

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

June 16, 2024

8:15 & 10:45

GATHERING MUSIC

Andante from Amin Violin Sonata

J.S. Bach

Hugh Chandler, guitar

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection.)

Gracious God,

All: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved! In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

OPENING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ELW #634

vv. 1-3, 6

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Guestbooks

Announcements: Discover Series, Parable Picnics, Office Closed

Website: shephills.org/EVENTS

Altar Flowers: Given by Kitt and Glenn Richter, In thanksgiving for all the fathers in our lives.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

NRSV

Assist: Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 4

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:26-34

NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: [Jesus] also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet

when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

MESSAGE

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MESSAGE SONG

We Walk By Faith

ELW #635

vv. 1, 3-5

APOSTLES' CREED

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 78749.

GENEROSITY IMPACT

Austin City Lutherans: Rent Assistance

Passing of the plates.

OFFERING MUSIC

Days of Dreams

Hugh Chandler

Hugh Chandler, guitar

Bring plates forward.

OFFERING RESPONSE

Have You Thanked the Lord

ELW #829

v. 1

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 4

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW Setting 4

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION INVITATION

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hear these words: "The body of Christ given for you" and "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 4

COMMUNION MUSIC

What Wondrous Love

arr. H. Chandler

Hugh Chandler, guitar

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

COMMISSIONING

Assist: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God, and WE WILL!

PRAYERS

We pray for:

- Dana Dertien
- Bob Vorkoper
- Betty Lueders
- Marie Fortune

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

- LaWayne Guengerich, father-in-law of Rebecca Guengerich
- Buddy Kopplin, uncle of Amy Bishop
- Drew Officer and Kate Sheeran, friends of Kathleen Macaulay
- Elward Reiss, mother of Dee Jackson

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:

- Pastor Norb Firnhaber, former pastor of Triumphant Love in Austin
- Nathzele Pfluger, mother of Marcy McNeil

We pray for your comfort and peace to surround all who grieve, as we trust together in the resurrection promise. We commend Norb and Nathzele to your never-ending love.

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.

O God, give your blessing and peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. We pray especially for war-torn regions of the world, for the Holy Land, for all places where peace seems far away.

God who sends us out to serve, we pray for Megan DeVaney and our Guatemala Team serving in Guatemala, and Arlene Morris serving in Angola. You have sent Megan and Arlene from this congregation to serve your people. Sustain them and bless them in their ministry.

God, you send us to serve. Bless the ministries of Austin City Lutherans, especially Bread for All and the Rent Assistance ministry. Draw near to those who find themselves in difficult times, and use us to help provide resources for our neighbors to stay in their homes. Empower ACL to continue to serve those in need, as we are your hands and feet.

O God, our heavenly Father, we give you thanks for fathers who have nurtured and guided us, shared their wisdom with us, and loved us with tenderness and strength. Bless all those who are fathers, those who long to be fathers, and those whose relationships are complicated or fractured. Comfort those who grieve and miss their fathers who now rest in you. We thank you for the gift of fatherhood and for your loving example.

O God, you hear the prayers of those who cry out for justice. We pray in remembrance of the Emanuel 9 who lost their lives in 2015 after welcoming a stranger into their church for Bible study. We feel the grief of those families, especially as we are connected through our Lutheran faith. We repent for the ways we have not loved all of your people in the ways you love us.

As we look to Juneteenth this week, we recognize that we encounter you in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed in Jesus, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you.

**Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Assist	8:15 – Nancy Etzler 10:45 – Carole Morgan
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Acolyte	8:15 - 10:45 -
Altar Steward	8:15 – Nancy Etzler 10:45 – Linda Roelse
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Servers	8:15 – Nancy and Denny Etzler, 10:45 – Carole Morgon, Linda Roesle,
Food For Fellowship	Sara Dawson
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 – Rick Burnight 10:45 – Jeri Porter
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – Sandy Wikelius 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 Media & IT	Dave Wegner
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Program Ministry Coordinator	Joel Timmons
Sound & Video	Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devin Schueppert and Vince Yokubaitis

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