

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

December 1, 2024 8:15 & 10:45 AM

**GATHERING MUSIC** Savior of the Nations, Come J. S. Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #257 vv. 1 & 2

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: God of mercy,

**All: We confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

Pastor: A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near.

**All: Amen.**

**SONG** Wait for the Lord #262

### ADVENT WREATH

Leader: We are a people of hope. Our hearts are full of anticipation for the coming of our beloved Christ Child.

**All: For God is to be among us and we will see a great light in the midst of our night.**

Leader: Let us light the Candle of Hope.

*Written by Rev. Jolene Cadenbach*

**SONG** Wait for the Lord #262

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assist: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Assist: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY**

Guestbooks

Announcements: Advent Mid-Week, Devotions, Hanging Greens,  
Holden Trip Meeting, Christmas Eve

Website: shephills.org/**EVENTS**

Altar Flowers:

10:45 **BLESSING**

Prayer Shawls

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Advent Alleluia

## **GOSPEL READING**

Luke 21:25-36

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

Pastor: [Jesus said,] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven

and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Megan Getman

## **MESSAGE**

Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner

## **MESSAGE SONG**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

#254 vv. 1-2

## **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**

Upbring: BeReal

Katie Evans

## **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.

*Passing of the plates.*

## **OFFERING MUSIC**

8:15

E’ve So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

*Choir*

## **OFFERING SONG**

Joy to the World

#267 v. 1

## **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 4

**PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW Setting 4

**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 4

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

8:15

Laudation

Brenda Austin

*Bell Ensemble*

8:15 & 10:45

Now in This Banquet

W&P 104

**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.**

**8:15 BLESSING**

Prayer Shawls

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG**

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

#244 vv. 1-2, 4

**COMMISSIONING**

Assist: In hope and expectation, we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**POSTLUDE**

## WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Senior Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Associate Pastor	Pr. Ryan Dockery
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	8:15 – Joel Timmons 10:45 – Alana Oehler
Reader	8:15 – Jennifer Arndt 10:45 – Steve Schulz
Acolyte	8:15 – 10:45 – Sawyer Dertien
Altar Steward	8:15 – Deb Pollock Darnell 10:45 – Carmen Adams-Schulz
Communion Bread	Kitt Richter
Communion Servers	8:15 – Joel Timmons, Deb Pollock Darnell, 10:45 – Alana Oehler, Carmen Adams-Schulz, Sawyer Dertien
Food For Fellowship	DeVaney and Tuthill family
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 - 10:45 – Jeri Porter
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – Tamara Allen 10:45 –
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry	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
- Lydia Perkunas

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

- Drew Officer and Kate Sheeran, friends of Kathleen Macaulay
- Emma Katherine Phillips, sister of Hilary Russell
- Linda Maidment Meyers, daughter of Helen and David Maidment

God of love, we give you thanks for the marriage of Vicki Matava and Eric Raschke. Bless their life together, as they witness to your love and faithfulness.

God of joy, we thank you for the gift of community and the opportunity to gather at Camp Chrysalis for the Advent Family Retreat. Bless all who attend, that they may experience rest, renewal, and joy in this holy season. May this time together deepen their faith, strengthen their relationships, and prepare their hearts to welcome Christ anew.

O God, we thank you for the ministries of Upbring, especially BeReal and New Life, as they seek to support and care for young people. Bless their efforts in all they do, and keep us connected in showing your love and mercy to all people in need.

God, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life, especially Charlie Wikelius, brother of Larry Wikelius. We commend Charlie to your never-ending love as we trust in the promise of resurrection life in Christ.

*\*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.*

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