

October 15, 2023

# Synergy with Humility

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

**GATHERING MUSIC**      *Prelude in A Minor JS Bach*

**CALL TO WORSHIP...EPHESIANS 3:16-17** video

**OPENING HYMN**      *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

## **HONEST REFLECTION**

Assisting Minister: Dear Jesus, so many voices trumpet their greatness, so many images boast of their beauty, misuse their power, squander their wealth; and all too many justify by using your name.

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**All:** And here we are in a world which is daily broken by the foolish arrogance of men and women just like us; and so we pray for the healing of humility to flood every corner of our world:

wherever there is exploitation and God-imaged people are dehumanized;  
wherever there is neglect and the needs of the poorest are ignored;  
wherever there is violence, and the gifts of difference and dignity are rejected.

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Assisting Minister: Dear Jesus, may your humility break in and challenge us, reminding us of our brokenness and need, and teaching us to serve and to love everyone with the grace and humility you show toward us.

All: Amen.

**SONG OF RESPONSE**     *Humble Thyself/Awesome God*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

(8:15 Baby Care Kit) Confirmation, Reformation

**MISSION MOMENT** LuMin Lutheran Campus Ministry University of Texas

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** (Passing of the plate) Pastor Tom Grevlos

**SCRIPTURE READING...EPHESIANS 3:14:21** NRSV

Assisting Minister: For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.  
I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that  
you may be strengthened in your inner being with power  
through his Spirit,

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and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE**

**W&R 114** vv 1 & 3

***O Come, Let Us Adore Him***

## **HOLY GOSPEL...JOHN 12:1-8 NRSV**

Pastor: Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair.

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The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

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Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thank be to God.**

## LESSONS IN ROWING TOGETHER

**Lesson #1** Timing is critical - if you aren't in sync, then you are fighting against each other's movement and therefore slowing down the boat.

**Lesson #2** There is a leader, but you aren't just following the leader, you are moving with the leader.

**Lesson #3** There is a rhythm to the stroke and it includes time to work hard and time to rest well.

**MESSAGE** Pastor Tom Grevlos      ***SYNERGY with Humility***

**MESSAGE SONG**      ***In Christ Alone***

## STATEMENT OF FAITH...PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 NRSV

**All:** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

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And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THANK OFFERING

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



## **GENEROSITY IMPACT** LuMin Ministry video

Passing of the plates

### **OFFERING MUSIC**

8:15 **#531** vv 1 & 3      ***The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing***

10:45 Bell Ensemble      ***Fanfare***      **Kevin McChesney**

### **PRAYER OF THANKS**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All:** 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                      ***Blessed Jesus, At Your Word***                      **JS Bach**

10:45 Choir              ***A Jubilant Song***              **Allen Pote**

### **POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **SENDING SONG**

***Bind Us Together***

## **COMMISSIONING**

Assisting Minister: Empowered by your Love, with humility, gratitude,  
and grace, let us go in peace in love and serve the Lord...

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

## **POSTLUDE**

8:15

***Fugue in F Major* JS Bach**

10:45 Andrei Zimbalist

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner, Lydia Perkunas and Yulah Sisler.

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

Mike Schrader, son of Inez Schrader.

Maxine Johnson, sister of Donna Auby.

**God of Life,** We pray for Sara Dawson and family on the death of her aunt, Sally Sunkel. Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

**God of unity and Love,**

Through Jesus you say to us that whoever wishes to be first must become the least and the servant of all.

May this time of worship and praise be a reminder that your victory is won through the cross.

We pray that your church may be one. Teach us to accept humbly that this unity is a gift of your Spirit;

Through this gift, change and transform us, unite us with the mind of Christ. Lord, in your mercy...

**God of Peace**, as wars continue on the battlefield, in the halls of our government, in the on-line bullying and lying, equip us with the power of your Spirit to stand for those without power or position, and give us the courage to stand for what You stand for. Lord, in your mercy...

**Holy God**, as war has once again broken out in the Holy Land, we lift to you prayers for peace and resolution to this age-old conflict among your people. Draw near to the victims, and inspire leaders to seek your will and your guidance. It's so complicated, Lord, and we will never fully understand the depth of this conflict. But we do know you are with your people, on all sides, in all moments, and we pray for your Spirit to be heard.

**Lord of Life**, as we focus our attention this month on renewal and unity as your church, inspire in each and every person a feeling of belonging and participating in a faith community that welcomes all, participates in the mission and ministry you call us to do, and generously supports the sharing of your love in Guatemala, Haiti, the ELCA, and the ministries of Austin City Lutherans—Mariposa and Bread for All. Be with all who lead those ministries and all whose lives are impacted. Lord, in your mercy...

*\*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 (8:15); (10:45)</b>	Owen Wegner
<b>Altar Steward (8:15)</b>	Jennifer and Richard Arndt;
	(10:45) Carmen Adams-Schulz
<b>Assisting Minister (8:15)</b>	Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Steve Schulz
<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) Jennifer and Richard Arndt, Nancy Etzler;
	(10:45) Steve and Carmen Adams-Schulz, Owen Wegner
<b>Food For Fellowship</b>	Judy and Bob Haugen, Helen and David Maidment
<b>Hosts/Tellers (8:15)</b>	Larry and Sandy Smith;
	(10:45) Virginia Bosman, Connie Astrachan
<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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