

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

August 25, 2024 8:15 & 10:45

## GATHERING MUSIC

Trumpet Dialogue in Eb

Franklin Ashdown

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**All: have mercy on us. We confess to you 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

Pastor: With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## BLESSING

Congregation

## FONT SONG

Baptized and Set Free

#453 vv. 1-4

*We come to the font and remember our baptisms.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Guestbooks

Announcements: Semi – Annual Meeting, (8:15) Rally Day, Sunday’sCool,  
Baby Care Kit Assembly

Website: shephills.org/EVENTS

Altar Flowers: Given by Ruth Felger in celebration of Tom's 80th birthday

## SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

NRSV

Assist: Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.

“Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL VERSE

### GOSPEL READING

John 6:56-69

NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

Pastor: [Jesus said,] “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.

And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **MESSAGE**

Joel Timmons

## **MESSAGE SONG**

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

#858 vv. 1-4

## **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](http://shephills.org/GIVE). By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746.

**GENEROSITY IMPACT**

Financial Update

*Passing of the plates.*

**OFFERING MUSIC**

Love Divine

arr. Philip Sparke

*Bring plates forward.*

**OFFERING RESPONSE**

As the Grains of Wheat

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**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**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. Jay Althouse

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

Seminarians

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN**

Thanks Be To You

## COMMISSIONING

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

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

## POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Robert Lau

## PRAYERS

We pray for:

- Marie Fortune
- Hunter Clark
- Dana Dertien

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

- Drew Officer and Kate Sheeran, friends of Kathleen Macaulay
- Justin Cain, son-in-law of Rex and Sheila Fortune
- Mary Campbell, aunt of Laura Hills
- Amy Pike, friend of Pastor Lauren
- Ben Funk, stepfather of Lynn Spillar
- Audrey Lentz, sister of Donna Auby
- Chuck Wiemann, cousin of Jan Burnight
- Joyce Carter, cousin of Karen Flint

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.

O God, we give you thanks for our ministry partnership with Mariposa Family Learning Center and our own Butterfly Preschool. We thank you for the gift of learning and growing, and we pray that you bless the students, teachers, and families of Mariposa and Butterfly. God, we pray your blessing upon our congregation as we meet today to ratify our Spending Plan for the next fiscal year and update our bylaws. The business of the church is ever important as we seek to steward your gifts and reach the world with your word. Send your Holy Spirit upon us.

God, we give you thanks for Rally Day today, for the start of a new Sunday'sCool year, for the leaders and teachers who will form the faith of our young ones. Bless our children as they learn and grow as your disciples.

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

## WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Preaching	Joel Timmons
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Instrumentalists	Bob Cannon, trumpet; Kristina Bishop, flute; Glenn Richter, piano
Assisting Minister	8:15 – Tim Stein 10:45 – Herb Palmer
Acolyte	8:15 – Caroline Wegner 10:45 – Jonathan Davies
Altar Steward	8:15 – Kitt Richter 10:45 – Diane Peterson, Linda Roesle
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Servers	8:15 – Caroline Wegner, Tim Stein, Kitt Richter 10:45 – Herb Palmer, Jonathan Davies, Linda Roesle
Food For Fellowship	Alison Cannon
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 – 10:45 – Connie Astrachan
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – Arlene Morris 10:45 – Alana Oehler
Program Ministry Coordinator	Joel Timmons
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Megan Getman
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Admin & Community Life Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Communications Director	Dabney Gomes
Campus Superintendent	Philip Perry
Digital Media & IT	Dave Wegner
Sound & Video	Pete Forsberg, Jamie Nichols, Devin Schueppert, Vince Yokubaitis, Will Coulson

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