



Our Path to Freedom

"For freedom Christ has set us free" Galatians 5:1

EASTER LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

10:45 AM

Easter 2021 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

BRIGHTER DAYS!

RESURRECTION VIDEO

Celtic Alleluia 3x

*EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Unveiling of the Cross

*EASTER HYMN #365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

CHILDREN'S EASTER MESSAGE

SONG OF RESPONSE vs 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

*EASTER GOSPEL...Matthew 16:1-8 (NRSV)

¹⁶ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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EASTER MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

***HYMN OF HOPE**

Now All the Vault

EASTER CREED by Rev. Andreas Wagner

I believe in the God of Easter morning
Who awakes us from our darkest dreams
And leads us into the light of a new day,
Who meets our pessimism
With stunning hope
Of angelic proclamation.

I believe in the God of Easter Day
Who beats us to the obstacles in our lives
And empties the dark tomb for us;
Who appears in surprising ways
When we least expect it;
Walking with us
On our detours.

I believe in the God of Easter evening
Who breaks into our closets and prisons,
Bringing peace and crushing our fear.
I believe in the risen Lord who meets us
with wounds on his hands and feet;
Who grants us his spirit,
Sending us out
To bring peace to the world.
Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Led by: Megan DeVaney

THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, go to shephills.org/give.
- Take a picture of the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



EASTER THANK OFFERING

The Developing Missions Team of Shepherd of the Hills has chosen 100% of our Mid-Week Lent/Easter thank offering to be evenly divided between two thriving ministries we are privileged to support: [Water to Thrive and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services](#). (Please indicate Easter Offering on check.)

GENEROSITY IMPACT PG 6

This Matters!

***OFFERING RESPONSE** PG 140

This is the Feast

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***LORD'S PRAYER**

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

COMMUNION INVITATION

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the Risen presence of Jesus. God is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and promising new life.

*Bread wafer—"this is my body given for you";
Wine—"this is my blood shed for you."*

COMMUNION Bell Ensemble

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

COMMUNION BLESSING/PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG Choir

Hallelujah Chorus

***EASTER COMMISSIONING**

Pastor: Christ is Risen!
All: He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: We go into the world carrying this Good News in our hearts and on our lips. God sends us into Brighter Days with Jesus!
All: Thanks be to God...and We Will!

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Please pray for Kristen Murray, Walter Buell, Nancy Clark, Gene Galbraith, Ray Tackett, Lauren Paulson and Wanda Lowke

We pray in loving memory of Arthur and Laverne Kalbow and Cheryl Welsh, by Linda Roesle

Please pray for Geneva Robertson, mother of John Robertson

We continue to pray for all those affected by COVID-19, and for those caring for them. We give thanks for the hopefulness we are experiencing with more and more vaccinations each week. We look forward to the continued movement toward the end of this pandemic, and we pray for therapeutics and medical care to tend to those who fall ill.

We pray with broken hearts for the communities in Atlanta, GA, Boulder, CO and Orange, CA as they are reeling from the recent acts of horrific violence. We cry out in disbelief and lament that these acts continue to occur, and we pray for the victims' families and the survivors whose lives are forever impacted. We pray for courage to work together as a nation to end gun violence!

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!

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

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastors

Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Preaching Pastor

Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Director of Worship/Arts

Kevin McClure

Brass

Bob Cannon, Andy Cheetham,
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Maria Lyapkova

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Easter Cross

Alison Cannon

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This Matters! Easter Generosity Impact Moment

Four Years ago, 2017, Shepherd of the Hills was moving forward with a Capital Fund-Raising Campaign called This Matters! The hoped-for outcome was to renew and revitalize our church campus as a Mission Center Church in our community and beyond.



Because of the congregation's commitment to this mission, the Campus Renewal was completed in the late fall of 2018.



The outcome produced amazing results! The work that was done has impacted our church community, the local Austin community, and our global partners in powerful and significant ways, especially in this pandemic year.



We are entering the last 8 weeks of the four-year pledge to This Matters! campaign. We are planning a church-wide celebration on **Sunday, May 23rd**, announcing the final This Matters! results and our next steps to continue God's mission by eliminating the remaining debt and the proposal to finish Campus Renewal with Phase II.

We praise God for all that has happened in these past four years. We thank God for working through the generosity of people! Shepherd of the Hills is truly an Easter community that stands as a beacon of hope in our world! If you have not yet completed your pledge or would like to support our This Matters! in this final stretch, we ask that you prayerfully consider doing so. Thank you.

Eastertide Message Series
April 10 - May 23

Brighter Days!

5:30 pm Saturdays
8:15 + 10:45 am Sundays

In-person and on Zoom!

Brighter Days! Bible Study

Sundays @ 9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays @ 8:00 a.m. + 12:00 p.m.
Thursdays for Men @ 7:15 a.m.

On Zoom

Brighter Days! Wednesdays @ 7 pm

Butterfly! All Are Welcome Task Force!
Regathering! This Matters! Capital Campaign
Campus Renewal Phase II Summer Ministry!