

February 25, 2024

# Second Sunday in Lent

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

**GATHERING MUSIC**      *Prelude in F Minor J.S. Bach*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 22)

Assisting Minister: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**All:**      **For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

**KYRIE ELW SETTING 10**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**All:**      **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: 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 #831 vs 1-4   *The God of Abraham Praise***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Announcements: Lent Wednesday's, Learning Hour, Tour New Life

## **SCRIPTURE READING...GENESIS 17:1-7, 15-16** NRSV

Assisting Minister: When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."

Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

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No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you,

and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

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God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS SETTING 12**

### **GOSPEL READING...MARK 8:31-38** NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

Then [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

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But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

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For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

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Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

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**MESSAGE SONG #768** vs 1-3     ***Lead Me, Guide Me***

**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**

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



Passing of the plates

**OFFERING MUSIC**

8:15 Kevin McClure     ***Create in Me a Clean Heart***

10:45 Andrei Zimbalist     ***Prelude in C J.S. Bach***

**OFFERING SONG #188    *Create in Me a Clean Heart***

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING ACS SETTING 12**

**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**

10:45 Choir

***Wondrous Love* arr. Alice Parker**

**COMMUNION HYMN #773 vs 1-3 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

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

### **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG #796** vs 1-2, 4-alt 5 ***How Firm a Foundation***

### **COMMISSIONING**

Assisting Minister: As we continue our Lenten journey, we take up our cross and follow Jesus wherever he leads us. We go in peace, filled with the Holy Spirit.

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

**POSTLUDE**     ***Great Day***     **Aldolphus Hailstork**

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner, Judy and Bob Moore.

**We pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Milton Volney, uncle of Debra Wissman.

Claire Zagrodzky, daughter of Vicki Matava.

**We pray** for Jan Burnight on the death of her friend, Layne Walls. We pray for Sharon Collins on the death of her cousin, Virginia Cummins. We pray Charlie Enochs, on the death of his father, Jim Enochs. May the hope and promise of resurrection bring comfort and peace to all who mourn.

**We pray** for our Confirmation students: Isaac Bishop, Jonathan Davies, Sawyer Dertien, Luke Hansen, Alex Nuernberg, Andrew Nuernberg, Lillian Murray, Keaton Robertson and Owen Wegner and chaperones: Melissa Robertson and Joel Timmons during their retreat at Ebert Ranch. May their time be filled with joy and laughter, learning and growing in faith and discipleship, and in sacred time together.

**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**

<b>Pastor</b>	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
<b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Choir (10:45)</b>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	(8:15) Wykrent; (10:45)
<b>Altar Steward</b>	(8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald; (10:45)
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	(8:15) Sara Enochs; (10:45) Pam Petterson
<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 Servers</b>	(8:15) Elnora and Ken McDonald, Sara Enochs; (10:45) Pam Petterson
<b>Food For Fellowship</b>	Alison Cannon
<b>Hosts/Tellers</b>	(8:15); (10:45) Connie Astrachan, Virginia Bosman
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	(8:15) Sandy Wikelius; (10:45) Tamara Allen
<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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