



**LET THE
CHILDREN
COME**

**LIVING LIKE JESUS!
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 6TH, 2016
8:15 AM & 10:45 AM**

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8:15 A.M. AND 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

Sounding of the Shofar *(Please gather for worship in the sanctuary when the Shofar is heard)*

Gathering Music (8:15) -Mozart
(10:45) *"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* -Bock

Words of Welcome/Mission Moment

Call to Worship...Matthew 18:1-5

***Opening Hymn #731 vs. 1, 4 & 5 "Earth and All Stars!"**

***Prayer for the Children by Marion Wright Edelman**

Leader: We pray for the children...

All: who sneak popsicles before supper,
who erase holes in math workbooks,
who can never find their shoes.

Leader: And we pray for those...

All: who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
who can't bound down the street in a new pair of sneakers,
who are born in places where we wouldn't be caught dead,
who live in an X-rated world.

Leader: We pray for the children...

All: who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money.

Leader: And we pray for those...

All: who never get dessert,
who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
who can't find bread to steal,
who don't have rooms to clean up,
whose monsters are real.

*Please stand as you are able. 2

Leader: We pray for the children...

**All: who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
who like ghost stories,
who shove dirty clothes under the bed,
who get visits from the tooth fairy,
who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool,
who squirm in church and scream in the phone,
whose smiles can make us cry.**

Leader: And we pray for those...

**All: whose nightmares come in the daytime,
who will eat anything,
who have never seen a dentist,
who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
who live and move, but have no being.**

Leader: We pray for the children

who want to be carried and for those who must,
we pray for those we smother and for those who will grab the hand of
anybody kind enough to offer it.

All: May we welcome the children and see in them the face of God. Amen.

***Song of Response**

"Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Black and yellow, red and white
They're all precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world

***Prayer of the Day**

Word

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

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.

Scripture Reading ... Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NRSV)

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

*Song of Response *“Butterfly Song”*



The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "If I were a but-ter - fly I'd thank you, Lord, for giv - ing me wings. And if I were a rob - in in a tree, I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing. And if I were a fish in the sea, I'd wig - gle my tail_ and I'd gig - gle with glee. But I just thank you, Fa - ther for mak - ing me me." The melody is simple and melodic, with a final long note on "me" that spans across the end of the staff.

For you gave me a heart_ and you gave me a smile. You
gave me Je - sus and you made me your child._ And
I just thank you Fa - ther for mak - ing me me.

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***Holy Gospel ... Luke 18:15-17 (NRSV)**

People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

“What Difference Does It Make?”

Jeanne Grevlos

Director of Butterfly Christian Preschool

***Message Song**

#732

“Borning Cry”

Service of Holy Baptism (10:45)

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for **Heidi Faye Hays**. She is the daughter of Michael Edward Hays and Carolyn Genevieve Crosse Hays. Her baptismal sponsors are Chris Belmont and Narah Julia Belmont.

***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 (8:15)

-Mozart

(10:45)

"Simple Gifts"

-Held

***Offertory Response**

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart

And now let the weak say I am strong

Give thanks to the holy one

Let the poor say I am rich

Give thanks because he's given

Because of what the Lord has done, for us

Jesus Christ, his son

(x2)

(x2)

Give Thanks

***Offering Prayer**

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 (8:15) Senior Choir **"Ave Verum"** -Mozart
(10:45) **"Go, My Children"** -Nixon

Communion Blessing

Life in Community

Sending

*Benediction

***Song of Sending #543** **"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

*Sending

Leader: As Children of God, may we leave this time of worship with fresh energy and passion to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God ... And We Will!**

Postlude

"Earth and All Stars"

-Kolander

Prayers

- ◆ For Donna Herschleb, Joyce Howell, Bob McCarty, Ethel Kunze, Charlyn Bacon, Bobby McQuiston and Don Schrader on their health challenges.
- ◆ For our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and live out loud...faithfully!

Sunday Morning Servants

Pastors	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Felix Malpica
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Ministers	Nancy Etzler (8:15), Karen Stern (10:45)
Pianist	Maria Lyapkova (8:15)
Guest Speaker	Jeanne Grevlos, Director of Butterfly Preschool
Acolytes	Walt Gomes (10:45)
Instrumentalist	Laura Hills (8:15)
Altar Stewards	Ken and Elnora McDonald (8:15), Linda Roesle (10:45)
Communion Bread	Lydia Perkunas
Greeters	Sara Dawson and Ann Watt (10:45)
Ushers	Ray Tackett, Dale Petersen (8:15), Bill Dawson, Michael Watt (10:45)
Coffee Angels	Ray Tackett (8:15)
Offering Counters	Dennis von Waaden, Janice Pinckard
Bulletin	Elnora McQuiston, Barb Hampton, Dee Jackson
Altar Flowers	Larry and Carole Morgan
Liturgical Art	Nicholas Dertien

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 (look for their staff name tags). Blessings!