

March 31, 2024
9:00 + 11:00 am

Easter Sunday

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is risen!

All: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN #365 vs 1-4 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Children's Choir *Halle-halle-lujah*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

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We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep, and water became the essence of life. At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as your Easter people.

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We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen! Alleluia!

ASPERSION *Praise, Praise, Praise The Lord!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org/Events

Announcements: Spring Events Card

SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 10:34-43 NRSV

Assisting Minister: Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

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how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,

not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING...1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11 NRSV

Assisting Minister: Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures,

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and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

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For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSION ELW SETTING 3

GOSPEL READING...JOHN 20:1-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL PROCESSION ELW SETTING 3

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG

#367 vs 1-4 ***Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds***

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

9:00 **HOLY BAPTISM**

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Scout Rose Bonner, daughter of Kristen and Cole Bonner. Scout was born on May 19, 2023. Her baptismal sponsors are Brooke Bonner and Michael Kenny.

9:00 **SONG OF RESPONSE** 2x ***Welcome, Child of God***

11:00 **NICENE 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



EASTER DAY SPECIAL OFFERING

- Support: ELCA World Hunger and Global Refuge (previously Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services).



Passing of the plates

OFFERING MUSIC Choir *O Clap Your Hands*

Bring plates forward

OFFERING SONG WOV 671 *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW SETTING 3

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW SETTING 3

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

Bells and Brass

***People of Joy* Valerie Stephenson**

COMMUNION SONG

***España* V. Buyanovsky**

John Turman, horn

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and forever.

PROCESSIONAL SONG #364 vs 1-3 *Christ has Arisen, Alleluia*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: Go in peace, with Easter Joy, to love and serve the
Lord.

All: Thanks be to God, and we WILL!

HALLELUJAH CHORUS from *The Messiah* G.F. Handel

Choir + Congregation

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

We pray for Rodney Varner, Kathie Smith, Bob and Judy Moore.

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

Jack, friend of Sharon Collins.

Milton Volney, uncle of Debra Wissman.

God, we give you thanks for the baptism of Scout Rose Bonner, daughter of Kristen and Cole Bonner. As you have planted the seed of faith in Scout's heart, use us as teachers and witnesses of your love as she grows.

O God, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in faith, and now rest in your eternal life, especially Carolyn Holmquist, sister-in-law of Mary Macaulay. We pray for your comfort and peace to surround all who grieve, as we trust together in the resurrection promise. We commend Carolyn to your never-ending love.

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope.

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. We pray especially for the people of the Holy Land--for war and suffering to end.

God, you have given us freedom in the resurrected Christ. We pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day.

O God, you have empowered us with the risen Christ to serve your people, here and everywhere. We pray for our partner ministries of Austin City Lutherans--Bread for All and Mariposa Family Learning Center. We pray for the ministries of Upbring. We pray for the worldwide ministries of ELCA World Hunger, Global Refuge, and Lutheran World Relief. We pray for our sister congregation in Guatemala in Aurora 8 de Octubre, and for Pr. Karen Castillo and the leaders of ILAG. We pray for the ministry of CHARIS in Haiti and all the people there. We pray for our Butterfly Christian Preschool as young ones are formed in faith, hope, and love.

**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

Bells

Choir

Brass Keith Winking, Cayden Rolfe and Billy Gayman

Timpani Tony Edwards

Trumpet Bob Cannon

Tuba Raul Rodriguez

Acolyte (9:00) Sawyer Dertien - Acolyte, Jonathan Davies - Crucifer;
(11:00) Lillian Murray - Acolyte, Louisa Wykrent - Crucifer

Altar Steward

(9:00) Elnora and Ken McDonald; (11:00) Carmen Adams-Schulz

Assisting Minister (9:00) Megan Koeneman; (11:00) Audrey Cullinane

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 (9:00) Larry and Sandy Wikelius, Sawyer
Dertien, Elnora and Ken McDonald, Jonathan Davies,
Megan Koeneman, Joel Timmons, Mark and Kathy Gerhardt;
Tim, Tiffany, and Elliott Stein

(11:00) Peter and Linda Miller, Marie Wykrent, Steve and Carmen
Adams-Schulz, Emma Wykrent, Audrey Cullinane and family,
Alana and Charlie Oehler, Jessica Borne, Lillian Murray and family

Easter Cross Violet and Jackie Grotrain - Chedsey

Food For Fellowship Sara Dawson and Jackie Grotrian - Chedsay

Hosts/Tellers (9:00) Rick and Kendra Burnight, Julie and Tom Hudnall,
Terrie Thomas;

(11:00) Anne and Jerry McDonald, Virginia Bosman, Amanda and
Stephen Palmer, Connie Astrachan

Prayer Ministry (9:00) Tamara Allen; (11:00) Rebecca Guengerich

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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