

August 20, 2023

Blessings & Beginnings

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
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GATHERING MUSIC *Rock of Ages* arr. Dale Wood

OPENING SONG *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org

Altar Flowers: Given by Milt Nielsen, "In loving memory of Sandy Nielsen."

Baptismal Flowers: In celebration of Bill and Sara Dawson's 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Finance Forum, Congregational Meeting

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

INVOCATION

KYRIE

NOW THE FEAST

PRAYER OF THE DAY

BLESSING NEW DRIVERS

SCRIPTURE READING... PSALM 134 Video

GOSPEL VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL...MATTHEW 15:21-28 NRSV

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

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But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

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He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

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Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Assisting Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE HYMN

#588 (Tune #522)

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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.
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- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



GENEROSITY IMPACT Giving

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

8:15 Ben and Austin Eckermann, cello ***Rock of Ages***

Austin Eckermann, cello ***Thine Is the Glory G. F. Handel***

10:45 Ben and Austin Eckermann, cello and Summer Choir ***Rock of Ages***

Austin Eckermann, cello ***Thine Is the Glory G. F. Handel***

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

#843 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: God has shown us grace and love unbounding, and
has fed and strengthened our faith. We go out in joy to love and
serve the Lord!

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

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

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

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.

Pauline Krc, friend of Terrie Thomas.

As school begins, 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 Sharon Collins and family on the death of her cousins John Keller and Linda Lovell and for Terrie Thomas and the Austin Community on the death of a dear friend, Mike Young. Give comfort and peace to those who mourn, and a sure trust in the promise of resurrection 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	(8:15) Kristina Bishop
Cello	Ben and Austin Eckermann
Acolyte	(10:45) Alicia Calvo
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Altar Steward	(8:15) ; (10:45) Linda Roesle
Assisting Minister	(8:15) Larry Wikelius; (10:45) Alana Oehler
AV	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Assistant	
	(8:15) Larry Wikelius;
	(10:45) Alana and Charlie Oehler, Linda Roesle
Food For Fellowship	Donna Auby
Hosts	(8:15)
	(10:45) Anne & Jerry McDonald, Christine Stern - Calvo
Tellers	(10:45) Anne & Jerry McDonald, Christine Stern - Calvo
Admin Ministry Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Digital Ministry & IT	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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