

April 30, 2023

Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church

GATHERING MUSIC *This Is A Day of New Beginnings*

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23 (Video)

OPENING HYMN #665 vv 1, 2, 4 *Rise, Shine, You People!*

TIME OF HONESTY

Leader: Jesus, good shepherd,
help us to take the time and make the space
to hear your call to us.

**All: The call to reveal your love, compassion and comfort
wherever you need us to bind up the wounds
of the victims of today's society.**

Leader: Jesus, good shepherd,
help us to take the time and make the space
to hear your call to us.

**All: The call to reveal in tangible and authentic ways,
your passion for those who feel powerless to make
any changes for good in their lives.**

Leader: Jesus, good shepherd,
help us to take the time and make the space
to hear your call to us.

**All: The call to empty ourselves of all that is contrary to your
life within us so, that your goodness and mercies are
enjoyed not as rewards to be hoarded but as gifts to be
shared.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Jesus himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
so that, free from sins
we might live for righteousness;
by his wounds we have been healed.
For we were going astray like sheep,
but now have been returned
to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.

(based on 1 Peter 2:24 NRSV)

So, hear the good news:
in Jesus Christ we are sought,
we are found,
we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

—Moirra Laidlaw

SONG OF RESPONSE vv 1,2, 4 ***This Is A Day of New Beginnings***

(You are invited to the Baptismal font to touch the waters of
God's presence of love and grace.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Above and Beyond Giving

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jeanne Grevlos and Mr. Crazy Hair

SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 2:42-47 NRSV

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common;

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they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

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Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

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And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL...JOHN 10:1-10 NRSV

[Jesus said,] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit.

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The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

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When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

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They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers."

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Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them,

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“Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.

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I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF RESPONSE 2X

Halle-Halle-lujah

MESSAGE Pastor Tom Grevlos

Still Speaking!

MESSAGE SONG #513

Listen, God is Calling

EASTER STATEMENT OF FAITH

I believe in God.

The God who breathes life into all creation.

I believe in the God of flesh and blood, Jesus Christ,
the God who lived in my skin and tried on my shoes,
the God who walked in my ways, and knows of lights and shadows.
the God who was praised and condemned, kissed and spat on, loved
and hated.

the God who went to parties and funerals,

the God who laughed and cried.

I believe in God who sees all killing and desecration of human life,
the God who suffers with the children who are forgotten,
the God who weeps over the abuse of power over the marginalized,
the God who holds the hand of those in profound grief.

I believe in God who is still speaking
who sees a mother giving birth – a life born from pain,
who sees two children playing - a seed growing,
who sees a flower blooming out of the debris - a new beginning,
who sees the sun rising every morning - a time of opportunities.

I believe in God who sees all this ...
and is present,
because,
in it all, he gives us living hope.
— adapted from Gerardo Oberman

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.
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



GENEROSITY MOMENT Video

Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits

OFFERING RESPONSE #583 vv 1, 2 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

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 Caroline Wegner.

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

8:15 Choir

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face Russell Schulz

10:45 ***Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us*** Tom Fettke

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

#619 vv 1, 2, 4, 8 ***I Know That My Redeemer Lives!***

COMMISSIONING

Leader: We have heard our Shepherd's call to live in the abundant LIFE of Jesus. We have been fed and nourished by the abundant LOVE of Jesus. And we go out in abundant JOY to serve the Lord!

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

POSTLUDE ***I Know That My Redeemer Lives*** Wilbur Held

PRAYERS

We pray for Mary Allison and Rodney Varner.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Krista Bowers, niece of Herb and Kathy Palmer.

We pray for the women of our congregation who are headed on retreat this weekend. You have called over 40 women to gather for time away in prayer and spiritual friendship. 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

(8:15) Choir

Acolyte (8:15) Jonathan Davies

Altar Steward Amanda Forsberg and Caroline Wegner

Assisting Minister (8:15) Joel Timmons; (10:45) Herb Palmer

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

Bread Kitt Richter

Communion Assistant

(8:15) Joel Timmons, Caroline and Dave Wegner;

(10:45) Herb Palmer, Caroline and Dave Wegner

Food For Fellowship Alison Cannon

Hosts (8:15) Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Pam and Jeff Petterson

Tellers (10:45)

Admin Ministry Coordinator

Amanda Forsberg

Campus Operations

Dave Wegner

Communications Director

Dabney Gomes

Program Ministry Coordinator

Joel Timmons

Executive Director

Bill Dawson

Finance Controller

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Interim Children's Ministry Coordinator

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HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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