

May 12, 2024
8:15 + 10:45 am

Ascension Youth Sunday

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Austin, Texas

GATHERING MUSIC Jonathan Davies, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (re: Worship based on Psalm 47)

Our God has ascended with a mighty shout. The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring! Come, let us sing praise to God together, for our God is sovereign over all the earth! Let us come to the font, to remember that Jesus goes before us in life and death, and in the resurrection to come!

OPENING HYMN

(You are invited to the Baptismal font to touch the waters of God's presence of love and grace.)

#819 vv. 1-3

Come, All You People

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Please take a moment to sign the guestbooks...

Announcements: Pentecost, Summer at ShepHills, Baby Care Kits

Altar Flowers: Given by Dee Jackson, in love for our Youth for Youth Sunday and all days.

SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 1:1-11 NRSV

8:15 - Lila Bishop and Alicia Calvo; 10:45 - Jasper Oehler

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

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While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

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He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

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While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #172

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

GOSPEL READING...LUKE 24:44-53 NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] 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.”

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

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You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

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While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE SONG

#619 vv. 1-3, 5

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

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He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

8:15 - Austin Eckermann;

10:45 - Keaton Robertson and Lily Murray

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



GENEROSITY IMPACT Youth Ministry

8:15 - Clara Macaulay; 10:45 - Keaton Robertson and Lily Murray

Passing of the plates

OFFERING MUSIC Sawyer Dertien

Bring plates forward

OFFERING SONG

#482 vv. 1, 3, 5

I Come With Joy

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW Setting 3 pg 144

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 #496 vv. 1-3 *One Bread, One Body*

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

#783 vv. 1-2 *Praise and Thanks and Adoration*

COMMISSIONING

8:15 - Patrick Macaulay; 10:45 - Jake DeVaney

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

All: Thanks be to God, and we WILL!

POSTLUDE

8:15 Issac Bishop;

10:45 Jonathan Davies, piano

PRAYERS

We pray for Donna Herschleb and Betty Lueders.

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.

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 Rodney Varner, husband of Roxanne Varner and father of Adam Varner and Elizabeth Smith. We pray for your comfort and peace to surround all who grieve, as we trust together in the resurrection promise. We commend Rodney to your never-ending love.

Mothering God, today we give thanks for the mothers in our lives; for those women who have left earth too soon and who we miss dearly; for every woman who is raising children now; for every woman who is guiding her children who are grown yet still need her; for those women who have taken in others' children through adoption and foster care; for those women with grieving hearts for children they have lost; for the special neighbors, teachers, and friends who've nurtured us and helped us to become the people we are today; for mothers with whom our relationships are complicated, difficult or strained. Help us all to reflect more of your compassion, kindness, and strength to those around us today, God.

O God, you speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures.

God of peace, your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. We pray especially for the people of the Holy Land, for all the victims of war and violence; we pray for peace and an end to suffering.

God of all people, your work is done with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation and those we support: Butterfly Christian Preschool; Bread for All Food Pantry, Mariposa Family Learning Center, Move-In Ministry of ACL; Upbring Ministries; ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Disaster Response, Global Refuge; Pr. Karen Castillo and the Lutheran Church in Guatemala; Malcolm & Joy Henderson and CHARIS in Haiti. Empower us to embody your love for the world.

*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
Acolyte (8:15) Clara Macaulay; (10:45) Lily Murray
Altar Flowers Given by Dee Jackson, in love for our Youth for Youth Sunday and all days.
Altar Steward (8:15) Kathy and Mark Gerhardt; (10:45) Jennifer and Richard Arndt
Worship Leaders (8:15) Lila Bishop, Alicia Calvo, Austin Eckermann, Sawyer Dertien, Clara Macaulay, Patrick Macaulay; (10:45) Jasper Oehler, Keaton Robertson, Lily Murray, Jake DeVaney
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) Clara Macaulay, Patrick Macaulay, Isaac Bishop;
(10:45) Jake DeVaney, Owen Wegner, Sawyer Dertien
Food For Fellowship Debra and Marc Wissman
Hospitality Hosts (8:15) Lila Bishop, Alicia Calvo; (10:45) Ben and Katherine Oehler
Prayer Ministry (8:15) Tamara Allen; (10:45) Pat Saul
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

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK!

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