

TWENTIETH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

October 6, 2024 8:15 & 10:45

GATHERING MUSIC

10:45

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Bell Ensemble; Jonathan Davies, piano

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence is kept 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. Amen.

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! May God strengthen you, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

#879 vv. 1-5

KYRIE

ELW Setting 3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Guestbooks

Announcements: Hurricane Relief, Pet Blessing, Women's Retreat

Website: shephills.org/EVENTS

Altar Flowers: Given by Lynn and Rob Spillar, in celebration of 3rd wedding anniversary for Kelton and Jessica Spillar.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:18-24

NRSV

Assist: Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#173

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10:2-16

NRSV

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them,

“Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Megan Getman

MESSAGE

Pastor Brad Fuerst

MESSAGE SONG

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

#769 vv. 1-4

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.

GENEROSITY IMPACT LuMin Campus Ministry Pr. Brad Fuerst

OFFERING MUSIC

10:45

God Be In My Head
Choir

John Rutter

OFFERING SONG

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

#531 vv. 1-2

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

#336 v. 1

COMMUNION MUSIC

10:45

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee
Choir

arr. Jody Lindh

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord

#875

COMMISSIONING

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

All: Thanks be to God, and WE WILL!

WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

	Pastor Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	8:15 – Joel Timmons 10:45 – Herb Palmer
Acolyte	8:15 – Madison Johnson 10:45 – Christina Davies
Altar Steward	8:15 – Kitt Richter 10:45 – Dawn Buffington
Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Servers	8:15 – Kitt Richter, Madison Johnson, Joel Timmons 10:45 – Herb Palmer, Dawn Buffington, Christina Davies
Food For Fellowship	Helen and David Maidment
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 – Terrie Thomas, Kathy Mayberry 10:45 – Connie Astrachan, Debi Schoenfelt
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – Sandy Wikelius 10:45 – Pat Saul
Program Ministry Coordinator	Joel Timmons
Children's Ministry Coordinator	Megan Getman
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Admin & Community Life Coordinator	Amanda Forsberg
Executive Director	Bill Dawson
Finance Officer	Hilary Russell
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, Bjorn Martinsson

PRAYERS

We pray for:

- Marie Fortune
- Hunter Clark
- Ann Watt
- 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
- Joyce Carter, cousin of Karen Flint
- Glenda Rumble, cousin of Terrie Thomas
- Emma Katherine Phillips, sister of Hilary Russell
- Linda Maidment Meyers, daughter of Helen and David Maidment
- Paula Diaz, friend of Bob Cannon
- Steph and Gina Geller and family, friends of Dee Jackson

God, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life, especially Audrey Lentz, sister of Donna Auby; Janice McBride Frizzell, aunt of Sheila Fortune and Debra Schoenfelt, sister of Keith Schoenfelt. We commend Audrey, Janice and Debra 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 Niya Genet Dogale, daughter of Lado Dogale and Bayush Smith, sister of Henock. Bless Niya with your love and grace as she grows and give Lado and Bayush your wisdom and strength they rejoice in this gift you have given them.

God, we pray for all the victims of the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Be with emergency response teams and all who render aid. Give strength and comfort to all who are affected by this catastrophic event.

God, we give you thanks for the culmination of our call process as we have called Pr. Ryan Dockery to serve alongside us as Associate Pastor. We pray for Pr. Ryan, Bre, Emmett, and Nolan as they say goodbye to their current church and prepare to move to Austin. Bless our ministry together!

God, we give you thanks for the ministry partnership we share with LuMin Lutheran Campus Ministry at UT. We pray for Pastor Brad, for the students, for all who encounter your love through their ministries of feeding and tending. Strengthen LuMin with your grace, that students may know you more deeply.

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