



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
November 3, 2024 10:45 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

Finale Jubilante

Healy Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

All: And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.

Pastor: Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

All: It will be said on that day, "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." (Isaiah 25:6-9)

OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints

#422 vv. 1, 3, 5-7

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assist: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Assist: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Guestbooks

Announcements: Welcome Pr. Ryan, All Saints in the Garden, Election Prayer Service, Congregational Meeting

Website: shephills.org/EVENTS

Altar Flowers: Given by Carole and Larry Morgan in welcome to Pastor Ryan and Family.

CONFIRMAND SHARING

Clay Bishop, Isaac Bishop, Alicia Calvo

All: God is doing great things in your life.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

Reader: Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CONFIRMAND SHARING

Alex Nuernberg, Jasper Oehler

All: God is doing great things in your life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 3

GOSPEL READING

John 11:32-44

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Joel Timmons

MESSAGE SONG

Bring Forth the Kingdom

W&P 22 vv. 1-4

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION

Joel: I present Clay Bishop, Isaac Bishop, Alicia Calvo, Alex Nuernberg, and Jasper Oehler who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

All: Amen.

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastor You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The confirmands and their families kneel at the altar rail.

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Spoken to each confirmand, in turn:

For Jesus' sake, stir up in this young person the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

To the community:

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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.

GENEROSITY IMPACT

Intention 2025 Update

Passing of the plates.

OFFERING MUSIC

A Mighty Fortress
Choir

K. Pederson

OFFERING SONG

Give Thanks

W&P 41

OFFERING PRAYER

Assist: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

An Unclouded Day

Arr. Michael Myrick

Jonathan Davies, soloist; Jennifer Arndt, conducting; Choir

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

Assist: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. Strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In ACS #950 vv. 1, 3 & 5

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

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Senior Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Associate Pastor	Pr. Ryan Dockery
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Instrumentalist	Bob Cannon, trumpet
Assisting Minister	Isaac Bishop, Clay Bishop
Reader	Jasper Oehler
Acolyte	Alicia Calvo
Altar Steward	Linda Roesle
Crucifer	Isaac Bishop
Communion Bread	Alicia Calvo
Communion Servers	Confirmands
Food For Fellowship	Jane & Leila Tackett, Milt Nielsen
Hosts/Tellers	Oehler Family
Prayer Ministry	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
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

We pray for:

- 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
- Mary Campbell, aunt of Laura Hills
- 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

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 our selves, our time, and our treasures. May we hold more tightly to you than to our money. May our whole lives reflect your goodness.

God we give you thanks for our youth being Confirmed today, for Clay, Isaac, Alicia, Alex, and Jasper. In their baptism you named and claimed them and today they affirm the faith you instilled in them. May they continue to grow in faith and in service of you.

God, our refuge and strength, in this time of election of a president and other leaders of our nation, we pray for your Spirit to guide and guard us. Keep us mindful of the gift you have given us as citizens of America, and make us wise and faithful in our life together. No matter the outcome of this election, we trust in you as our God and the giver of life, peace, and justice.

God, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life, especially Ann Andresen, sister of George Carlson. We commend Ann to your everlasting love as we trust in the promise of resurrection in Christ.

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

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