



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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Saturday, February 27, 2021 | 5:30 PM

Sunday, February 28, 2021 | 8:15 AM

...In the Wilderness...

Lent 2

God Gathers Us

Gathering Music Josh Norem

Call to Worship adapted from Thom Shuman

Pastor: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent

All: towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

Pastor: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

All: carrying with us our fears and our longings, placing them at Jesus' feet.

Pastor: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

All: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

Welcome/Life in Community

Introduction of New Member Christine, Carlos, Gabriela, and Alicia Calvo pg 10

Confession and Forgiveness

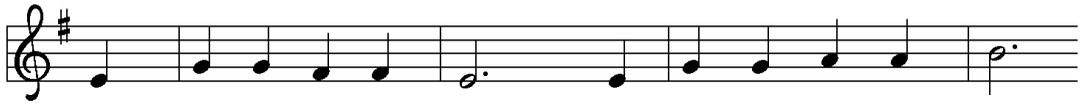
Pastor: Let us confess our sins and hear God's forgiveness. God of mercy,

All: you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God forgives us. God redeems us. God saves us. Remember this great mercy is yours, and live in this grace, through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



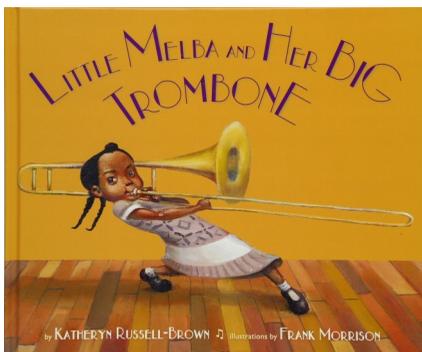
We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

God Speaks to Us

Children's Message Melba Liston

Melba Liston was a trailblazer in the music world! From a young age, she loved music and was quite gifted at rhythm and making melodies. She taught herself how to play the trombone and, at the age of 17, was invited to tour the country with jazz trumpet player Gerald Wilson. Melba was a master musician. . .but life was not always easy for her as a black woman in the music world. She still made a name for herself and many famous jazz musicians wanted Melba to play with them!



Scripture Reading...Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 (NRSV)

Introduction: *In our Old Testament reading, God makes a covenant with Abraham and Sarah, promising this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations. This sounds preposterous, given that they have not had any children for their whole lives. Still, God not only makes this covenant with them but also changes their names--indicating the new life and new identity that God's love brings. Connecting to our Gospel for today, we hear Jesus ask, "Who do you say that I am?" The identity of Jesus is revealed in the cross and resurrection, and therefore so is ours. At the cross, God's promise is made known; our old life is put to death and our new life is found.*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Open Our Eyes, Lord

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And Help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

Gospel Reading...Mark 8:27-33 (NRSV)

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Message

We Learn Who Jesus Is Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Special Music #802 vs 1 & 2 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Solo: 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us
and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading,
trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love,
let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy
shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
help me there your joy to know.

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 (Virtual Greeting)

Thank Offering - To give, us the QR Code; go to shephills.org and click on Give Here; or send a check to 3525 Bee Cave Rd, Austin, TX 78746

Generosity Impact - The Developing Missions Team of Shepherd of the Hills has chosen 100% of our Midweek-Lent/Easter thank offering to be evenly divided between two thriving ministries we are privileged to support...

Water to Thrive and LIRS.

LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) has offered welcome and hope to more than half a million refugees. By supporting LIRS, we participate in supporting,

equipping and empowering new Americans while advocating for policy that protects all of God's children.

Giving can be done on the website www.shephills.org/give/, or
Go to onrealm.org/shephills, click on Community then Giving or
By check by mail (3525 BeeCaves Rd, Austin, TX 78746)
Please indicate Wednesday Lent Offering

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 #802 vs 3 & 4 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction,
give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in
shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die,
there to live with you on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken.
Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members;
where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly,
living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be;
life eternal grant to me.

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Commissioning

Pastor: Whatever wilderness we find ourselves in, Jesus has gone through
ahead of us. Who will *we say that Jesus is to the world?*
We go in peace to share the Good News!

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

Postlude Josh Norem

PRAYERS

Please pray for Kristen Murray, Lauren Paulson and Walter Buell

Please pray for Ivone Peabody, mother of Laila Scott

Please pray for Dorothy Grevlos, mother of Pr. Tom Grevlos

Please pray for Ted Bedard, nephew of Tom and Betty Lueders

Please pray for the family on the death of Marge Ely

Please pray for Misti Potter, CEO of Austin Boys' and Girls' Club

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

Guitar

Josh Norem

AV

(5:30) Bill Dawson and James Enochs;

(8:15) Pete Forsberg and James Enochs

Hospitality Host

(5:30) John and Melissa Robertson;

(8:15) Amanda Forsberg, Tim Stein

Readers

(5:30) Pam Petterson;

(8:15) Diane Peterson

Christine, Carlos, Gabriela, and Alicia Calvo

- Christine is the daughter of John and Karen Stern and sister to Melissa Robertson.
- Carlos grew up in San Francisco. He has family in Houston.
- Christine is a consultant for Deloitte and Carlos is a branch manager for Resource Properties
- Three children:
 - James (23yo) working on PHD at Boston University.
 - Gabriela is a freshman at San Diego St .
 - Alicia is 10yo and is a 5th grader.
- The family loves to ride bikes and hike.
Carlos loves to cook and the girls love to bake!



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**David: Giant-killer, Shepherd,
Warrior, King, and Fallen Hero**

Everyman's Bible Study

**7:15 am Thursdays on Zoom
Zoom info on Realm Event calendar, or
contact the front office (512) 327-3370**

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24

Wednesdays in Lent

12:00 pm + 7:00 pm on Zoom

**Zoom info on Realm Event calendar, or
contact the front office (512) 327-3370**

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."