

BAPTISM OF JESUS

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
January 12, 2025 8:15 & 10:45 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

Aaron Lack & The Vibetet

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Pastor: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

All: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Pastor: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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: Pastor Tim Anderson, PR Installation, Star Words

Website: shephills.org/**EVENTS**

Flowers: In honor of Rhea's baptism from her grandparents Brian and Jennifer Graham. For our granddaughter, love Rich and Veronica Melendez.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Now the Feast

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: 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."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

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MESSAGE SONG

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

#304 vv. 1-4

Tune: ELW #482

8:15 APOSTLES' CREED

10:45 HOLY BAPTISM

Rhea Ruth Melendez

Song

Welcome Child of God

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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GENEROSITY IMPACT

Gather: Austin

Passing of the plates.

OFFERING MUSIC

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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

10:45

Andrei Zimbalist, piano

8:15 & 10:45

Aaron Lack & The Vibetet

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

ACS #942

COMMISSIONING

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

All: Thanks be to God, and WE WILL!

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WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Senior Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Associate Pastor	Pr. Ryan Dockery
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Assisting Minister	8:15 – Tim Stein 10:45 – Amanda Land Palmer
Reader	8:15 – Owen Wegner 10:45 – Pam Petterson
Acolyte	8:15 – 10:45 –
Altar Steward	8:15 – Nancy Etzler 10:45 –
Communion Bread	Sarah Tuthill
Communion Servers	8:15 – Tim Stein, Nancy Etzler, Joel Timmons 10:45 – Amanda Land Palmer, Pam Petterson, Joel Timmons
Food For Fellowship	Wissman Family
Hosts/Tellers	8:15 – Rick Burnight, Kathy Mayberry 10:45 – Virginia Bosman, Joe & June Spann
Prayer Ministry	8:15 – 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
- 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
- Melody Davis, daughter of Arlene Morris

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.

God, we give you thanks for the baptism of Rhea Ruth Melendez, daughter of Rachel Graham & Richard Melendez III. As you have planted the seed of faith in Rhea's heart, use us as teachers and witnesses of your love as she grows.

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.

God, we pray for those who are traveling to Camp Lutherhill for the Mother Daughter Retreat next weekend. Bless their time in your creation, and strengthen their relationships with you and with each other.

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 all the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life. We commend them 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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