

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

July 14, 2024

8:15 & 10:45

GATHERING MUSIC

How Great Thou Art

CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, God is Calling

#513 v. 3

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: The grace of God overflows for us through Jesus Christ, who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection.)

Holy and merciful God,

All: In your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Amen!

OPENING HYMN

How Great Thou Art

#856 vv. 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Guestbooks

Announcements: Discover, Camp Celebration

Website: shephills.org/EVENTS

Altar Flowers: Given by Kitt and Glenn Richter, to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the July birthdays in our family. In memory of Rev. Thomas C. Smith given by his family.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

NRSV

Assist: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

#512

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: King Herod heard of [Jesus], for Jesus' name had become known.

Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah."

And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him.

When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

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MESSAGE SONG

Let Streams of Living Justice

#710 vv. 1-3

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

GENEROSITY IMPACT

Central Texas Interfaith

Passing of the plates.

OFFERING MUSIC

8:15

O, Divine Redeemer

Charles Gounod

Sandra Dager, soloist

10:45

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

J. S. Bach

Bring plates forward.

OFFERING RESPONSE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

#857

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

Jesus, Lamb of God

W&P #76

COMMUNION MUSIC

8:15

Christ Have Mercy On Us All

Ray Makeever

10:45

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

J. S. Bach

Eat This Bread

Taizé Traditional

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

COMMISSIONING

Youth Gathering Participants

Pastor: Claimed by God, crafted with your own authentic gifts, you are a brave community of disciples, called to be participants in the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering. In this, there will be times when you feel energized, and times when you feel exhausted. Times when you enjoy every activity planned, and times you wish you were in charge. Times when the Holy Spirit will show up in joy, and times when the Holy Spirit will show up in challenge.

And so, I ask you: Will you use your bravery for the sake of the Gospel as you step into the journey ahead? If so, respond with "we will and we ask God to help us."

Participants: We will and we ask God to help us.

Pastor: Will you use your authenticity to enrich the gathering and the community of New Orleans?

Participants: We will and we ask God to help us.

Pastor: Will you freely participate in the gathering and with the people of New Orleans with the love and compassion of Jesus?

Participants: We will and we ask God to help us.

Pastor: Will you seek to disrupt injustice, working together in solidarity for the sake of your neighbors?

Participants: We will and we ask God to help us.

Pastor: Will you be respectful, curious, helpful, open and kind?

Participants: We will and we ask God to help us.

Pastor: And now, I ask the congregation - will you, led by the Holy Spirit, pray for these youth gathering participants in your daily prayers, asking for God's guidance, love, safety and blessing in their endeavors? And upon their return, will you receive them and their stories with love and openness?

All: We will and we ask God to help us.

Pastor: Almighty God guide, bless, and keep you.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Blessed Be the Name

#797

COMMISSIONING

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

All: Thanks be to God, and WE WILL!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major

J. Pachelbel

PRAYERS

We pray for:

- Marie Fortune
- Hunter Clark
- Tom Lueders

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

- Drew Officer and Kate Sheeran, friends of Kathleen Macaulay
- Elward Reiss, mother of Dee Jackson

- Gina and Steph Geller, friends of Dee Jackson
- Justin Cain, son-in-law of Rex and Sheila Fortune
- Mary Campbell, aunt of Laura Hills

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:

- Janelle Troftgruben, aunt of Megan Getman
- John Fiandaca, father of Linda Fiandaca

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

O God, you have built your church on the foundation of Jesus Christ, and as we continue in the call process for an Associate Pastor, we pray for your wisdom to guide us. Bless our call committee as they continue in this diligent and faithful work. Bless all the candidates who come our way, and give us clarity when it is time to extend a call. Send your Holy Spirit upon us.

God of adventure, you bless our summertime with travel and experiences. Bless all those who go to camp, travel to new places, experience other cultures, and learn about your world this summer.

God, you call us and send us out to serve you. Bless our high school youth and adults who are traveling to New Orleans this week for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Equip them with open minds and hearts, a readiness to serve, and love for their neighbors. Give them safety and health as they follow where you lead.

O God, you send us to serve. Bless our ministry partners in Guatemala, and their leaders, especially Pr. Karen Castillo and Diego Gil. Bless our sister congregation in Aurora, particularly the youth and children as they grow in faith and learn and share your grace. We thank you for our partnership in the Gospel.

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

WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	8:15 - Larry Wikelius 10:45 - Amanda Land Palmer
Acolyte	8:15 - 10:45 - Lillian Murray
Altar Steward	8:15 - Sandy Wikelius, Deb Pollock Darnell 10:45 - Tiffany Stein
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Servers	8:15 - Larry and Sandy Wikelius, Deb Pollock Darnell 10:45 - Amanda Land Palmer, Lillian Murray, Tiffany Stein
Food For Fellowship	Wissman family
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 - 10:45 - Anne and Jerry McDonald
Prayer Ministry	8:15 - Tamara Allen 10:45 - Karen Flint
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Admin & Community Life Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Campus Superintendent	Philip Perry
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Megan Getman
Communications Director	Dabney Gomes
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Program Ministry Coordinator	Joel Timmons
Digital Media & IT	Dave Wegner
Sound & Video	Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Peter Walsh, Jonathan Wolff, Erin Courtney, Devin Schueppert & Vince Yokubaitis

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