

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
December 15, 2024 8:15 & 10:45 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

Aaron Lack & The Vibetet

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#257 vv. 5 & 6

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

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ADVENT WREATH

Leader: Joy to the world! Our God is now coming to bring us Good News.

All: May we sing songs of praise and gladness. We know that our Savior reigns.

Leader: Let us light the Candle of Joy.

Written by Rev. Jolene Cadenbach

SONG

Wait for the Lord

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assist: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Assist: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; 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: Midweek Advent, Holden Village, Longest Night, Christmas Eve

Website: shephills.org/EVENTS

Altar Flowers:

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-7

Reader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Advent Alleluia

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:7-18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the

amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Advent Alleluia

MESSAGE

Pastor Ryan Dockery

MESSAGE SONG

On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry

#249 vv. 1-5

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.

GENEROSITY IMPACT

Quarterly Generosity Update

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

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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

10:45

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8:15 & 10:45

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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

All Earth is Hopeful

#266 vv. 1-4

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

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WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Senior Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Associate Pastor	Pr. Ryan Dockery
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Instrumentalists	Aaron Lack, Nick Davis, Pablo Ranlett-López, Chris Bell
Assisting Minister	8:15 – Mark Tate 10:45 – Amanda Land Palmer
Reader	8:15 – Nancy Etzler 10:45 – Pam Petterson
Acolyte	8:15 – Benjamin Johnson 10:45 – Austin Eckermann
Altar Steward	8:15 – Nancy Etzler 10:45 – Carole Morgan
Communion Bread	Paula Disbrowe
Communion Servers	8:15 – Mark Tate, Benjamin Johnson, Nancy Etzler 10:45 – Amanda Land Palmer, Carole Morgan, Austin Eckermann
Food For Fellowship	Helen and David Maidment
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 – Anita Knight, Rick Burnight 10:45 – Connie Astrachan, Debi Schoenfelt
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – Arlene Morris 10:45 – Alana Oehler
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
- Carmen Adams-Schulz
- Dana Dertien

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
- James Dunn Russell, Sr., grandfather of Hilary Russell
- Winnie and Brad Nelson, sister and nephew of Mary Macaulay
- Taylor Schobey, daughter of Deanna Schobey
- Steph and Gina Geller and family, friends of Dee Jackson

O God, we thank you for our ministry partnerships, both local and global. We lift up ILAG in Guatemala, especially our sister congregation in Aurora, and Charis ministry in Haiti. We also pray for the ministries of Upbring, especially New Life and BeReal. Bless our mission together in sharing your love with all people.

God, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life. We commend them 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. Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

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