

Sunday, November 19

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran

GATHERING MUSIC *Holy Manna*

CALL TO WORSHIP by Rev. Nancy Townley

Assisting Minister: The time for harvest is close at hand.

Praise God for the gifts God has given, and for the opportunities for service that they represent.

All: We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Assisting Minister: Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

All: Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. Amen.

OPENING HYMN #819 *Come, All You People*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (David Beswick)

Assisting Minister: We have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation:

All: Lord, have mercy.

Assisting Minister: We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship
and to be good stewards of your gospel:

All: Christ, have mercy.

Assisting Minister: We have failed to be faithful members of your
church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts:

All: Lord, have mercy.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God proves God's love for us in that while we still were
sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Confident in God's free gift of forgiveness,
I declare to you Christ's word of grace:
Your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen! Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE *Give Thanks*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org/Events

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar today are in honor of the 50th Family
Anniversary when Bob and Joan Vorkoper were married and he became an
instant dad to Kay, Julia and Tom.

The second bouquet is in memory of Joan's first husband and Bob's friend,
Dale Mollgaard, and their daughter Kay Mollgaard Vorkoper.

Announcements:

Semi-Annual Meeting, Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Wednesday Advent

SCRIPTURE READING...ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18 NRSV

Assisting Minister: Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the
LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated
his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will
punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who
say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."
Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

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That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath;

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in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PG 151

GOSPEL READING...MATTHEW 25:14-30 NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew chapter 25.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: [Jesus said,] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

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The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

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His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

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His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;

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so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

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So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG #678 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

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- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give now.
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GENEROSITY IMPACT Bread For All

Passing of the plates

OFFERING SONG #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

PRAYER OF THANKS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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 *Down to the River to Pray* Arr. Mary McDonald
#484 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #633 *O God Our Help in Ages Past*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: As God has given us many gifts and talents, may
we use them as we go out to love and serve the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* JS Bach

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Tamara Allen.

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.

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.

Almighty God, you inspire and equip us to serve your people, both here in our community and around the world. Continue to keep us connected in mission and ministry with Austin City Lutherans and the ministries of Mariposa and Bread for All; with our fellow congregation in Guatemala alongside the ministry of ILAG; with the ministry of Charis in Haiti; and with all the places and people you call us to serve. May we be your hands and feet!

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks,
unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

Program Ministry Coordinator Joel Timmons

Director of Worship/Arts Kevin McClure

Accompanist Andrei Zimbalist

(8:15)Choir with Jennifer Arndt, Directing

Acolyte (8:15) ; (10:45) Alicia Calvo

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Altar Steward (8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald; (10:45) Linda Roesle

Assisting Minister (8:15) Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Herb Palmer

AV Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert and Vince Yokubaitis

Bread Kitt Richter

Communion Assistant

(8:15) Nancy Etzler, Ken and Elnora McDonald;

(10:45) Herb Palmer, Alicia Calvo, Linda Roesle

Food For Fellowship Judy Haugen

Hosts/Tellers (8:15) Terrie Thomas, Rick Burnight;

(10:45) Connie Astrachan and Sandy Smith

Admin & Community Life Coordinator Amanda Forsberg

Campus Superintendent Philip Perry

Digital Ministry & IT Dave Wegner

Communications Director Dabney Gomes

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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