

April 23, 2023

## Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

### **GATHERING MUSIC**      *The Butterfly Song*

8:15      Instrumental

10:45      Children's Choir and Congregation

### **CALL TO WORSHIP** video

### **PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING**

Leader:      For all the children, families, teachers, administrators,  
board members of Butterfly Christian Pre-School...

**All:            We give thanks and praise to God!**

Leader:      For all those who have generously supported our Butterfly  
ministry and Campus Renewal...

**All:            We give thanks and praise to God!**

Leader:      For the opportunity to finish paying for our Campus  
Renewal through our commitments...

**All:            We give thanks and praise to God!**

Leader: For Easter courage to step out in faith as Easter witnesses through our mission and ministry...

All: **We give thanks and praise to God!**

## **OPENING HYMN**    *You Are Holy*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

Above and Beyond Festivities and Giving/Butterfly Staff

### 10:45 **HOLY BAPTISM**

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Xander Alan Miller, child of Alan Thomas Miller and Gina Karen Miller. Xander was born on Nov. 8, 2014.

### 10:45 **SONG OF RESPONSE**    *Halle-Halle-lujah*

## **HOLY GOSPEL...LUKE 24:13–35** NRSV

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,

but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”

He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning,

and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?”

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!”

Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

8:15 **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Megan Getman

**SONG OF RESPONSE**     *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

**MESSAGE** Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

**MESSAGE SONG #374**     *Day of Arising*

### **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 PEOPLE**

### **THANK OFFERING**

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: [shephills.org/give](https://shephills.org/give).
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



## **GENEROSITY MOMENT** Impact of Campus Renewal

**OFFERING RESPONSE** 8:15 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

10:45 *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* Arr. Patti Drennan, Choir

## **PRAYER OF THANKS**

## **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**

For the rest of Easter season, the Chalice on the altar was made by those who participated in *For You: A Holy Communion Retreat*. *This Sunday we honor Sophie Eckermann.*

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— “The body of Christ given for you”;*

*Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

## **POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING SONG #538    *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth***

## **COMMISSIONING**

Leader:    Our hearts are open to the presence of Jesus all around us. Filled with God's love and grace, we go out into the world as Easter people to share the Good News!

**All:            Thanks be to God. And we will!**

## **POSTLUDE                    *My Spirit Be Joyful*    JS Bach**

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Sophie Ahumada, Mary Allison, Andrew Holzer, Denise Seidel, Rodney Varner and Sheila Hilts.

**We pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Krista Bowers, niece of Herb and Kathy Palmer.

Ellis Thompsen, Butterfly alum.

**We pray** in celebration for the baptism of Xander Alan Miller, child of Alan Thomas Miller and Gina Karen Miller.

**We pray** for:

Jay Temple and family on the death of his mother, Marilyn Lamp Temple.

Thom McNeil and family on the death of his mother, Dorothy Mae McNeil.

Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

**We pray** for the women of our congregation who are headed on retreat next weekend. You have called over 40 women to gather for time away in prayer and spiritual friendship. Thank you for the gift of retreat and for the insights and connections that will undoubtedly flourish during this time.

We pray for safe travel, for new and renewed community, and for your Spirit to be ever present.

**God, we pray** for all who have been affected by gun violence and senseless acts that are rooted in fear and hate. We pray for families who grieve, for communities who are anxious, and for all of us who worry about what this all means for our future. We pray for justice. We pray for the tides to turn towards peace and away from violence.

**Merciful and Loving God**, as war and violence rages in Ukraine and other parts of the world, we pray that leaders of the world will practice peace-making, bringing together people of every tribe and race under the umbrella of your amazing grace.

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

**We pray** for our local ministries: Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread For All and Upbring Ministries.

**We 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

**Director of Worship/Arts** Kevin McClure

**Musicians** Bob Cannon, trumpet; Bailey Moss, trumpet; Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner, guitar.

**Acolyte** ( 8:15) Austin Eckermann

**Altar Steward** (8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald;  
(10:45) Jennifer and Richard Arndt

**Assisting Minister** (8:15) Tim Stein; (10:45) Cindy Nelson

**AV** Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh,  
Jonathan Wolff, Vince and Jake Yokubaitis

**Bread** Kitt Richter

**Communion Assistant** (8:15) Tim Stein, Sophie and Katie/Ben;  
(10:45) Cindy Nelson, Alana and Charlie Oehler

**Food For Fellowship** Sara Dawson, Ann and Michael Watt

**BBQ** Brad Seidel, Alison Cannon

**Hosts** (8:15) Terrie Thomas

(10:45) Connie Astrachan, Anne and Jerry McDonald

**Tellers** (10:45) Connie Astrachan, Anne McDonald

**Admin Ministry Coordinator** Amanda Forsberg

**Campus Operations** Dave Wegner

**Communications Director** Dabney Gomes

**Program Ministry Coordinator** Joel Timmons

**Executive Director** Bill Dawson

**Finance Controller** Kevin Marlow

**Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator** Megan Getman

**Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director** Rebecca Guengerich

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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