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# Blessings & Beginnings

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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
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**GATHERING MUSIC**      *Lord of All Hopefulness*

**CALL TO WORSHIP... PSALM 129** Video

**WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY** [shephills.org](https://shephills.org)

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Glenn and Kitt Richter,  
"In gratitude for our children and grandchildren."  
Giving, Finance Forum, Congregational Meeting

**OPENING HYMN #556**      *Morning Has Broken*

**NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION**

**INVOCATION**

**KYRIE**

**NOW THE FEAST**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

### **GOSPEL VERSE**

#### **HOLY GOSPEL...MATTHEW 14:22-33** NRSV

Assisting Minister: Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

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When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

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But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

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Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

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But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

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And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Assisting Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

**MESSAGE** Pastor Tom Grevlos ***Boat Potatoes or Water-Walkers?***

**MESSAGE HYMN #756** ***Eternal Father, Strong to Save***

## 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 video

## 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 IMPACT Charis Ministry of Haiti

This Sunday we will be collecting a Love Offering in support of our ministry partner CHARIS of Haiti. Find out about God's work that is happening through CHARIS by watching this [video](#) or reading the latest [newsletter](#). Gifts may also be made [online](#).

## OFFERING SONG

*As the Grains of Wheat*

## PRAYER OF THANKS

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## 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.”*

## LAMB OF GOD

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Tara Grove, Kristina Bishop, Josh Norem and Kevin McClure

Piano: Glenn Richter

***Cantique de Jean Racine* Gabriel Fauré**

**SPECIAL BLESSING** Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner and Pastor Tom Grevlos

**SENDING SONG #765** vv 1, 3-4 ***Lord of All Hopefulness***

## **DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister: Jesus calls us to step out on to the water with him,  
to leave the safety of our boats,  
and to walk toward Him in faith,  
joining Him in the work He is already doing in our world.  
And when the wind and waves get high and threaten to  
overwhelm us,  
we remember His words:

**All: “Don’t be afraid. Take courage. I am here.”**

Assisting Minister: So let’s go with faith, to follow where Jesus leads,  
confident that His love and presence go with us.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

***Point d’Orgue sur Les Grands Jeux***      **Nicholas De Grigny**

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner, Nancy Etzler, Jan Burnight,  
Janice Benzel, and Alexander Rosas.

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

Krista Bowers, niece of Herb and Kathy Palmer.

Stirling Johnson, granddaughter of Sylvia & Curtis Johnson.

Carol Carlos, mother of Sandy Wikelius.

Charles Wikelius, brother of Larry Wikelius.

Mike Young and Pauline Krc, friends of Terrie Thomas.

**We pray** for Sharon Collins and family on the death of her cousins  
John Keller and Linda Lovell. Give comfort and peace to those who  
mourn, and a sure trust in the promise of resurrection life.

As school begins in the days ahead, we pray for all students in their learning and in their friendships. May all be filled with the assurance of your presence. Lord, give them courage to be water-walkers. We pray for our teachers, counselors, bus drivers, school support staff, administrators, and school board members. Give all the courage to be water-walkers with the knowledge of your presence in all the storms of life.

**We pray** for all impacted by natural disasters, especially those in Hawaii and our own community affected by wildfires.

**We pray** for rain and a break from the oppressive heat. Your creation needs moisture to nourish the earth, fill our streams and lakes, and grow food. May we resolve to care for the earth.

**Merciful and Loving God**, as war and violence rage 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  
**Flute** Kristina Bishop  
**Acolyte** (8:15) Sawyer Dertien  
**Altar Flowers:** Given by Glenn and Kitt Richter,  
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**Altar Steward** (8:15) Kitt Richter;  
(10:45) Jennifer and Richard Arndt  
**Assisting Minister** (8:15) Carole Morgan; (10:45) Jennifer Arndt  
**AV** Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols,  
Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert  
**Bread** Kitt Richter  
**Communion Assistant**  
(8:15) Carole Morgan, Sawyer and Dana Dertien;  
(10:45) Jennifer and Richard Arndt,  
**Food For Fellowship** Anne and Jerry McDonald  
**Hosts** (8:15) Terrie Thomas;  
(10:45) Virginia Bosman, Connie Astrachan  
**Tellers** (10:45) Virginia Bosman, Connie Astrachan  
**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  
**Children's Ministry Coordinator (Interim)** Megan Getman  
**Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director** Rebecca Guengerich

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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