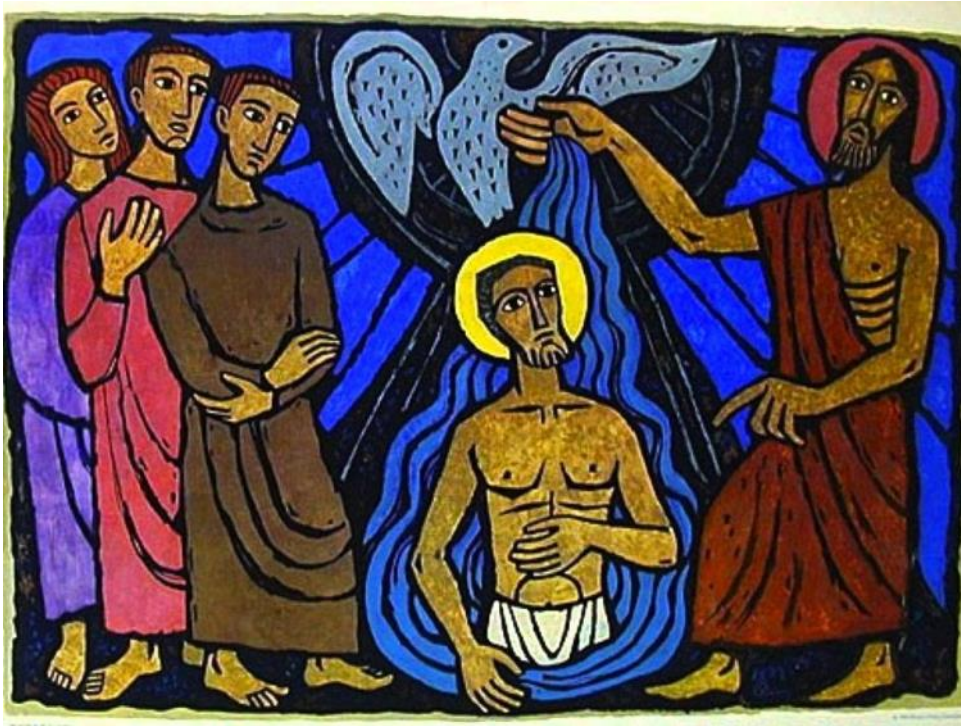


January 7, 2024



## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Assisting Minister: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.  
Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse. "This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased." Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.  
Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.  
Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

**OPENING HYMN #453** vs 1, 2, 4      *Baptized and Set Free*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Announcements: Realm, Installation Sunday, Pete Forsberg - Trips

### **SCRIPTURE READING...GENESIS 1:1-5 NRSV**

Assisting Minister: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 19:1-7 NRSV**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism."

Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PG 142**

***Alleluia***

## **GOSPEL READING...MARK 1:4-11** NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 8:15 **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE** Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

**MESSAGE SONG #798** vs 1, 2, 4, 5      ***The Summons***

## 8:15 **APOSTLES' CREED**

## 10:45 **HOLY BAPTISM**

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Penn Leinenkugel and Rooney Bee Ritter, son and daughter of Lexi and Jake Ritter.

Penn was born on April 2, 2021. His baptismal sponsors are Ralph and Hillary Coppola.

Rooney was born on August 16, 2023. Her Baptismal sponsors are Peter and Ellen Wendel.

(Children are invited forward to celebrate God's gift of baptism)

## 10:45 **SONG OF RESPONSE**      *Welcome, Child of God*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

## **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 W&P 146**      *We Are an Offering*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING** PG 144

## **PREFACE**

## **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.

*God 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*

8:15 - Tamara Allen

10:45 - Alana Oehler

## COMMUNION MUSIC

10:45 Anderi Zimbalist

***Fur Elise* Beethoven**

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

### SENDING SONG

***Every time I Feel the Spirit***

## COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: We have been gifted with the Holy Spirit in  
baptism, claimed for the work of sharing the Gospel of Jesus  
with the world. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE

10:45 Anderi Zimbalist

**Nutcracker: *Pas De Deux* Tchaikovsky**

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner and Dale Petersen.

**We pray** for Will Johnson and his family on the death of his mother, Becky Johnson. May the hope and promise of resurrection bring comfort and peace to all who mourn.

**We pray** in celebration for the baptism of Penn Leinenkugel and Rooney Bee Ritter, son and daughter of Lexi and Jake Ritter.

**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 true inclusion of all people, and that the welcoming love of Jesus may always be our message. 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 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. 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>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Accompanist</b>	Andrei Zimbalist
<b>Acolyte</b> (8:15) Wykrent, (10:45) Jonathan Davies	
<b>Altar Steward</b> (8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald, (10:45) Dawn Buffington	
<b>Assisting Minister</b> (8:15) Lynn Spillar, (10:45) Jennifer Arndt	
<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 Assistant</b> (8:15) Lynn Spillar, Elnora and Ken McDonald, (10:45) John and Karen Stern, Dawn Buffington	
<b>Food For Fellowship</b> Bob and Judy Haugen	
<b>Hosts/Tellers</b> (8:15) Terrie Thomas, (10:45) Sandy and Larry Smith	
<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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