Counterfeit Gods

EXODUS
Moses...in his footsteps

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
August 5, 2018 | 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
This summer we are introducing two new ways for families to be more involved during worship: The pray ground and worship boxes. Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me...” Mark 9:37

Prelude

“Sonata in F Minor, Mvt. II”

A. F. Titz

*Gathering Music

“I Will Sing to God”

I will sing unto the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously the horse and rider thrown into the sea. O Lord, my God my strength, my song, has now become my victory! O Lord, you are my God, and I will praise you now and evermore, I will exalt you! O my Lord, you are my God, and I will praise you now and evermore, I will exalt you!

*Please stand as you are able.
Welcome/Announcements

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 in the front office or return to their families. Children who remain with their families are invited to quietly enjoy the pray ground in the sanctuary or the use of the young worship boxes.

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

Call to Worship

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord our God, the Maker of heaven and earth, who comes to our aid in times of need, who gives us the courage to do what we know is right, who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us and confess Him alone as Savior and Lord. This is our God! Let’s worship together.
*Opening Hymn* vss 1-2 pg. 12 in bulletin “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Confession and Forgiveness*

Leader: The Pharaoh decrees death to the foreigner. The power of fear and hate rage around us.

All: *In the face of evil...*  
Forgive us our complacency and lack of response.

Leader: The burning bush flickers beside us. The presence of God invites us.

All: *In the presence of the holy...*  
Forgive us our distractions and lack of notice.

Leader: The Red Sea waters stand at attention. The threshold of liberating grace is breath-taking.

All: *In the company of grace...*  
Forgive us our failure to embrace the freedom given in Christ.

Pastor: Because of Christ’s death and resurrection we have been rescued, delivered, and set free! May our hearts be changed by this Good News! May we forgive as we have been forgiven. May we show compassion as God’s compassion has been given to us. And may we celebrate this victory that is ours in Christ with our lives!

All: AMEN!

*Song of Response*  
“I Will Celebrate”

I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord; I will sing to God a new song. 

I will praise him, for he has triumphed victoriously.
Scripture Reading... Exodus 31:18-32:14 (NRSV)

When God finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the covenant, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.
Message

*Message Song

"Here I Am, Lord"

Pr. Tim Anderson

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

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Music: HERET I AM, LORD. Daniel L. Schutté
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*Please stand as you are able.
*Prayer of Intercession*

Leader  Gracious God,

In love You created us,
and in love You sustain us, day after day.
So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to You,
knowing that You hear us, and will respond.

We offer our prayers for the world around us.
We pray for those who find themselves in bondage:
those forced into slavery or human trafficking,
those oppressed by governments or economic systems,
those enslaved by personal addictions.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,

All:  and in Your love, answer.

Leader:  We pray for those who struggle to raise their children
in the midst of violence or poverty;
those who can only stand by and watch as their sons or daughters die
of starvation or malnutrition,
of preventable disease,
or from gang violence.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,

All:  and in Your love, answer.

Leader  We pray for those who refuse to participate in violence or injustice,
who courageously stand up for what they know is right,
regardless of the personal consequences.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,

All:  and in Your love, answer.

Leader  We pray for all who suffer this day,
whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually, and those we name aloud or in
our hearts...

May Your presence surround and sustain each one,
so that they may know your love and live.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,

All:  and in Your love, answer.
Pastor:  
*Intercessions from our community*

God, we pray for ourselves—members of Your Body here on earth. 
Break down the barriers that divide us from one another. 
Unite us in our common allegiance to You as Lord and Savior. 
Grant us compassion and humility in our relationships. 
Release the gifts You have given to each one, 
so that in us and through us, 
Your kingdom might come and Your will be done, 
on earth as it is in heaven. 

All:  
Amen 

*Sharing of the Peace*

**Thank Offering**

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

**Offertory**

“*Sonata in C Minor, Mvt. III*”  
A. F. Titz
*Offertory Response  vss 1 & 2  “Take My Life, That I May Be”

Refrain/Estribillo

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na - da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

Refrain/Estribillo

y tu tron - en él ten - drás. ten - drás. let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Que mi vi - da en te - ra es - té 1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;

Refrain/Estribillo

con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor; at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, only for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

Refrain/Estribillo

que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im - take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ry
take my lips and let them be filled with take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo

pul - so de tu amor. beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee. be thy roy - al throne.

*Please stand as you are able. 9
*Offering Prayer

*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.

Holy Communion Invitation and 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. We celebrate with communion by intinction. Please come forward, receive a bread wafer, dip it into the wine or grape juice and consume both at the same time. There is also a communion station with gluten-free rice wafers and grape juice.

Communion Music

Communion Blessing

Sending

*Benediction

*Song of Sending vss 3-4 pg 12 in bulletin

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Please stand as you are able. 10
*Sending*

Leader:  May we be open to the Spirit of God as we go out to love and serve the Lord.

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

*Postlude  “Sonata in C Minor, Mvt. IV”  A. F. Titz

Reminder: If you loaned blankets, sheets, or greenery to Babylon, please claim them at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayers

Please pray for Dick Lowke, Walter Buell, Tyler Reed, John Polak, Deb Darnell, Karen Haverlah, Candace Hupp, on their health challenges and recovery
Please pray for Elaine Fick’s son, Aaron, as he under goes heart surgery
Please pray for Aimee Gerhardt, niece of Mark and Kathy Gerhardt
Please pray 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. Candice Combs
Guest Pastor  Pr. Tim Anderson, Development Director, Austin City Lutherans
Director of Worship/Arts  Kevin McClure
Piano  Maria Lyapkova
Altar Flowers  Given by Mark & Kathy Gerhardt for the glory of God in the thankfulness for blessings.
Altar Stewards  Betty Lueders (8:15), Linda Roesle (10:45)
Assisting Ministers  Jennifer Arndt (8:15), Elaine Herrmann (10:45)
Bulletin Team  Elnora McQuiston, Barb and Hal Hampton, Ray Tackett, Ethel Kunze, Sharon Collins, Marie Fortune and Karen Sather
Food For Fellowship  Ann & Michael Watt
Greeter  Diane Peterson (10:45)
Tellers  Connie Astrachan
Ushers  Ray Tackett & Dave Fossmeyer (8:15), Connie Astrachan, Rick & Kendra Burnight (10:45)
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

1. God of grace and God of glory, on your people
   pour your pow’r; crown your ancient church’s story;
   bring its bud to glorious flow’r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
   for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, as sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
   free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
   for the living of these days.

3. Cure your children’s warring madness; bend our pride to your control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
   rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
   lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
   serving you whom we adore.

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Music: CWM RHONDDA. John Hughes. 1873–1932