

January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after

# Epiphany

Installation of the Senior Pastor  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
Austin, Texas



**GATHERING MUSIC**

***Festive Processional*** David Lasky

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

***Baptized in Water***

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Bishop: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God, who is faithful and just, and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for Reflection*

Bishop: Most merciful God,

**All: have mercy on us.**

**We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth.**

**All:** In your compassion, forgive our sin, and uphold us by your Spirit, that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

**Bishop:** With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #665** vs 1, 2, 4 *Rise, Shine, You People!*

### **GREETING**

**Bishop:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**NTF: Kyrie and Now the Feast**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Announcements: Souper Bowl of Caring, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday

Flowers: Flowers given by the Church Council in celebration of Pastor Lauren's installation as Senior Pastor.

Flowers given by J.D. and Laurie Wegner in honor of Pastor Lauren's Installation.

**SCRIPTURE READING...DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20** NRSV

Assisting Minister: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die."

Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.

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Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak - that prophet shall die."

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This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **NTF: GOSPEL VERSE**

### **GOSPEL...MARK 1:21-28** NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus and the disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

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Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

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They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE** Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

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

**MESSAGE SONG #456    *Baptized in Water***

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**INSTALLATION** of The Rev. Lauren Dow Wegner, Senior Pastor

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*after each petition... Lord in your mercy,*

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Bishop:     The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All:           And also with you.**

**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



Passing of the plates

**OFFERING SONG NTF: *As the Grains of Wheat***

**OFFERING MUSIC     *Air*     arr. Bob Moore**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Bishop:     Let us pray. Merciful God,

**All:** everything in heaven and on earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **NTF: GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **NTF: PREFACE**

### **NTF: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **COMMUNION INVITATION**

As we celebrate this sacrament, all are invited to receive the  
Risen presence of Jesus.

*Jesus is really present—in bread and wine—forgiving sins and  
promising new life.*

*Hear these words:*

*Bread/wafer— “The body of Christ given for you”;*

*Wine— “The blood of Christ shed for you.”*

*Prayer Station - Alana Oehler*

### **NTF: *Lamb of God***

**COMMUNION MUSIC** Choir *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Mark Hayes

**#483 *Here is Bread***

**#484 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart***

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

### **BENEDICTION**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**#310**      *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

### **COMMISSIONING**

Assisting Minister: In our baptism, we are rooted in Christ and the  
promises of God, sent to proclaim the Gospel  
to all people.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord...

**All:**      **Thanks be to God, and we will!**

**POSTLUDE**      *Rigadoun*      **Andre Campra**

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Bob and Judy Moore, Rodney Varner, Dale Petersen and Betty Lueders.

**God of new life**, we give thanks for the birth of Remy Martin Ahumada, son of Ian and Holly Ahumada, grandson of Nader and Debra Ayoub. We give thanks for the birth of Clifford Brougham Bevens, son of Allie Timmons-Bevens and Jack Bevens, nephew of Joel Timmons. We pray for Remy and Clifford to grow in faith, hope, and love throughout their life.

**We pray** for Earl Bishop on the death of his grandfather, Joel Alderson and Amy Bishop, on the death of her aunt Marilyn Fehlis. We pray for Madeline Hartmann and family on the death of Dorthy Ramsey. We pray for Bob Moore on the death of his cousin, Tim Aynesworth. Give peace and comfort to all who grieve, and may the promise of resurrection be our hope.

**God of Unity**, we thank you for the many different people and perspectives that fill your world and our lives each day. We pray that our church may continue to live out and share the welcoming love of Jesus for all people. As the root of conflict is so often misunderstanding and judgment of others, may we be instruments of your peace as you open our minds and hearts to see every person as your beloved.

**Holy God**, as war continues in the Holy Land, we lift to you prayers for peace and resolution. 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. We thank you for our mission partners of Austin City Lutherans and the ministries of Mariposa Family Learning Center, Bread for All, and Upbring Ministries. We thank you for our sister congregation in Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala, and the ministry of ILAG. We thank you for the mission of Charis in Haiti. We thank you for our Butterfly Christian Preschool and the many young minds and hearts that are formed in faith here. May we be your hands and feet!

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



## **WORSHIP TEAM**

<b>Pastor</b>	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
<b>Presider</b>	Bishop Sue Briner
<b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Choir</b>	
<b>Flute</b>	Sissel Wilson
<b>Guitar</b>	Byron Dow
<b>Trumpet</b>	Bob Cannon
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jonathon Davies
<b>Altar Steward</b>	Carole Morgan, Kitt Richter
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Cindy Nelson
<b>AV</b>	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert and Vince Yokubaitis
<b>Bread</b>	Kitt Richter
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Karen and John Stern, Cindy Nelson
<b>Hosts/Tellers</b>	Virginia Bosman, Dertien family, Connie Astrachan
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	Alana Oehler
<b>Accompanist</b>	Andrei Zimbalist
<b>Admin &amp; Community Life Coordinator</b>	Amanda Forsberg
<b>Campus Superintendent</b>	Philip Perry
<b>Children's Ministry Coordinator</b>	Megan Getman
<b>Communications Director</b>	Dabney Gomes
<b>Digital Ministry &amp; IT</b>	Dave Wegner
<b>Executive Director</b>	Bill Dawson
<b>Finance Controller</b>	Kevin Marlow
<b>Program Ministry Coordinator</b>	Joel Timmons
<b>Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director</b>	Rebecca Guengerich

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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