



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Saturday, January 30, 2021 | 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 31, 2021 | 8:15 AM

Connect | to God | to each other | to our place in the world

God Gathers Us

Gathering Music Josh Norem

Welcome/Life in Community

Introduction of Kevin Marlow Finance Controller

Special Music #641 vs 1 & 3 *All Are Welcome*

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

- 3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

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Receiving New Members

Special Music #641 vs 5 *All Are Welcome*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

God Speaks to Us

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading...I Corinthians 8:1-13 (NRSV)

Read by: 5:30 Larry Wikelius, 8:15 Clay Byrne

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for

whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.¹³ Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading...Mark 1:21-28 (NRSV)

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Thy Word is a Lamp

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end (*chorus*)

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end (*chorus*)

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Message *Connect– Discovering True Authority*
Pr. Tom Grevlos

Special Music #665 vs 1-3 *Rise, Shine, You People!*

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.

- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.

- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.

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God Feeds Us

Statement of Faith by Bruce Prewer

In spite of many unanswered questions, I believe.

I believe in the living God, the joy of the universe,
who is the pulse and purpose of all things seen and unseen,
who from the dust of earth calls up living beings to be children of eternity,
who through countless ages has provided for us many liberators
and tirelessly seeks to bring victory out of defeat and life out of decay.

I believe in Jesus the Christ, God's true Son,
who is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,
who took upon himself the healing of the human race,
who bearing the burden of our sins, carried his cross,
who was betrayed, crucified, dead and buried,
who on the third day was found to be gloriously alive,
meeting with those who trust him and serve him to the end of the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit of God,
within and among all who cherish Christ and his way,
who brings hope out of despair, love out of apathy, and joy out of sorrow,
who unceasingly regenerates and reforms the church
that it may always be the contemporary body of the risen Christ,
loving the world through prayer, word and deed.

I believe that even I am caught up in the resurgent life of Christ Jesus,
and that nothing in life or death can separate me from his love and joy.

In spite of unanswered questions, yes I believe.

Amen!

Prayers of the Community Led by: 5:30 Larry Wikelius 8:15 Clay Byrne

Sharing of the Peace (Virtual Greeting)

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Breaking of Bread

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 Invitation

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus.

Bread/cracker -

“The Body of Christ given for you.”

Wine/juice -

“The Blood of Christ shed for you.”

Communion Blessing/Prayer

God Sends Us

Benediction

Special Music #660 vs 1, 3 & 4 *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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Commissioning

Pastor: Jesus has cast out our sin and all that keeps us from living an abundant and joyful life in him. We go in peace, grateful for God who breaks all barriers between us, and emboldened to break barriers between one another.

All: **Thanks be to God and WE WILL!**

Postlude Josh Norem

PRAYERS

Please pray for Bob Moore, Julie Shank, Kristen Murray, and Walter Buell

Please pray for Mekenna Schmidt, granddaughter of Milt and Sandy Nielsen

Please pray for Ruby Cadenhead and family on the death of her sister,
Dottie Nesby

Please pray for Flora Lado and family on the death of her son, Wani Dogale

Please pray for friends of Shepherd members: Ellsworth and Mildred Tonn,
Jean Bessent, and Melvin Sanders

Please pray for our new members, Cole and Kristen Bonner, their son Finn;
Carlos and Christine Calvo, their children Gabriela and Alicia; Jeff and Pam Petrik;
Jeff and Pam Petterson; Larry and Sandy Smith; Terrie Thomas, and
Jenna and John Watkins, their children Elin and Oliver as they join the
Shepherd Community.

We pray for all those affected by COVID-19, and for all those in the medical field
caring for the sick. We give God thanks for vaccine development, which brings us
all hope for our future health and well-being. We continue to pray for a cure and
for an end to the spread of this disease.

Please pray for our global ministries: Rev. Karen Castillo in Guatemala; Iglesia
Luterana Augustina Virgen del Rosario, Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala;
Malcolm and Joy Henderson and the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti

Please pray for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All
and Upbring

Please pray for our faith community, that we may be a church without walls and
live out loud...faithfully!

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors

Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Preaching Pastor

Pr. Tom Grevlos

Director of Worship/Arts

Kevin McClure

Altar Flowers

Given in honor of Amanda Forsberg's
birthday by her husband.

AV

5:30 Walt Gomes, James Enochs

8:15 Pete Forsberg, James Enochs

Vocalist

8:15 Judy Haugen

Hosts

5:30 Sandy and Larry Wikelius

8:15 Judy & Bob Haugen, Amanda Forsberg



TOWN HALL WEBINAR

2020 Annual Report Presentation Video with Q+A

Sunday, January 31st, 12 pm

REGISTRATION LINK
www.shephills.org/webinar

Manna Returns!

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SoulWork
Getting in to Shape!

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm
and
Sundays at 9:30 am

Habits of the Heart for Faithful Living



Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

January 13 - February 10

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CARING**

BENEFITING BREAD FOR ALL!

Bring food to Courtyard Bins
on or before
Saturday, February 6th, 9 - 11 am



FAITH 5



SHARE

Share your highs and lows each day with one another.



READ

Read a verse or short passage from your Bible.



TALK

Talk with your family about how the verse relates to your life.



PRAY

Pray for one another's highs and lows.



BLESS

Use your own blessing each night, or say: "(Name), you are a child of God."