

May 21, 2023

**Shepherd of the Hills
Lutheran Church**

GATHERING MUSIC *Earth and All Stars!* Keith Kolander

CALL TO WORSHIP Celebration of Graduates

OPENING HYMN #731 vs 1 & 2 *Earth and All Stars!*

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR GRADUATION

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord
who guides us to face the challenges and opportunities of
life.

**All: We thank you Lord for your encouragement,
your gifts of educators and teachers,
of friends and neighbors who have helped us
and encouraged us in the opportunities of life.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord
for the families and homes
into which these graduating seniors were born and have
been nurtured.

All: We are grateful, Lord, for our children and our parents, our homes and families where we learn to grow and experience all the wonders of this life.

Leader: Lord, this is a time of joy for us as we celebrate the transitions and passages of life, to celebrate the completion of this phase of their education and move out from here in new directions for their lives.

All: We ask that you would be with all our graduates, strengthen them as they take on new responsibilities in this world.
Give them wisdom and guidance in their decision-making.

Pastor: As we come to the font and touch the water, may we all remember That in Christ we are made new and in Christ we have new beginnings.

All: Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE #731 vv 4 & 5 *Earth and All Stars!*

(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

Pentecost, Anniversary Sunday, Above and Beyond Update

8:15 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

10:45 **REFLECTION FROM A GRADUATE** Axel Wissman

SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 1:6-14 NRSV

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

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But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

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While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?

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"This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

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When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

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All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE SONG v 1

Thy Word

HOLY GOSPEL...JOHN 17:1-11 NRSV

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

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"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;

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for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

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I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

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And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE SONG v 2

Thy Word

MESSAGE Pastor Tom Grevlos

Never Alone

MESSAGE SONG #732

Borning Cry

10:45 **BLESSING OF GRADUATES**

10:45 **SONG OF RESPONSE #543** v 1 *Go My Children*

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



GENEROSITY IMPACT Graduation Reflection

Thank you ShepHills for your continuing support of the Student Ministry.

8:15 **OFFERING MUSIC** *Alabaré ("I will praise the Lord")*

10:45 **OFFERING MUSIC**

Children's Choir

Alabaré ("I will praise the Lord")

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

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.”

8:15 COMMUNION MUSIC

10:45 COMMUNION MUSIC

Choir ***Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace*** **SS Wesley**

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #546 *To Be Your Presence*

COMMISSIONING

Leader: We are God's witnesses, sent into the world with the Holy Spirit's power. To be Christ's presence is our mission and our joy!

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

POSTLUDE *In Thee is Gladness* **J.S. Bach**

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner, Deb Pollock Darnell, Alexander Rosas, Lois Qualben and Kristen Bonner.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Krista Bowers, niece of Herb and Kathy Palmer.

Kathy Reese, sister of Tom Hudnall.

Ellis Thompsen, Butterfly alum.

Marie Lindstrom, sister of Linda Fiandaca.

God of Transitions.

In your word we hear “For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven.” We celebrate this season of graduations and pray for all who are experiencing new beginnings in their lives. May all graduates know that your Holy Spirit walks alongside them on the journey of faith and life.

We pray for communities impacted by mass shootings, especially in Allen, Texas. Walk alongside all the families grieving the loss of loved ones. Give courage to leaders to respond in life-giving ways, and may we all be mindful of Jesus’ call to be peacemakers.

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
Altar Flowers	Given by the Cullinane Family in celebration of Caroline and all of the graduating seniors.
Altar Steward	(8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald; (10:45) Diane Peterson
Assisting Minister	(8:15) Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Caroline Cullinane
AV	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert.
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Assistant	(8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald, Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Graduates
Food For Fellowship	Judy and Bob Haugen
Hosts	(8:15) (10:45) Virginia Bosman, Debi Schoenfelt
Tellers	(10:45) Virginia Bosman, Debi Schoenfelt
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!