



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Saturday, January 9, 2021 | 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 10, 2021 | 8:15 AM

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

God Gathers Us

Gathering Music Kevin McClure

Welcome/Life in Community

Special Music #641 vs 1&4 *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.

- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

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Baptismal Blessing ~ written by Jan L. Richardson, and posted on The Painted Prayerbook.

May your life be a river.
May you flow with the purpose
of the One who created
and called you,
who directs your course
and turns you ever
toward home.

May your way shimmer
with the light of Christ
who goes with you
who bears you up
who calls you by name.

May you move
with the grace of the Spirit
who brooded over
the face of the waters
at the beginning
and who will gather you in
at the end.

Prayer...inspired by Genesis 1:1-3

Pastor: Almighty God,
Your Spirit swept over the waters of creation;
You are sweeping over us now, creating something new.

Call us away from the distractions of the world
to experience what You are doing now, in us,
and through us,
and in our world.

Open us to a new awakening, a new beginning,
where we look through the lens of the goodness of Your creation,
experiencing all possibilities in You.

Turn us away from the negative lens,
and lead us to the light.

In the name of Jesus, who leads us into life, we pray.

All: **Amen.**

God Speaks to Us

Special Music vs 1&4

Song Over the Waters

Refrain

God, you have moved upon the waters,
you have sung in the rush of wind and flame;
and in your love you have called us sons and daughters:
make us people of the water and your name.

1 Come fill our waiting hearts
 with the spirit of Jesus,
let us shine with your light and peace. Refrain

4 Come, open ev'ry heart,
 come now and wake us to wonder,
 make us vessels of light and peace.

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Scripture Reading...Acts 19:1-7 (NRSV) Read by: 5:30 Nancy Etzler

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷ altogether there were about twelve of them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Holy Spirit Rain Down

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down
O Comforter and Friend
How we need Your touch again

Holy Spirit rain down, rain down
Let Your power fall let Your voice be heard
Come and change our hearts
as we stand on Your Word
Holy Spirit rain down.

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Gospel Reading...Mark 1:4-11 (NRSV)

⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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Special Music #292 vs 1 - 4 *Borning Cry*

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."

- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."

- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."

- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
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God Feeds Us

Creed for Baptism...inspired by Mark 1:9-11, Matthew 3:13-17, Luke 3:21-23

I believe in God
who speaks through the prophets
and lifts our gaze up to high and beautiful paths and peaks.

I believe in Christ Jesus,
free of corruption yet willingly numbered among the sinners,
baptized in the waters of the Jordan.

I believe in the Spirit
who rested on Jesus like a dove,
and who inspired him with such love
as the world has not seen before or since.

I believe that those who are baptized into Christ
shall share his Spirit, his mission
and his ultimate victory over sin and death.

Prayers of the Community Led by: 5:30 Nancy Etzler

Sharing of the Peace (Virtual Greeting)

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Prayer of Thanks

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 #650 vs 1-4 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 in him no south or north,
 but one community of love
 throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
 their high communion find;
 his service is the golden cord
 close binding humankind.
- 3 Join hands, disciples of the faith,
 whate'er your race may be.
 All children of the living God
 are surely kin to me.
- 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
 in him meet south and north;
 all Christly souls are one in him
 throughout the whole wide earth.

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Commissioning

Pastor: Joined to Christ in our baptism, clothed in God's love and light, we
 go out in joy and hope to serve the Lord!

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

Postlude Kevin McClure

Prayers

Please pray for Bob Moore, Julie Shank, Jeri Porter and Kristen Murray

Please pray for friends of Shepherd members: Ellsworth and Mildred Tonn, Jean Bessent, Larry Hall, Janettee Henderson and family

Please pray Kristina Bishop and family on the death of her father, Jerry Rhodes

Please pray Cyndi Christenson and family on the death of her mother, Carolyn Burch

Please pray Fred Bangasser and family on the death of his sister, Yvonne Bangasser

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, Upbring , BeReal and New Life Center

A Prayer for our Nation.

Eternal God,

Amid all the turmoil and changes in the world, your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. You have bound us in a common life.

We pray fervently that you will be a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future.

May we be your presence, carrying your peace.

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

*Prayers for family members are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors

Preaching Pastor

Director of Worship/Arts

Altar Flowers

AV

Hosts

Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

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Kevin McClure

Given by Cyndi Christenson, in loving memory
of her mother, Carolyn Burch

5:30 Bill Dawson, James Enochs

5:30 Nancy and Denny Etzler,

BAPTISM

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

If you are interested in learning about baptism for yourself or
a child, Pr. Tom or Pr. Lauren would love to speak with you!

Contact: tom@shephills.org or lauren@shephills.org

Manna Returns!

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SoulWork
Getting in to Shape!

Wednesdays at noon beginning January 13
or watch it

Sundays at 9:30 am beginning January 17

Habits of the Heart for Faithful Living

Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

January 13 - February 17

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