

October 22, 2023

10:45 A.M.

# Synergy by Growing

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

**GATHERING MUSIC** Bob Cannon      *Harlach* Wilbur Held

**CALL TO WORSHIP...EPHESIANS 4:15-16** video

**OPENING HYMN**      *Bind Us Together Lord*

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

Reformation, All Saint's

Altar Flowers: Given by the Connors family in honor of the confirmands.

**MISSION MOMENT** Stewarding for Growth: Mark Gerhardt

**OUR YES TO GOD'S YES**

Jake DeVaney :      Many voices are speaking to us today  
                         in social media,  
                         on the concert stages,  
                         on our phones.

**Our Yes: Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice,  
to remember your YES to our lives,  
to follow Your highest path for us.**

Katherine Oehler: Many voices are speaking to us today  
in our homes,  
in our friendships,  
and in our community.

**Our Yes: Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice,  
to remember your YES, respond to Your love,  
to follow Your highest path for us.**

Jake DeVaney: Many voices are speaking to us today  
through celebrities, commercials  
and through media.

**All: Today, Lord, we choose to listen to Your voice,  
to remember your YES, to respond to Your love,  
to follow Your highest path for us.**

Katherine Oehler: As many voices ring in our ears,  
we say that we choose to listen for Your voice,  
to do what pleases and gives glory to you,  
to stay true to the path You have lovingly set before us.

**Our Yes: Strengthen each of us to choose to say yes to your YES,  
to live up to the greatness you placed within us,  
and to grow and honor You in all our ways.  
Lord, help us to listen for Your voice. Amen.**

## **SONG OF RESPONSE #732     *Born Cry***

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

## **CONFIRMAND SHARING**

Presented by: Michaela Connors, Ben Oehler, Lena Dalton

**All: God is doing great things in your life!**

**SONG OF RESPONSE v1 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing***

## **CONFIRMAND SHARING**

Presented by: Jake DeVaney and Katherine Oehler

**All: God is doing great things in your life!**

**SONG OF RESPONSE v3 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing***

## **SCRIPTURE READING...EPHESIANS 4:1-10 NRSV**

Michaela Connors: I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

## **SCRIPTURE READING...EPHESIANS 4:11-16 NRSV**

Lena Dalton: The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.

But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE** Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

**MESSAGE SONG**     ***Come Build a Church***

**ORDER OF CONFIRMATION**

***Affirmation of Baptism***

Joel Timmons, Program Ministry Coordinator: I present:

**Michaela Connors**

**Lena Dalton**

**Jake DeVaney**

**Ben Oehler**

**Katherine Oehler**

who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## ***Affirmation of Faith***

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**Confirmands:** I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Confirmands:** I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Confirmands:** I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All:** 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All:** 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.

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith.  
Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- To live among God's faithful people,
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- And to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmands:** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**All:** We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

**All:** Amen.

### ***Laying on of Hands & Blessing***

Michaela Connors, Lena Dalton, Jake DeVaney,  
Ben Oehler and Katherine Oehler

Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

### ***Recognition of Confirmation Students***

## THANK OFFERING

- To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: [shephills.org/give](https://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 Quilts/Baby Care Kits

Passing of the plates

## OFFERING RESPONSE Choir *Holy and Mighty* Pepper Choplin

## PRAYER OF THANKS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER Children's Choir and Choir

## 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

## POST - COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING SONG #720 vv 1 & 3 *We Are Called*

## COMMISSIONING

Ben Oehler : All Living Things Grow! May we be alive in Christ as we go  
out to love and serve the Lord...

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

**POSTLUDE** Bob Cannon      *Marche Joyeuse* John Head

## PRAYERS

**We pray** for Rodney Varner and George Carlson.

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

**God of Life,** We pray for Sara Dawson and family on the death of her aunt, Sally Sunkel and for Ruth Felger and family on the death of her brother, Donald Schrader, and for Donna Auby and family on the death of her sister, Maxine Johnson. Surround all who mourn with the peace and promise of resurrection.

**God of new life,** we give thanks for the birth of Matias Richard Nutter, son of Olivia, grandson of Mark and Kim, nephew of Sophie and Ethan Nutter and for the birth of Chloe Dawson, daughter of Doug and Sara, granddaughter of Bill and Sara, niece of Brian and Jessica. We pray for Matias and Chloe to grow in faith, hope, and love throughout their lives. Use us to surround all with your love.

**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>Trumpet</b>	Bob Cannon
<b>Acolyte</b> (8:15) Lillian Murray; (10:45) Jonathan Davies	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Given by the Connors family in honor of the confirmands.
<b>Altar Steward</b> (8:15); (10:45) Linda Roesle	
<b>Assisting Minister</b> (8:15) Sara Enochs	
<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, Kristen and Lillian Murray	
<b>Food For Fellowship</b>	Alison Cannon
<b>Hosts/Tellers</b> (8:15); (10:45) Larry and Sandy Smith	
<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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