

August 27, 2023

Blessings & Beginnings

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
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GATHERING MUSIC Andrei Zimbalist

OPENING SONG *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org

Altar Flowers: Given by Janice and Ronny Pinckard in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Announcements: Congregational meeting, Upcoming September Events

STAFF INTRODUCTION Andrei Zimbalist

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

INVOCATION

KYRIE

NOW THE FEAST

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

Pastor: Holy God, we thank you for Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, and the great gift that it is to be part of this church community.

All: May we continue to dream dreams, sing new songs, and be a sign of your living presence in the world.

Pastor: We give thanks for our past and those who built and seeded this church to flourish. We give you thanks for our present, and all the gifts of being this church today, right here and now.

All: Bless our future together. May we be a font of life for many generations to come.

Pastor: We pray for our council leaders, our ministry teams, our staff, and all those who enrich our worship and community life through sharing their gifts.

All: Bless our lives and our service. Energize our souls. Grant us the desire to grow in faith and inspire others.

Pastor: O God, challenge and strengthen our faith. May the ministries that flow out of this place lift up people in the name of Christ.

All: And despite all of our efforts, may we never forget that we are saved by grace alone.

Pastor: Receive this blessing:
God our Creator,
Jesus our Savior,
Holy Spirit our Sustainer,
Bless us and keep us,
Work through us and among us,
Inspire and equip us to be people who carry hope, grace,
and love into the world.

All: Amen!

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

FONT SONG

Solo Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

Let Your Light Shine

SCRIPTURE READING... PSALM 124 Video

NTF: GOSPEL VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL...MATTHEW 16:13-20 NRSV

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

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Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

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And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

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I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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Assisting Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

NTF: GOSPEL VERSE

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE HYMN

#766 (Glory to God Hymnal)

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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



GENEROSITY IMPACT Giving

OFFERING SONG

As the Grains of Wheat

PRAYER OF THANKS

NTF: THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

NTF: 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.”*

NTF: LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #576 *We All Are One in Mission*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: We go out as one in mission, one in Christ's body,
one in God's love, to be the Church beyond these walls. We go
out to serve the Lord and all the people we meet along the way!

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

POSTLUDE Andrei Zimbalist

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner 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.

Pauline Krc, friend of Terrie Thomas.

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
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Acolyte	(10:45) Lillian Murray
Altar Flowers	Given by Janice and Ronny Pinckard in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary.
Altar Steward	(8:15) Ken and Elnora McDonald; (10:45) Carmen Adams-Schulz
Assisting Minister	(8:15) Sara Enochs; (10:45) Carole Morgan
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, Sara Enochs; (10:45) Carole Morgan, Carmen Adams-Schulz, Lillian Murray
Food For Fellowship	Alison Cannon
Hosts	(8:15) Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Connie Astrachan, Anita Knight
Tellers	(10:45) Connie Astrachan, Anita Knight
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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