

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

GATHERING MUSIC Bob Cannon

CALL TO WORSHIP

Assisting Minister: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

All: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.

KYRIE: ACS SETTING 12

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Assisting Minister: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

All: Amen.

Assisting Minister: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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Assisting Minister: Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

All: Amen.

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Pastor: Here is a flood of grace - out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN *The Glory of These Forty Days*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org/Events

Announcements: Lent Wednesday's, Pr. Tim @8:15, Women's Retreat

10:45 INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS & COMMISSIONING OF CALL COMMITTEE

SCRIPTURE READING...GENESIS 9:8-17 NRSV

Assisting Minister: Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

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I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you,

for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

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When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

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God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ACS SETTING 12

GOSPEL READING...MARK 1:9-15 NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG W&P 115 *Out in the Wilderness*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

after each petition... Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: 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.
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 7874



GENEROSITY IMPACT Pastor Tim Anderson, Austin City Lutherans

Passing of the plates

OFFERING MUSIC

10:45 Bell Ensemble

#188

Song of Celebration Arnold Sherman

Create in me a Clean Heart

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING: ACS SETTING 12

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ACS SETTING 12

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION INVITATION

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

*Christ 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

*As you leave the communion table, a prayer minister is available to
offer prayers of thanksgiving or healing prayers
for the burdens and ills you carry.*

Lamb of God: ELW SETTING 3

COMMUNION MUSIC

8:15 Bob Cannon

10:45 Choir, Jennifer Arndt, director; Jan Wilson, soloist; Choir

***How Can I Keep from Singing* arr. Brandon Martell**

This song was first published in 1869 only four years after the end of
the Civil War a time when the memories and
losses of that conflict were very fresh.

The lyrics stress that as we have Christ, we can keep singing.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

8:15 **INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS & COMMISSIONING OF CALL COMMITTEE**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #660 vs 1, 2,4 ***Lift High the Cross***

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: In the wilderness of life, Jesus goes before us to lead our way. We go out in faith, trusting in the promises of God that we have heard and experienced here.

All: Thanks be to God, and we WILL!

POSTLUDE Bob Cannon & Kevin McClure ***March*** **J.S. Bach**

PRAYERS

We pray for Bob Moore and Rodney Varner.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Milton Volney, uncle of Debra Wissman.

Wally Holmquist, brother of Mary Macauley.

Pauline Krc, friend of Terrie Thomas.

We pray for Jan Burnight on the death of her friend, Layne Walls. May the hope and promise of resurrection bring comfort and peace to all who mourn.

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 and Bread for All. We thank for our partnership with Upbring Ministries.

We are grateful to serve your people alongside Lutheran World Relief, Global Refuge, ELCA World Hunger, and other ministries across the world. We pray for our sister congregation in Aurora 8 de Octubre, Guatemala, and the ministry of ILAG. We pray 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

Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Trumpet	Bob Cannon
Bell Ensemble (10:45)	
Choir (10:45)	
Acolyte	(8:15) Owen Wegner; (10:45) Alicia Calvo
Altar Steward	(8:15) Nancy and Denny Etzler; (10:45) Linda Roesle
Assisting Minister	(8:15) Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Carole Morgan
AV	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert and Vince Yokubaitis
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Servers	(8:15) Owen Wegner, Nancy and Denny Etzler; (10:45) Alicia Calvo, Linda Roesle, Joel Timmons
Food For Fellowship	Judy Haugen
Hosts/Tellers	(8:15); (10:45) Connie Astrachan, Christine Stern-Calvo
Prayer Ministry	(8:15) Arlene Morris; (10:45) Carole Morgan
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Admin & Community Life Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Campus Superintendent	Philip Perry
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Megan Getman
Communications Director	Dabney Gomes
Digital Ministry & IT	Dave Wegner
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Finance Controller	Kevin Marlow
Program Ministry Coordinator	Joel Timmons
Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director	Rebecca Guengerich

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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