

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

GATHERING MUSIC *Amazing Grace* arr Kevin McKee

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 51)

Assisting Minister: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

All: And put a new and right spirit within me.

Assisting Minister: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

All: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

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 #341 vs 1-3 ***Now Behold the Lamb***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org/Events

Announcements: Holy Week, Easter, Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING...JEREMIAH 31:31-34 NRSV

Assisting Minister: The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ACS SETTING 12

GOSPEL READING...JOHN 12:20-33 NRSV

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Joel Timmons

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MESSAGE SONG #379 vs 1-4 ***Now the Green Blade Rises***

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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 Growing Generosity Team, Mark Gerhardt

Passing of the plates

OFFERING MUSIC

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

10:45 Choir ***Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace Whose Mind Is Stayed On Thee*** **SS Wesley**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG #798 vs 1, 2, 4-5 *Will You come and Follow Me*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

POSTLUDE *The Dawning of the Day* **William Arms Fischer**

PRAYERS

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

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

We pray for Rick Burnight and family on the death of his mother, Jeannette Burnight. 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

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| Pastor | Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner |
| Preaching | Joel Timmons |
| Director of Worship/Arts | Kevin McClure |
| Choir (10:45) | |
| Flute | Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner |
| Trumpet | Bob Cannon |
| Acolyte | (8:15); (10:45) Owen Wegner |
| Altar Steward | (8:15) Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Diane Peterson |
| Assisting Minister | (8:15) Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Karen Stern |
| 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) Nancy and Denny Etzler, Mark Gerhardt; (10:45) Karen Stern, Owen Wegner |
| Food For Fellowship | Helen and David Maidment |
| Hosts/Tellers | (8:15) Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Virginia Bosman |
| Prayer Ministry | (8:15) Sandy Wikelius; (10:45) Alana Oehler |
| 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 |
| Program Ministry Coordinator | Joel Timmons |
| Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director | Rebecca Guengerich |

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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