

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after

Epiphany

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

GATHERING MUSIC

Light Dawns on a Weary World

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: 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

Pastor: 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.

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.

Pastor: 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!

KYRIE & Now the Feast

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org/Events

Announcements: Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, SouperBowl of Caring, Council Retreat

MISSION MOMENT Scout BSA Troop #31

SCRIPTURE READING...ISAIAH 40:21-31 NRSV

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

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who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

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Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

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Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings

out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

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Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

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Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

NTF: GOSPEL VERSE

GOSPEL READING...MARK 1:29-39 NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

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Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.

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And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because

they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

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When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

8:15 **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Megan Getman

MESSAGE Rev. Herb Palmer

MESSAGE SONG #726 Solo, v 1 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

8:15 **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

10:45 **HOLY BAPTISM**

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for
Zae Apollo Johnson, son of Lacey Taylor Fortune and Hayward
Johnson Jr.

Zae was born on July 3, 2023. His baptismal sponsors are
Shannon and Justin Cain.

10:45 **SONG OF RESPONSE** 2x *Welcome, Child of God*

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 now.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746



Passing of the plates

OFFERING MUSIC 8:15 Bells *We Are One In the Spirit*

OFFERING SONG NTF: *As the Grains of Wheat*

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

*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.*

NTF: *Lamb of God*

COMMUNION MUSIC

8:15 Choir ***The Heavens Are Telling*** Haydn

Soloists: Gabriel - Tara Grove, Uriel - Josh Norem, Raphael - Nader Ayoub

10:45 ***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ***

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG NTF: *Praise to You, O God of Mercy*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: As we follow Jesus in the world, may we be agents
of healing and wholeness as we go in peace to love and serve
the Lord...

All: Thanks be to God, and we WILL!

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven John Rutter

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner, Bob and Judy Moore, and Courtney and Lars Hjaltman and family.

God of new life, 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 Clifford to grow in faith, hope, and love throughout his life.

We pray in celebration for the baptism of Zae Apollo Johnson, son of Lacey Taylor Fortune and Hayward Johnson Jr., grandson of Rex and Sheila Fortune, great-grandson of Marie Fortune.

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 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

Presider	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Preaching Pastor	Rev. Herb Palmer
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Choir and Bells (8:15)	
Flute (10:45)	Kristina Bishop
Acolyte	(8:15) Wykrent; (10:45) Austin Eckermann
Altar Steward (8:15)	Carole Morgan; (10:45) Carmen Adams-Schulz
Assisting Minister (8:15)	Carole Morgan; (10:45) Steve Schulz
AV	Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert and Vince Yokubaitis
Bread	Kitt Richter
Food For Fellowship	Brooke and Sam DeVaney
Hosts/Tellers	(8:15) Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Paula Disbrowe, Flannery Norman
Prayer Ministry	(8:15) Deb Pollock; (10:45) Pat Saul
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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