

September 24, 2023

# All Aboard!

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**GATHERING MUSIC** *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Wilbur Held

**MESSAGE SERIES INTRO** PT

**CALL TO WORSHIP** video

Assisting Minister: All Aboard! Now is the time to board the boat...

**All: Praise be to the God who invites us to get on board!**

Assisting Minister: The God whose Love dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

**All: Praise be to God who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.**

**Praise be to God who continues to dance through our lives even now.**

Assisting Minister: Let all that have breath sing praise to God.  
All Aboard!

**OPENING HYMN #858**<sub>vv 1,2,4</sub> *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

## TIME OF HONESTY

Assisting Minister: In the waters of baptism we have been called to  
“let our light shine” in this world...

**All: For God did not give us a spirit of timidity and apathy, but bold  
and courageous faith!**

Assisting Minister: In the waters of baptism the Spirit calls us to come  
aboard...

**All: We confess that too often we have refused to come aboard,  
choosing to stand on the shore.**

Assisting Minister: In the waters of baptism we are sealed by your  
promise of Love...

**All: Forgive us and change our hearts, mold us as a potter and  
move us to respond in love toward you and the world.**

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

## SONG OF RESPONSE W&P 127 vv 1 & 2 *Song Over the Waters*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## WORDS OF WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY [shephills.org](http://shephills.org)

**Altar Flowers:** Given by Jane Tackett in celebration of Leila’s Birthday.

**Announcements:** (8:15) Conversation Café, Ignite!, Synergy, PT’s Celebration

## SPECIAL MUSIC 10:45 Kids Choir *This Little Light of Mine*

## SCRIPTURE READING...PSALM 105:1-4 NRSV

Assisting Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make  
known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to  
him; tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let  
the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and  
his strength; seek his presence continually.  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SCRIPTURE STORY...ACTS 27** Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

### **SONG OF RESPONSE #581** vv 1, 4 ***You Are Mine***

### **MESSAGE** Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

### **MESSAGE SONG** ***How Firm a Foundation***

### **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**

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### **GENEROSITY IMPACT** Church Staff Update

Passing of the plates

### **OFFERING MUSIC #583** vv 1&2 ***Take My Life, That I May Be***

### **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 ***Early My Heart Abounds with Pleasure*** Johannes Brahms

10:45 Choir

***Write Your Blessed Name Upon My Heart*** K. Lee Scott

### POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

### BENEDICTION

**SENDING SONG #774** ***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

## COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: ALL ABOARD! Let us board the boat of faith and hoist our sails to catch the Spirit as we go out to love and serve the Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE

8:15

***Leaning on the Everlasting Arms***

10:45 Andrei Zimbalist

## PRAYERS

**We pray** for Rodney Varner.

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

Carol Carlos, mother of Sandy Wikelius.

Mike Schrader, son of Inez Schrader.

**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**

<b>Pastors</b>	Pr. Tom Grevlos, Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
<b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Accompanist</b>	Andrei Zimbalist
<b>Acolyte</b> (8:15) Owen Wegner; (10:45) Jonathan Davies	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Given by Jane Tackett in celebration of Leila's Birthday.
<b>Altar Steward</b> (8:15) Carole Morgan; (10:45) Diane Peterson	
<b>Assisting Minister</b> (8:15) Sara Enochs; (10:45) David Davies	
<b>AV</b>	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert
<b>Bread</b>	Kitt Richter
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	
	(8:15) Sara Enochs, Carole Morgan, Owen Wegner; (10:45) David and Jonathan Davies, Dawn Buffington
<b>Food For Fellowship</b>	Cathy Thompson and Linda Roesle
<b>Hosts/Tellers</b> (8:15) Rick Burnight; (10:45) Debi Schoenfelt	
<b>Admin &amp; Community Life Coordinator</b>	Amanda Forsberg
<b>Campus Superintendent</b>	Philip Perry
<b>Digital Ministry &amp; IT</b>	Dave Wegner
<b>Communications Director</b>	Dabney Gomes
<b>Program Ministry Coordinator</b>	Joel Timmons
<b>Executive Director</b>	Bill Dawson
<b>Finance Controller</b>	Kevin Marlow
<b>Children's Ministry Coordinator</b>	Megan Getman
<b>Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director</b>	Rebecca Guengerich

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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