

April 14, 2024  
8:15 + 10:45 am

# 3rd Sunday of Easter

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
Austin, Texas

**GATHERING MUSIC** *Prelude and Chaconne in C* Dietrich Buxtehude

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Pastor: Merciful God,

**All: We confess 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 loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

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**In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

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Pastor: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

#389 vv 1-2, 5

*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Please take a moment to sign the guestbooks...

Announcements: Congregation, ACL Summit, Day Camp

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Helgeson Dalton Family

### SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 3:12-19 NRSV

Assisting Minister: Just prior to our reading from Acts this morning, the disciples Peter and John came upon a man who could not walk since birth. This man also was in need of food and money, and he would wait at the gate to the temple daily for the kindness of others. When Peter and John approached, Peter told him, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And the man was healed! Everyone was filled with wonder and amazement at the healing. And so we continue in that context with our reading from Acts. . .

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.

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But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW Setting 10

### **GOSPEL READING...LUKE 24:36B-48** NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

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They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

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And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

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Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

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and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Reverend Herb Palmer

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**MESSAGE SONG #721 2X**      ***Goodness Is Stronger than Evil***

### **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

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For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

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On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

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We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **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](http://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** Easter Offering Celebration

Passing of the plates

**OFFERING MUSIC**

*Fugue in C*

**Dietrich Buxtehude**

Bring plates forward

**OFFERING SONG**

**WOV 671** vv 1 & 5

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** ELW Setting 10

**PREFACE** ELW Setting 10

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** ELW Setting 10

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORD'S PRAYER

## COMMUNION INVITATION

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

For the rest of Easter season, the Chalice on the altar was painted by those who participated in *For You: A Holy Communion Retreat*. This Sunday we honor Violet Chedsey.

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 10

## COMMUNION MUSIC

10:45 Choir ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** arr. Eugene Butler

## 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.

**All: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN #836 vv 1-3 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

**COMMISSIONING**

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

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

**POSTLUDE**

8:15 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* David Cherwien

10:45 Andrei Zimbalist

## **PRAYERS**

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

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

Milton Volney, uncle of Debra Wissman.

Buddy Kopplin, uncle of Amy Bishop.

**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 Jim Fink, brother-in-law of Tom & Jeanne Grevlos, and Jack Howison, beloved partner of Joan Byrne. We pray for your comfort and peace to surround all who grieve, as we trust together in the resurrection promise. We commend Jim and Jack 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**

<b>Pastor</b>	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
<b>Preaching</b>	Reverend Herb Palmer
<b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Acolyte (8:15)</b>	Wykrent ;(10:45)
<b>Altar Steward (8:15)</b>	Sandy Wikelius; (10:45) Linda Roesle
<b>Assisting Minister (8:15)</b>	Larry Wikelius; (10:45)Alana Oehler
<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 (8:15)</b>	Sandy and Larry Wikelius, Wykrent; (10:45) Violet Chedsey, Alana and Charlie Oehler
<b>Food For Fellowship</b>	Ann and Micheal Watt, Mark Tate
<b>Hosts/Tellers (8:15)</b>	Terrie Thomas;
	(10:45) Virginia Bosman, Jeri Porter
<b>Prayer Ministry (8:15); (10:45)</b>	
<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>Program Ministry Coordinator</b>	Joel Timmons
<b>Spiritual Wellness and Spiritual Director</b>	Rebecca Guengerich

***HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!***

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