

March 10, 2024

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

**GATHERING MUSIC**      *Rose Window* Henri Mulet

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 107)

Assisting Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**All:            God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Assisting Minister: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,

**All:            Those God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from  
the land, from the east and from the west, from the north  
and from the south.**

Assisting Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**All:            God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**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,

**All: 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. 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 W&P 127 vs 1, 2, 4 *Song Over the Waters***

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Announcements: Lent Wednesday's, Holy Week, Easter

Altar Flowers: From Hartmann family, In honor of Tobias' 1st birthday!

## **SCRIPTURE READING...NUMBERS 21:4-9 NRSV**

Assisting Minister: From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

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And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS SETTING 12**

### **GOSPEL READING...JOHN 3:14-21** NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

[Jesus said:] "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

"Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.

"But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

8:15 Choir

***God So Loved the World***

**John Stainer**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Joel Timmons

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**MESSAGE SONG #325** vs 1-3 ***I Want Jesus to Walk with 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**

- 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.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 7874



## **OFFERING MUSIC**

Kevin McClure

***Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land***

**OFFERING SONG #692** ***We Are An Offering***

## OFFERING PRAYER

## GREAT THANKSGIVING ACS SETTING 12

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ACS SETTING 12

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## COMMUNION INVITATION

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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 Choir ***How Can I Keep From Singing*** arr. Brandon Martell

Jan Wilson, soloist; Jennifer Arndt, director; Choir

10:45 ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*** L. Shackley

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

### **BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG #333** vs 1-3     *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land*

### **COMMISSIONING**

Assisting Minister: "For God so loved the world..." Let us go out to  
love and serve God and the world that God loves so  
deeply.

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

**POSTLUDE**     *Fugue in C*     **Johann Pachelbel**

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner, Stephanie Hilts, Ron Bacon, Richard Arndt, Bob and Judy Moore.

**We pray** for family and friends of Shepherd members:  
Milton Volney, uncle of Debra Wissman.

**God of hope**, we pray in thanksgiving for medical tests that give us good and hopeful news, especially for Claire Zagrodzky, daughter of Vicki Matava. We are grateful for the relief and comfort of good news, and for your presence through it all.

**We pray** for Charlie Enochs and family on the death of his father, Jim Enochs. 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**

<b>Pastor</b>	Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner
<b>Preaching</b>	Joel Timmons
<b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Choir (8:15)</b>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	(8:15); (10:45)
<b>Altar Steward</b>	(8:15) Sandy Wikelius; (10:45) Carole Morgan
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	(8:15) Larry Wikelius; (10:45) 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 Servers</b>	(8:15) Sandy and Larry Wikelius, Sharon Collins; (10:45) Cindy and David Nelson, Joel Timmons
<b>Food For Fellowship</b>	Brooke and Sam DeVaney
<b>Hosts/Tellers</b>	(8:15) Anita Knight, Rick Burnight; (10:45) Connie Astrachan, Joe Spann
<b>Prayer Ministry</b>	(8:15); (10:45) Carole Morgan
<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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