

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

September 8, 2024 8:15 & 10:45

GATHERING MUSIC

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

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 and come to God for healing.
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen.

KYRIE

ELW Setting 6

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Guestbooks

Announcements: Summer Youth Trips, Call Process Events

Website: shephills.org/EVENTS

Altar Flowers: Given by Mike and Bonnie Ensrude, in honor of our daughters, their husbands and our grandchildren.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

NRSV

Assist: Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 146:4-9

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:24-37

NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: From there [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren

MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren

MESSAGE SONG

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

#617 vv. 1-2, 4-5

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition...Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

GENEROSITY IMPACT

Baby Care Kits

THANK OFFERING

To make a gift online to the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills, use this link: shephills.org/GIVE. By mail, send to 3525 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746.

Passing of the plates.

OFFERING MUSIC

Let the Bright Seraphim

G. F. Handel

Sandra Dager, soloist; Bob Cannon, trumpet

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 3

PREFACE

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!

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 6

COMMUNION MUSIC

	Air and Bourne	G. F. Handel
	<i>Bob Cannon, trumpet</i>	
10:45	Make of Our Hands a Throne	S. Warner
	<i>Choir</i>	

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BLESSING

Children & Youth Bibles

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

The Lord Now Sends us Forth

#538

COMMISSIONING

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

All: Thanks be to God, and WE WILL!

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

G. F. Handel

WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	8:15 – Larry Wikelius 10:45 – Herb Palmer
Acolyte	8:15 – Madison Johnson 10:45 – Eckermann
Altar Steward	8:15 – Sandy Wikelius 10:45 – Carmen Adams-Schulz
Bread	Paula Disbrowe
Communion Servers	8:15 – Larry and Sandy Wikelius, Madison Johnson 10:45 – Herb Palmer, Carmen Adams-Schulz, Eckermann
Food For Fellowship	Wissman Family
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 – Kathy Mayberry, Terrie Thomas 10:45 – Debi Schoenfelt, Dick and Donna Auby
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – Ruby Cadenhead 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

PRAYERS

We pray for:

- Marie Fortune
- Hunter Clark
- Dana Dertien
- Ann Watt
- Larry Morgan
- Millie Combs

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
- Audrey Lentz, sister of Donna Auby
- Joyce Carter, cousin of Karen Flint

O God, you have continued to guide our discernment process as we seek an Associate Pastor to join us in ministry. We pray for your Spirit to guide and give wisdom to all those involved. We pray for clarity when it is time to extend a call.

O God, we pray for the victims and families of the school shooting in Georgia this week. We lament and grieve for this reality in our country that continues to rear its head, and we pray desperately for solutions that prevent this violence.

God, you send us to serve. We are grateful for our partnership with Lutheran World Relief, and we pray your blessings on the work of LWR throughout the world. We pray especially that the baby care kits we assemble today will convey your love to the babies and parents who receive them. Strengthen the ministries of LWR as we seek, together, to meet the physical and spiritual needs of your people.

**To add a prayer request, email sheep@shephills.org. Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*