

April 7, 2024  
8:15 + 10:45 am

# 2nd Sunday of Easter

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
Austin, Texas

**GATHERING MUSIC** *Romance in F-sharp Major, R. Schumann*

Andrei Zimbalist, piano

## **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**

**#384** vv 1-4 *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

## **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 Meeting, Upbring intro

## **UPBRING SUNDAY - Video**

**SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 4:32-35** NRSV

Assisting Minister: Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

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There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL PROCLAMATION #174** *Celtic Alleluia*

**GOSPEL READING...JOHN 20:19-31**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.  
you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Joel Timmons

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## MESSAGE SONG

#635 vs 1-3, 5

## *We Walk By Faith*

### 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** Tara Grove and Jonathan Davies, soloists

***O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing, J. Tisserand***

Bring plates forward

**OFFERING SONG**

**WOV 671** vs 1 & 5

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks***

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW Setting 3**

**PREFACE 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!**

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 Benjamin Johnson.

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** Tara Grove and Jonathan Davies, soloists

***Pie Jesu*** Andrew Lloyd Webber

**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 #535** ***Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises***

**COMMISSIONING**

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

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

**POSTLUDE**

***Sonata in F Major, J. Haydn***

Andrei Zimbalist, piano

## **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.

**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. We pray for your comfort and peace to surround all who grieve, as we trust together in the resurrection promise. We commend Jim 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>	Joel Timmons
<b>Presiding</b>	Reverend Adam Varner
<b>Director of Worship/Arts</b>	Kevin McClure
<b>Acolyte</b> (8:15) Jonathan Davies; (10:45)	
<b>Altar Steward</b> (8:15) Kitt Richter; (10:45) Jennifer and Richard Arndt	
<b>Assisting Minister</b> (8:15) Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Jennifer Arndt	
<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) Erin and Benjamin Johnson, Nancy Etzler; (10:45) Jennifer and Richard Arndt, Joel Timmons	
<b>Food For Fellowship</b> Alison Cannon	
<b>Hosts/Tellers</b> (8:15) Terrie Thomas; (10:45) Rick Burnight, Joe and June Spann	
<b>Prayer Ministry</b> (8:15); (10:45) Alana Oehler	
<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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