches them, he draws them in and drags them off with his net.

Quietly crouching, lying low,
ready to overwhelm the next by his strength,
The wicked thinks in his heart, "God has forgotten us!
He has covered His face and will never notice!"

Arise, O Eternal, my True God. Lift up Your hand.
Do not forget the downtrodden.
Why does the wicked revile the True God?
He has decided, "He will not hold me responsible."

But wait! You have seen,
and You will consider the trouble and grief he caused.
You will impose consequences for his actions.
The helpless, the orphans, commit themselves to You,
and You have been their Helper.

Break the arm of the one guilty of doing evil;
investigate all his wicked acts;
hold him responsible for every last one of them.
The Eternal will reign as King forever.
The other nations will be swept off His land.

O Eternal One, You have heard the longings of the poor and lowly.
You will strengthen them; You who are of heaven will hear them,
Vindicating the orphan and the oppressed
so that men who are of the earth will terrify them no more.

Song of Reflection #591 *"That Priceless Grace"*
(Invitation to the Baptismal Font)

Prayer of the Day

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 121 (NRSV)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

***Song of Response #518 (vs. 1) “We Eat the Bread of Teaching”**

Scripture Reading...Psalm 49 (The Message)

Leader: Listen, everyone, listen— earth-dwellers, don’t miss this.
All you haves and have-nots, All together now: listen.

**All: I set plainspoken wisdom before you, my heart-seasoned understandings of life.
I fine-tuned my ear to the sayings of the wise, I solve life’s riddle with the help
of a harp.**

Leader: So why should I fear in bad times, hemmed in by enemy malice,
Shoved around by bullies, demeaned by the arrogant rich?

**All: Really! There’s no such thing as self-rescue, pulling yourself up by your bootstraps.
The cost of rescue is beyond our means, and even then it doesn’t guarantee
Life forever, or insurance against the Black Hole.**

Leader: Anyone can see that the brightest and best die, wiped out right along with fools and dunces.
They leave all their prowess behind, move into their new home, The Coffin,
The cemetery their permanent address. And to think they named counties after themselves!

All: We aren't immortal. We don't last long. Like our dogs, we age and weaken. And die.

Leader: This is what happens to those who live for the moment, who only look out for themselves:
Death herds them like sheep straight to hell; they disappear down the gullet of the grave;
They waste away to nothing— nothing left but a marker in a cemetery.
But me? God snatches me from the clutch of death, he reaches down and grabs me.

All: So don't be impressed with those who get rich and pile up fame and fortune. They can't take it with them; fame and fortune all get left behind. Just when they think they've arrived and folks praise them because they've made good, They enter the family burial plot where they'll never see sunshine again.

Leader: We aren't immortal. We don't last long. Like our dogs, we age and weaken. And die.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

"God Helps Those Who Help Themselves?"

Pastor Felix Malpica

Song of Response #728 *"Blest Are They"

***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

"I Must Tell Jesus"

Shackley

***Offering Response**

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the holy one
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his son
(x2)

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done, for us
(x2)
Give Thanks

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.

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

"Pastorale"

Milhaud

Communion Blessing

*Please stand as you are able. 6

Life in Community

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song #538 *"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"*

*Sending

Leader: Go in Peace, Serve the Poor.

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

Postlude

"Fugue in C Major"

Bach

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 Drew Wikelius, Mary Louise McCarty, Don Schrader, Steve Larson, Robert Jones, Yvonne Bangasser, Dale Mann, Nancy Flint and Donna Herschleb on their health challenges.
- ◆ For all our college students returning to college in the days and weeks ahead.
- ◆ For Jeremy Dertien and Audrey Lindeman on their marriage on August 14
- ◆ For the people of Colorado and community of Durango as they deal with the ecological crisis of the Animas River
- ◆ 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
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Etzler (8:15), Nancy Clark (10:45)
Instrumentalists	Josh Norem, Jacob Thogmartin (8:15) Laura Hills, Dee Dee Eastwood, Jacob Thogmartin (10:45)
Ushers	Milt and Sandy Nielsen (8:15), Joe Spann, Connie Astrachan (10:45)
Altar Stewards	Ken and Elnora McQuiston (8:15), Linda Roesle (10:45)
Communion Bread	Laura Hills
Coffee Angels	Tom and Betty Lueders (8:15)
Greeters	Kitt Ritcher (8:15)
Offering Counters	Connie Astrachan, Sharon Hamala
Bulletin Team	Elnora McQuiston, Sandy Nielsen, Ethel Kunze
Bulletin Cover	Nicolas Dertien
Guatemala Lutheran Church	Pr. Karen Castillo
Altar Flowers	Joe and June Spann in memory of their parents

