

October 1, 2023

SYNERGY is Mystery

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

GATHERING MUSIC

Wake Up! J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP video

OPENING HYMN

#413 vv 1,3,4

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

HONEST REFLECTION written by Moira Laidlaw

Assisting Minister: We pray in honesty and confession:

Jesus, you showed us holiness in action through the way you lived your life. You gave away your power in the service of others and turned our understanding of blessedness on its head.

All: We confess the difficulties we experience in living as you lived and loving as you loved.

Assisting Minister: We confess how easy it is to concentrate on our own pleasures - taking note of the plight of many in the world only as the news momentarily grabs our attention.

All: We confess our capacity to be so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for the needs of others shrinks all too rapidly.

Assisting Minister: We confess our failure to act when we see around us weakness, pain, suffering and powerlessness. We confess our reluctance to love our enemies and to do good to those who dislike or even hate us.

All: We confess the ease with which we become conformed to the world's standards rather than facing the challenge of conforming to those of Christ.

Assisting Minister: Stir up your Spirit in us, Lord, and strengthen us to be people who sing and live your song of love; who willingly serve our neighbors—even those we don't especially like; who seek justice and mercy for all and who truly repent of what is past and look with anticipation for what is yet to come. This we pray in your name.

All: Amen.

Pastor: "In Christ... when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, you also were marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people." (Ephesians 1: 13, 14)

Hear again the word of truth: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

SPECIAL MUSIC Bob Cannon ***Amazing Grace*** arr. Jay Althouse

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org

SYNERGY Lunch & Learn, Ministry Fair, Prayer Vigil, PT's Retirement Celebration

MISSION MOMENT SYNERGY Leadership Team

SYNERGY THEME SONG vv 1 & 3 ***Bind Us Together***

SCRIPTURE READING...EPHESIANS 1:3-14 NRSV

Assisting Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

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He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

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that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

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In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL...JOHN 1:1-5, 14

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

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What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Thank be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Joy Henderson and Pastor Tom Grevlos

SONG OF RESPONSE

8:15 Children's Choir ***This Little Light of Mine***
10:45 ***Holy Spirit Rain Down***

MESSAGE Pastor Tom Grevlos ***SYNERGY is Mystery***

MESSAGE SONG vv 1 & 3 ***Speak O Lord***

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us declare our faith in the resurrection and reign of Christ:

All: By the mighty power of the Creator, God raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ and seated him at his right hand in heaven; far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the age to come.

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God placed all things under his feet and appointed Jesus to be head over everything for the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything everywhere and always. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bend on heaven and on earth, declaring Jesus as Lord. 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 Malcolm Henderson and CHARIS Ministry

Passing of the plates

OFFERING MUSIC

#531 vv 1 & 2 ***The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing***

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.”*

COMMUNION MUSIC

8:15 Choir	<i>Write Your Blessed Name</i>	K. Lee Scott
Austin Eckermann	<i>Jupiter, from The Planets</i>	G. Holst
10:45 Bob Cannon	<i>Rhosymedre</i>	Ralph V. Williams

POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #538 *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: Go now, and embrace the hope to which God has
called us.

Recognize Christ in friend and stranger,
and as Christ has been gracious to you,
so be gracious to those in need.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

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

POSTLUDE

8:15 Bob Cannon and Andrei Zimbalist

All Creatures of Our God and King **arr Jay Althouse**

10:45 ***Marche Joyeuse*** **John Head**

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Lydia Perkunas.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:
Mike Schrader, son of Inez Schrader.

God of Life, We pray for Sandy Wikelius and family on the death of her mother, Carol Carlos and for David Zimmerman and family on the death of his father, Elroy Zimmerman. Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

God of Peace, in our countries and cities, our streets and homes, there is conflict. May we come together to end the abuse and misuse of power. May we live out the Biblical vision of “Beating our swords into plowshares, our spears into pruning hooks.” Create within us love and grace that leads to peace and good-will.

God of Hope, strengthen and empower our global ministry partners through the ELCA; Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. Continue to walk with Pr. Karen Castillo and Diego Gil and our ministry in Guatemala, as well as Malcolm and Joy Henderson in Haiti. And, guide and direct our local ministries through Austin City Lutherans; Bread for All Food Pantry, Upbring Ministries and Mariposa Family Learning Center.

**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
Cello	Austin Eckermann
Timpani	Kevin Garrett
Trumpet	Bob Cannon
Acolyte (8:15) Sawyer Dertien; (10:45)	
Altar Steward (8:15) Kathy and Mark Gerhardt; (10:45)	
Assisting Minister (8:15) Pete Forsberg; (10:45) Joel Timmons	
AV Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert	
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Assistant	
	(8:15) Sawyer and Dana Dertien, Pete Forsberg;
	(10:45) Joel Timmons
Food For Fellowship	Sara Dawson
Hosts/Tellers (8:15) Terrie Thomas; (10:45)	
Admin & Community Life Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Campus Superintendent	Philip Perry
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	Megan Getman
Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director	Rebecca Guengerich

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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