

# SUNDAY OF THE EPIPHANY

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
January 5, 2025 8:15 & 10:45 AM

**GATHERING MUSIC** Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella arr. Keith Chapman

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**KYRIE** Now the Feast

**SONG** Now the Feast and Celebration Now the Feast

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assist: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Assist: Let us Pray. O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## WELCOME/LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Guestbooks

Announcements: Epiphany Chalking/Star Words, Tim Anderson

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

Reader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL VERSE**

Now the Feast

**GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

Pastor: In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Ryan Dockery

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**MESSAGE SONG**

The First Noel

#300 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**

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*Passing of the plates.*

## **GENEROSITY IMPACT**

Gather: Austin

## **OFFERING MUSIC**

8:15	How Brightly Shines the Morning Star	Dietrich Buxtehude
10:45	I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In	Thom McNeil, guitar

## **OFFERING SONG**

As the Grains of Wheat

Now the Feast

## **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**

Now the Feast

## **PREFACE**

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Now the Feast

## **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

Now the Feast

## COMMUNION MUSIC

8:15	How Brightly Shines the Morning Star	Dietrich Buxtehude
10:45	I Wonder As I Wonder	Thom McNeil, guitar

## 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

This Little Light of Mine

#677 vv. 1-3

## CHALKING THE DOORS

## COMMISSIONING

Pastor: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

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

## WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Senior Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Associate Pastor	Pr. Ryan Dockery
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	8:15 – Jennifer Arndt 10:45 – Alana Oehler
Reader	8:15 – Jena Oberg 10:45 – Herb Palmer
Acolyte	8:15 – 10:45 –
Altar Steward	8:15 – Deb Pollock Darnell 10:45 – Linda Roesle
Communion Bread	Deb Pollock Darnell
Communion Servers	8:15 – Richard and Jennifer Arndt, Jena Oberg 10:45 – Alana and Charlie, Herb Palmer
Food For Fellowship	Judy & Bob Haugen
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 – 10:45 – Jeri Porter, Connie Astrachan
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – Arlene Morris 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
- Yolanda Heine
- Tobias Hartmann

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
- 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
- Kyle Lowke, son of Richard Lowke
- Baby boy Powell, unborn son of Jason and Celeste Powell, grandson of Ted and Corky Powell

God of love, we give you thanks for the marriage of Bril Flint and Kelli Trussell. Bless their life together, as they witness to your love and faithfulness.

O God, we thank you for our ministry partnerships, both local and global. We lift up Gather: Austin and their ministry with young adults. Bless our mission together in sharing your love with all people.

Good and gracious God, comfort and strengthen all who are affected by the tragedy in New Orleans. Comfort those who are grieving. Bring healing to those who are injured.

God, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life, especially Kae Self, Tom Felger, and Tommy Reiger, Sr. 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](mailto:sheep@shephills.org). Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*

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