

# REFORMATION SUNDAY

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
October 27, 2024 8:15 & 10:45

## GATHERING MUSIC

8:15 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word  
10:45 Sunrise Over Frost and Fog D. Faleris  
University of Texas Trombone Choir

## 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** The Church of Christ, In Every Age #729 vv. 1-3, 5

## LITANY OF INTENTION

Pastor: Gracious God, we acknowledge you as the giver of all good gifts.

**All: Give us generous hearts.**

Pastor: Help us to give without counting the cost.

**All: Give us generous hearts.**

Pastor: Inspire us to share without expecting something in return.

**All: Give us generous hearts.**

Pastor: Help us to hold all our treasures with open hands.

**All: Give us generous hearts.**

Pastor: Inspire us to see our talents and skills as offerings to you.

**All: Give us generous hearts.**

Pastor: Receive our intentions for the coming year and bless our offerings.

**All: May we live every day in thanksgiving for your gifts!**

*We bring our 2025 Intentions to the font in gratitude for God's gifts.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Guestbooks

Announcements: Kevin – Trombone Choir, All Saints Services, Gather Us In,  
Election Eve Prayers

Website: [shephills.org/EVENTS](http://shephills.org/EVENTS)

Altar Flowers:

## SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Assist: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 3:19-28

Assist: Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Listen! God is Calling

#513 v. 1

## GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

Pastor: Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Listen! God is Calling

#513 refrain

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

10:45

We Are the Church  
*Children’s Choir*

Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

**MESSAGE**

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**MESSAGE SONG**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word

#517 vv. 1-3

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

**GENEROSITY IMPACT**

Video

*Passing of the plates.*

**OFFERING MUSIC**

10:45

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place  
*Trombone Choir*

J. Brahms

**OFFERING SONG**

The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing

#531 vv. 1 & 3

**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.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

8:15 Contrapunctus 1 J. S. Bach

10:45 Bruckner Etude Enrique Crespo

University of Texas Trombone Choir

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

### BLESSING

Lutheran World Relief Quilts

### BENEDICTION

### SENDING SONG

A Mighty Fortress

#504 vv. 1-4

## COMMISSIONING

Assist: With grateful hearts and generous lives, we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## POSTLUDE

8:15 A Mighty Fortress Max Reger

10:45 Contrapunctus 1 J. S. Bach

University of Texas Trombone Choir

## WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Instrumentalists	Bob Cannon, trumpet; Isaac Bishop, trombone; Josh Norem, guitar; University of Texas Trombone Choir, Dr. Nathaniel Brickens, Director
Assisting Minister	8:15 – Sara Enochs 10:45 – Cindy Nelson
Acolyte	8:15 – Caroline Wegner 10:45 – Austin Eckermann
Altar Steward	8:15 – Sharon Collins 10:45 – Diane Peterson
Crucifer	8:15 – Wykrent Family 10:45 – Owen Wegner
Communion Bread	Sarah Tuthill
Communion Servers	8:15 – Sara Enochs, Caroline Wegner, Sharon Collins 10:45 – Cindy Nelson, Austin Eckermann, Owen Wegner
Food For Fellowship	Alison Cannon
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 – Kathy Mayberry, Kitt Richter 10:45 – Connie Astrachan, Kristen Bonner
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – Sandy Wikelius 10:45 – Deb Pollock Darnell
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, Alex Nuernberg

## PRAYERS

- Marie Fortune
- Hunter Clark
- Ann Watt
- John Fenton
- Jena Oberg

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
- Emma Katherine Phillips, sister of Hilary Russell
- Linda Maidment Meyers, daughter of Helen and David Maidment
- Steph and Gina Geller and family, friends of Dee Jackson
- Clair Troftgruben, uncle of Megan Getman
- Jason Heard

God, we pray blessings and safe travel for the group from Shepherd of the Hills traveling home from the Rhine River this week. Keep them safe as they explore and enjoy time away among another land and people.

God, we give you thanks for Pr. Ryan Dockery who will be joining us as our Associate Pastor. We pray for Pr. Ryan, Bre, Emmett, and Nolan as they transition to life in Austin and at Shepherd of the Hills. Bless our future together!

Generous God, your intention for us is salvation and joy, found in your greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. As we ponder your good gifts to us, providing for our every need and more, guide our own intentions in giving of ourselves, our time, and our treasures. May we hold more tightly to you than to our money. May our whole lives reflect your goodness.

*\*To add a prayer request, email [sheep@shephills.org](mailto:sheep@shephills.org). Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*