



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Saturday, February 6, 2021 | 5:30 PM

Sunday, February 7, 2021 | 8:15 AM

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

God Gathers Us

Gathering Music

Welcome/Life in Community

Special Music #787 vs 1 & 2 *On Eagle's Wings*

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Time of Honesty written by Nancy C. Townley

Pastor: How can we look at this world and not sing of your praises, O God?
The beauty and majesty of the world is overpowering!

**All: Yet we have a tendency to take all that you do for us for granted.
We treat the world with callous indifference, using its resources
carelessly and with little regard to the future.**

Pastor: We insist on war as solutions for problems rather than peaceful
striving.

**All: We turn our backs on people in need, the weak and downtrodden
go unnoticed in our midst.**

Pastor: We always believe that someone else will care for those in need.

**All: How foolish we are, O God! How ignorant we have become! You
have given to us all that we need.
You have blessed us with the witness of Jesus Christ who came so
that we might learn how you would have us live, in honor and
peace. Forgive us. Heal our hearts and spirits. Make us fully aware
of all our blessings and our responsibilities. Give us again a spirit of
joy in serving you. Help us be agents of peace and hope to others.**

Pastor: Jesus has come to heal our spirits and our souls. The demons of
arrogance, indifference and apathy are being cast out. New life is
offered to you in Jesus Christ. Rejoice! Be Glad! For God's love is
poured out to you this day.

All: Amen.

God Speaks to Us

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading...Isaiah 40:21-31 (NRSV) Read by: 5:30 + 8:15 Troop 31 Scout
Intro to Isaiah 40:21-31

Chapter 40 begins what is known as Second Isaiah, which took shape around the year 550 BCE, following the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem and the temple. Second Isaiah proclaims the hope that God will restore the city and will end the people's political exile, which the poet likens to God's powerful conquering of chaos at creation. Later, in the Gospel today, we will hear of Jesus healing many and casting out more demons.

The connection to this Isaiah reading is the emphasis on the power of God that reigns above all and in all, healing and sustaining us, from the first moment of creation to today.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music #612 vs 1

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

Gospel Reading...Mark 1:29-39 (NRSV)

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music #612 vs 4

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

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Message *Connect— Discovering the Power Source*

Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Special Music #611 vs 1 - 3

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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God Feeds Us

Affirmation: Walk and Not Faint based on Isaiah 40: 28-31

We believe in God whose Spirit moved over the waters
and there was creation. And it was good!

This we have come to know,
this is what we have heard:
the Eternal is an everlasting God,
creator of heaven and earth,
who does not grow weary or faint;
whose wisdom is unsearchable,
giving energy to the meek
and strength to those who have none.

We believe that even when youths grow weary,
young athletes shall fall exhausted;
that those who love the Lord Jesus
and patiently put their trust in God,
shall renew their strength;
they shall soar with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not grow weary,
they shall walk and not grow faint.

We believe that the Spirit that moved over the waters of creation
and renews strength, is the same Spirit that gave birth to the Church—
a vessel of hope, a community whose foundation is holy love,
and whose calling is to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Amen.

Prayers of the Community Led by: 5:30 Nancy Etzler, 8:15 Joel Timmons

Sharing of the Peace (Virtual Greeting)

Thank Offering

To give, go to shephills.org and click on Give Here or
By mail, send to 3525 Bee Cave Rd, Austin, TX 78746
Scan QR Code to Give now

Generosity Impact - Troop 31 Boy Scouts

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 #860 vs 1 - 3 *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

2 Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

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Commissioning

Pastor: Led by the Spirit and fed by God's grace, let us claim the power of Jesus Christ as we go out to love and serve the Lord...

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

Postlude

PRAYERS

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

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

Please pray for Bob Haugen and family on the death of his mother, Betty Haugen

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. Lauren Dow Wegner

Director of Worship/Arts

Kevin McClure

Altar Flowers

Given by Jordan and Laila Scott in honor of Troop 31 Boy Scouts.

AV

5:30/8:15 Pete Forsberg, James Enochs

Flute

Lauren Dow Wegner

Hosts

5:30 Nancy and Denny Etzler,

Troop 31 Boy Scouts

8:15 Amanda Forsberg, Troop 31 Boy Scouts

February 17
Imposition of Ashes

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 am + 12:00 pm Courtyard Worship
7:00 pm Livestream Worship



SOUPERBOWL OF CARING



BENEFITING BREAD FOR ALL!

Bring food to Courtyard Bins
between 9 am and 3 pm this week!

Introducing Jeff & Pam Petterson

Texas natives!! - Pam from Lockhart,

Jeff from Austin

- Pam retired
- Jeff works for Samsung
- 2 grown daughters and a 23 year old son
- a 6yo granddaughter and 3 step grandchildren
- love fishing and riding their bicycles
- Jeff enjoys his vegetable garden



Introducing Sandy and Larry Smith

- Both grew up outside of Philadelphia, PA
- Sandy graduated with nursing degree
- Larry graduated from Penn State with degree in engineering
- 2 grown daughters, one grandson (3yo)
- They loved to travel
- Larry loves all sports
- Sandy enjoys gardening, cooking and baking

