

May 19, 2024  
8:15 + 10:45 am

# Pentecost

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
Austin, Texas

## GATHERING MUSIC

Kevin McClure, organ

*Veni Creator Spiritus*

Maurice Durufle

## CALL TO WORSHIP — written by John Paarlberg

Reader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters. (*Gen. 1:1-2*)

**All: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters. (*Psalm 29:3*)**

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Reader: The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (*John 3:8*)

**All: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!" (*Psalm 29:9*)**

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Reader: I baptize you with water; but one more powerful than I is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (*Luke 3:16*)

**All: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

(*Psalm 29:7-8*)

Assisting Minister: May the Lord give strength to the people!  
**All: May the Lord bless the people with peace! (Psalm 29:11)**

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**#400** vv. 1-4 *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** —written by Teri

Pastor: You who are always doing a new thing, we confess that we sometimes close windows against the fresh air of new ideas, against the noise of other people's worries, against the winds of change. God of every place and time, we confess that we often draw the curtains against people who are different, against world news or community concerns.

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Forgive us our insulation in our locked homes, our shuttered churches, the security systems on our hearts. Open up our lives, and let your Spirit blow through.

**All: Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In great love, God forgives our sins and declares us whole in the power of Jesus Christ. We are filled with the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, who sends us out in new life.

**All: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

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

Please take a moment to sign the guestbooks...

Announcements: Anniversary Sunday, Summer at ShepHills

Flowers: Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Rodney Varner from the McMurrey and Singh families.

Flowers: Given by Tim & Tiffany Stein in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on the 22nd.

10:45 **FAREWELL & GODSPEED** Sandy Gaskin

## **SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 2:1-21** NRSV

Assisting Minister: When the day of Pentecost had come, [the disciples] were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

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"Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

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But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

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'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

'The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**#401** v.1            *Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading*

## **GOSPEL READING...JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4B-15** NRSV

Pastor:     The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

[Jesus said,] "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

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But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

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Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer;

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about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever

he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.  
He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to  
you.

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All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take  
what is mine and declare it to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE** Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

**MESSAGE SONG #723** vv. 1-4 *Canticle of the Turning*

## **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**

*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](https://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

10:45 Choir

***I'm Going to Sing When the Spirit Says Sing***

**arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw**

Bring plates forward

## 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!**

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**

10:45 Children's Choir      ***Spirit of the Living God***

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

**RECOGNITION** High School Graduates

8:15 **FAREWELL & GODSPEED** Sandy Gaskin

**BENEDICTION**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

**ACS 942** vv. 1-3      ***Every Time I Feel the Spirit***

**COMMISSIONING**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace, filled with the Holy Spirit, to love and serve the Lord!

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

**POSTLUDE**

Kevin McClure, organ      ***Veni Creator Spiritus***      **Maurice Durufle**

## **PRAYERS**

**We pray** for Donna Herschleb, Betty Lueders and Marie Fortune.

**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 and Steve Van Baest, uncle of Joel Timmons. We pray for your comfort and peace to surround all who grieve, as we trust together in the resurrection promise. We commend Rodney and Steve to your never-ending love.

**O God,** you call us to openness of mind and heart, to constant learning and exploration. We pray for all graduates today--those graduating from high school, college, graduate school, tech school. We pray for the young people who are advancing to new schools--for preschool graduates, 5th graders, 8th graders. We give thanks for teachers, administrators, parents, and the support systems that have formed all of these graduates. May their next steps be filled with your Holy Spirit, and may they never stop learning and growing.

**God,** we pray blessings and safe travel for the group from Shepherd of the Hills traveling to Ireland this week. May their journey be filled with spiritual awakening, friendship, and joyful experiences. Keep them safe as they explore and enjoy time away among another land and people.



**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.

**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) Madison Johnson; (10:45) Jonathan Davies

### **Altar Flowers**

Given by Tim & Tiffany Stein in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on the 22nd.

Given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Rodney Varner from the McMurrey and Singh families.

**Altar Steward** (8:15) Carole Morgan; (10:45) Linda Roesle

**Assisting Minister** (8:15) Carole Morgan; (10:45) Alana Oehler

**AV** Bill Dawson, Dave Wegner, Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devon Schueppert and Vince Yokubaitis

**Bread** Kitt Richter

**Crucifer** (8:15) Louisa Wykrent; (10:45) Austin Eckermann

### **Communion Servers**

(8:15) Madison Johnson, Carole Morgan, Louisa Wykrent;

(10:45) Jonathan Davies, Alana and Charlie Oehler

**Food For Fellowship** Bob and Judy Haugen

**Hosts/Tellers** (8:15) Auby family;

(10:45) Virginia Bosman, Connie Astrachan

**Prayer Ministry** (8:15) Sandy Wikelius; (10:45) Tamara Allen

**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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