

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

September 15, 2024 8:15 & 10:45

GATHERING MUSIC

8:15

How Firm a Foundation

K. McClure

10:45

Viennese Sonata No. 1

W. A. Mozart

Andrei Zimbalist, piano

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: 8:15 Trips Meeting, Call Process, Next Week (Tim, Vibetet)

Website: shephills.org/EVENTS

Altar Flowers: Given by Dan and Audrey Lunecki in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

NRSV

Assist: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 116:1-9

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:27-38

NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(10:45 Children’s Choir)

MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG

The Summons

#798 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.

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

8:15

We Are an Offering

10:45

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord
Choir

B. Moore

OFFERING SONG

We Are An Offering

#692

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

8:15

Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

J. S. Bach

10:45

How Firm a Foundation

arr. A. K. Organ

Bell Ensemble

10:45

Hill of Slane

Thom McNeil

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

#774 vv. 1-3

COMMISSIONING

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

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

POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. W. Held

WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	8:15 – Katie Eckermann 10:45 – Cindy Nelson
Acolyte	8:15 – Sophie Eckermann 10:45 – Keaton Robertson
Altar Steward	8:15 – Kitt Richter 10:45 – Linda Roesle
Bread	Paula Disbrowe
Communion Servers	8:15 – Katie & Sophie Eckermann, Kitt Richter 10:45 – Cindy Nelson, Keaton & Melissa Robertson
Food For Fellowship	Bob & Judy Haugen
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 – Terrie Thomas 10:45 – Virginia Bosman, Connie Astrachan
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – Arlene Morris 10:45 – Tamara Allen
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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PRAYERS

We pray for:

- Marie Fortune
- Hunter Clark
- Ann Watt
- Larry Morgan
- John Fenton

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
- Joe Carlos, father of Sandy Wikelius
- Glenda Rumble, cousin of Terrie Thomas
- Emma Katherine Phillips, sister of Hilary Russell

God, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life, especially Millie Combs, mother of Becky Combs, and Anne Loesch, friend of Madeline Hartmann. We commend Millie and Anne to your everlasting love as we trust in the promise of resurrection in Christ.

God of new life, we give you thanks for the birth of Lewis Ryan Martinson, son of Ally Miller Martinson and Ryan Martinson, grandson of Peter and Linda Miller. Bless Lewis with your love and grace as he grows, and give Ally and Ryan your wisdom and strength as they rejoice in this gift you have given them.

O God, we thank you for guiding our discernment process as we seek an Associate Pastor to join us in ministry. We pray for Pastor Ryan and his family, and for our congregation, as we seek your will for our future together.

God, you send us to serve. We are grateful for our partnership with Lutheran World Relief, and we pray that you 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.*