

April 28, 2024
8:15 + 10:45 am

5th Sunday of Easter

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Austin, Texas

GATHERING MUSIC

8:15 Glenn Richter

Adagio Cantabile

Beethoven

10:45 Bob Cannon

O God Beyond All Praising

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.

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 #880 vv 1&3 *O God Beyond All Praising*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org/Events

Please take a moment to sign the guestbooks...

Announcements: Disaster Buckets, Synod Assembly

10:45 THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRY

Rebecca Guengerich, Spiritual Care and Wellness Director

SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 8:26-40 NRSV

Assisting Minister: Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury.

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He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

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Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”

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Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

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When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW Setting 10

GOSPEL READING...JOHN 15:1-8 NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

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Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

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My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG #449 vv 1-4 ***We Know That Christ Is Raised***

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.

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.
- Scan the QR Code with your camera phone to give.
- By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 7874



GIVING UPDATE

Passing of the plates

OFFERING MUSIC

8:15 Glenn Richter and Bob Cannon

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us arr. Carol Wiggins

10:45 Bell Ensemble ***Hallelujah*** Leonard Cohen, arr. Joel Raney

Bring plates forward

OFFERING SONG

#531 vv 1 & 3

The Trumpet Sound, the Angels Sing

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!

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 Glenn Richter *Prelude in C* J.S. Bach

10:45 Choir *Christ Over Passover* Jeffery Rickard

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

8:15 THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRY

Rebecca Guengerich, Spiritual Care and Wellness Director

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 #875 *Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!*

COMMISSIONING

Assisting Minister: Go in peace, connected to Jesus the vine, as you love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God, and we WILL!

POSTLUDE

8:15 Glenn Richter *Etude in A Flat Major* F. Chopin

10:45 Bob Cannon *Trumpet Voluntary* John Stanley

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.

John Fiandaca, father of Linda Fiandaca.

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
Piano	(8:15) Glenn Richter
Trumpet	Bob Cannon
Acolyte	
Altar Steward (8:15) Kitt Richter; (10:45) Linda Roesle	
Assisting Minister (8:15) Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Herb Palmer	
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) Kitt Richter, Nancy and Denny Etzler; (10:45) Linda Roesle, Herb and Kathy Palmer	
Food For Fellowship Marc and Debra Wissman	
Hosts/Tellers (8:15) Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Connie Astrachan	
Prayer Ministry (8:15) ; (10:45)Carole Morgan	
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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