

May 5, 2024
8:15 + 10:45 am

6th Sunday of Easter

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Austin, Texas

GATHERING MUSIC

Branle Champagne from the Susanne van Soldt Songbook

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

#850 vv 1, 3-5

When in Our Music God is Glorified

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY shephills.org/Events

Please take a moment to sign the guestbooks...

Announcements: Garden Party, Baby Care Kits, Summer Flyer

SCRIPTURE READING...ACTS 10:44-48 NRSV

Assisting Minister: While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

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Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 8:15 ELW Setting 10

10:45 Children's Choir

This Is My Commandment

GOSPEL READING...JOHN 15:9-17 NRSV

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

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I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

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I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Megan Getman

MESSAGE Joel Timmons

MESSAGE SONG #512 *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

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



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Passing of the plates

OFFERING MUSIC

10:45 Tara Grove, Josh Norem, Dave Wegner, trio; Choir

The Heavens are Telling ***J. Haydn***

Bring plates forward

OFFERING SONG

#531 vv 1 & 3

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW Setting 3

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!

During the Easter season, the Chalice on the altar was painted by those who participated in *For You: A Holy Communion Retreat*.

This Sunday we honor Rhodes Martin.

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

10:45 Choir: Jennifer Arndt, director

The Moon and the Sun arr. Brandon Martell

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 #547 vv 1-2 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

COMMISSIONING

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

All: Thanks be to God, and we WILL!

POSTLUDE *Prelude* Hermann Schroeder

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.

O God, we pray for our Southwestern Texas Synod and its Assembly this weekend. As the final ballot for our Bishop election is taking place this morning, we especially pray for wisdom, discernment, and clarity for all the voting members. We pray for our future as a synod, working together to live out your loving presence in southwest Texas.

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
Preaching	Joel Timmons
Director of Worship/Arts	Kevin McClure
Acolyte	(10:45) Jonathan Davies
Altar Steward (8:15)	Sharon Collins; (10:45) Dawn Buffington
Assisting Minister (8:15)	Tim Stein; (10:45) Carole Morgan
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)	Tim and Tiffany Stein, Sharon Collins; (10:45) Carole Morgan, Dawn Buffington, Rhodes and Heather Martin
Food For Fellowship	Anne and Jerry McDonald, Linda Roesle
Hosts/Tellers (8:15)	Anita Knight, Elaine Fick; (10:45) Joe and June Spann
Prayer Ministry (8:15)	Tamara Allen; (10:45) Alana Oehler
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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