

April 21, 2024  
8:15 + 10:45 am

# 4th Sunday of Easter

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
Austin, Texas

**GATHERING MUSIC**      *Sing Out, Earth and Sky*    Mary Beth Bennett

10:45 **CALL TO WORSHIP** Children's Choir *This is the Day*

## **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 #556 vv 1-3 *Morning Has Broken***

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

Please take a moment to sign the guestbooks...

Announcements: Day Camp, Earth Day Letter

## **SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 4:5-12 NRSV**

Assisting Minister: Prior to our Scripture reading, Peter and John have been speaking and teaching that in Jesus is the resurrection of the dead. And the priests and Sadducees are annoyed with them, and they arrest Peter and John and put them in jail. But many who had heard their proclamation believed it. And so we hear now what happens next in Acts, chapter 4:

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

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Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

"This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALMODY #782 vv 1-3 *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need***

### **GOSPEL READING...JOHN 10:11-18 NRSV**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

[Jesus said,] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away - and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

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The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.

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So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE** Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

## **MESSAGE SONG W&P 126 vv 1-3,5 *Sing Out, Earth and Skies***

### **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



Passing of the plates

**OFFERING MUSIC** Pastor Lauren, flute; Kevin McClure, piano  
*My Shepherd, You Will Supply My Need*

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 (8:15) Finley Dertien; (10:45) Evelyn Murray.

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**

8:15 Choir ***Let Us Break Bread Together*** arr. Eugene Sampson

10:45 ***Let Us Break Bread Together***

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

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

All: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN #768** vv 1-3 ***Lead Me, Guide Me***

**COMMISSIONING**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace, guided by the voice of the Good Shepherd, to love and serve the Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE** ***Rondo In G*** John Bull

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Rodney Varner, Donna Herschleb, Betty Lueders,  
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.

Glenda Rumble, cousin of Terrie Thomas.

**God**, we pray in celebration with Laura & Charlie Hills as their granddaughter, Lili Ana Ray, is dedicated to you at her church in Conroe today. Bless Lili's parents, Sarah and Jon Ray, and all of Lili's family as they surround her in love and prayers.

**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 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 Jack to your never-ending love.

**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, creator of all living things**, you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe. Bless those who work the soil and who manage animals. Nurture bees and pollinators. Create in us a sense of wonder and delight in your creation. Join our human prayers with the voices of all creation and move us to honor you by preserving the gifts of nature that reveal your glory.

**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>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Acolyte</b> (8:15) Sawyer Dertien; (10:45)	
<b>Altar Steward</b> (8:15) Tiffany Stein; (10:45) Carole Morgan	
<b>Assisting Minister</b> (8:15) Tim Stein; (10:45) Pam Petterson	
<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) Tim Stein, Finley and Sawyer Dertien; (10:45) Pam Petterson, Carole Morgan, Evelyn Murray	
<b>Food For Fellowship</b> Helen and David Maidment	
<b>Hosts/Tellers</b> (8:15) Sandy and Larry Smith; (10:45) Jeri Porter	
<b>Prayer Ministry</b> (8:15) Sandy Wikelius; (10:45) Tamara Allen	
<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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