



Sunday, November 26

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran
Austin, Texas

GATHERING MUSIC

Christ is Alive arr. J. Wayne Kerr

CALL TO WORSHIP by Bruce Prewer

Pastor: Around the world this day,
the universal church celebrates the “The Reign of Christ.”

Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the
merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and
power in this world and in the world that is to come.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the
Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing.**

Pastor: God has placed everything under Christ’s wounded feet,
appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns
as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
come into his courts with praise.
Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (by John Birch, Thom Shuman)

Assisting Minister: Let us enter into a time of confession.

God, you call us to be your voices in this world,

All: and we stay silent.

Assisting Minister: You call us to be your hands in this world,

All: and we keep them hidden.

Assisting Minister: You call us to be your feet in this world,

All: and we go our own way.

Assisting Minister: When we meet those who are doubting
and say nothing,

All: forgive us.

Assisting Minister: When we meet those who need your touch
and do nothing,

All: forgive us.

Assisting Minister: When we are called to take up your cross
and we carry nothing,

All: forgive us.

(silence)

Pastor: God searches for the lost,
 and finds us;
 God invites the hungry to the table,
 and feeds us;
 God sends Jesus,
 and frees us from death's prison;
 God forgives your sin, +
 and heals you with mercy and grace.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

PROCESSION with cross

OPENING HYMN #855 vv 1, 3-5 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org/Events

Announcements: Wednesday Advent, Advent Devotionals

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Carlson and Wykrent Families

SCRIPTURE READING...EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24 NRSV

Assisting Minister: For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

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I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

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I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.

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I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

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Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and

they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

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I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #744 vv 1 & 4 ***Lord, Be Glorified***

GOSPEL READING...MATTHEW 25:31-46 NRSV

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: [Jesus said,] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

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All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

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Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

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I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

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And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

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Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

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I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

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Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG

#389 vv 1-3, 5

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

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GENEROSITY IMPACT Meals On Wheels

Passing of the plates

OFFERING SONG

10:45 Choir ***Down to the River to Pray*** arr. Mary McDonald
#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

10:45 Choir ***Thine the Amen*** Arr. Carl Schalk
#484 ***You Satisfy the Hungry Heart***

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #439 *Soon and Very Soon*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: Jesus is alive and reigning in our lives and in the world. We go in peace, celebrating our King of love and life and hope!

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

POSTLUDE *Trompette Jubilante* **Craig A. Penfield**

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner and Tamara Allen.

We give you thanks for opportunities to gather on retreat, and we pray for the 11 families who are attending the Advent Family Retreat at Camp Chrysalis this coming weekend: Davies Family, Dertien family, Eckermann family, Grotrian family, Hansen family, Hartmann family, Murray family, Robertson family, Smith family, Wegner family, and Megan Getman, our children's minister. Grant them safe travel, rest and rejuvenation with their families, and growth in faith!

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
(10:45) Choir	
Acolyte (8:15); (10:45) Jonathan Davies	
Altar Arrangement Carole and Larry Morgan	
Altar Steward (8:15) Kitt Richter; (10:45)	
Assisting Minister (8:15) Carole Morgan; (10:45) Cindy Nelson	
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) Kitt Richter, Carole Morgan; (10:45) Cindy Nelson, Jonathan Davies	
Food For Fellowship Anne McDonald, Cathy Thompson, Linda Roesle	
Hosts/Tellers (8:15) Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Larry 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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