



“I will
pour out
my Spirit
on all flesh.”

ACTS 2:17, ESV

May 19, 2024 ~ 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation Sunday



Welcome to everyone worshipping with us today!

All are welcome at Shepherd of the Hills. We are a place where all people can receive wholeness and share God's blessings, so we echo Jesus' welcome to all persons – **every one** –

to the devout, the seeker and the skeptic;

to single, married, widowed and divorced;

to young and old, child and parent;

to persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities;

to people of all lands, cultures and colors;

to people with disabilities, those ill and well;

to poor, middling and wealthy;

to all who seek hope, peace, comfort, strength, love, forgiveness and grace.

We invite everyone to worship, learn, serve and care with us

Our Mission:

To love God and love neighbor in the spirit of Jesus.

Who we are becoming:

A connected family of faith inspired by God to positively impact our community and our world.



GATHERING

PRELUDE "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN “Hail Thee, Festival Day”**

ELW 394 (v. 1 & 2)

Refrain: Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever;
day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.

- 1 Bright and in likeness of fire, on those who await his appearing,
he whom the Lord had foretold suddenly, swiftly descends: Refrain
- 2 Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of blossom;
heaven its gates now unbars, flinging its increase of light: Refrain

***GREETING**

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Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

People: And also with you.

***KYRIE**

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**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev’ry day.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

PSALM Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Lectors: Laken Barott and Angel Cortés Torres

Lector: How manifold are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

Lector: There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

**People: All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

Lector: You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**People: When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

Lector: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

**People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

Lector: You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

**People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

Lector: May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the Lord.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

***FIRST READING** Acts 2:1-21

Pastor: A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Pastor: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION

Those making affirmation may gather with the ministers at the font. They may be joined by others from the assembly.

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation:

I present name/s, who *desire* to make public affirmation of *their* baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, 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.

People: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

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?

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

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?

Each confirmand responds:

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

The minister addresses the assembly.

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

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

Those making affirmation may kneel. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Pastors: 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.

Stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Pastor: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

People: 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

ELW 401 (v. 1 , 3 & 5)

1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading, fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing, help us to follow you.

Refrain Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

3 Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame. Refrain

5 Keep us fervent in our witness; unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. Refrain

★PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. *(A brief silence)*

(After each petition, the following is said.)

Pastor: God of grace, **People: hear our prayer.**

***PEACE**

ELW page 189

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC "Together, Hand in Hand"

by Glenn W. Calcote
One Voice Choir

***OFFERING PRAYER**

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Pastor: Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW page 190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Communion Music: "Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

"Borning Cry"

ELW 732

***Prayer after communion:**

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Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

Pastor: Go out into God's world filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit. Let love guide your actions. Listen for the Spirit of Truth. Spread the peace of Christ and remind everyone you meet that each one is a beloved child of God. Amen.

People: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

TFF 241

Refrain: Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

- 1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine. Refrain

- 2 Jordan river, chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul.
Ain't but one train that's on this track
It runs to heaven and runs right back. Refrain

***DISMISSAL**

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

W. Niwagila



God's blessings to the 2024 Confirmands of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Laken Peter Barott

Jackson Reid Chi

Alaina Rae Dallum

Dylan Joel Nordin

Avalon Trinity Prax

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Dulce Dalia Cortés Torres

Angel David Cortés Torres

Leah Caroline Wall

SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS

For more information on all these events, go to our website sothchurch.com

HOLY COMMUNION Like a family gathering for Sunday dinner, all are welcome at this table where God is our holy parent and host. Taking simple bread and simple wine we remember that all of life comes as a gift from God, and we remember that just as we are nourished by food, we are also nourished by God's love. (Grape juice is available in the center of the serving tray and a rice alternative is available for those with wheat allergies.)

ARE YOU NEW HERE? To our first-time visitors welcome! Please join us immediately after church for coffee hour in the fellowship lounge. Your children and their noise are always welcome. There are two gender neutral and single stall restrooms across from - and just beyond - the church nursery, as well as two more upstairs as well! If you have questions, please ask any of our members. We are here to help.

Name Tags Help Build Community: All who regularly participate at Shepherd are encouraged to wear a name tag as we strive to be a welcoming community of disciples!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME in worship every Sunday but, should you need it, the nursery is located on the north side of the building. Ask an usher if you need help finding it.

THE 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS would like to give a special thank you to Ellen Levernier for the many hours she spent helping to prepare the beautiful stoles we wear today. Also thank you to Jean & Kevin Wicks, Mary Jensen, Lyn Kopperud, Colleen Rose, Lana Edmundson, Michelle Braun and Hilary Nelson for their help with the confirmation Banquet!

SHEPHERD / CALVARY NEW MINISTRIES: The Shepherd – Calvary Team has continued to meet and discuss the ideas put forward by all the contributors in response to our requests and outreach back in March. We have narrowed the focus to three (3) principal areas: 1) Building a Collaborative, Engaging Youth Ministry; 2) Exploring a Family & Community Centered Alternative Faith Building Gathering (something like the “Dinner Church” gatherings held during Lent) and 3) Updating our Communications and Technology tools for a better, more flexible and impactful Sunday (and other) experience in and from our sanctuary. We’d love to hear more from you and will continue to listen for what God may be calling us to in these three areas. Please reach out (phone, in person, email or whatever) to Pastors Yolanda, Sherri or Wade, or any of the committee members (Becky Rorke, Bruce Nelson, Cindy Morris, Julia Buteyn, Steve Manacek, Adam Driscoll and Alyson Purdy) or leave a note in the basket on the Welcome Desk. Thank you and please keep this work in your prayers!

SOTH BOOK CLUB: will meet on Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 am in the conference room.

Book: “Lady Tan's Circle of Women” by Lisa See

VBS 2024 CAMP FIRELIGHT JUNE 10—13 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

A Summer Camp Adventure with God!

Join first-time camp counselor Sam and Lu (short for Lumen), the lightning bug, and learn to face your fears while trusting in God. Kids will learn ways they can connect with and put their trust in God whenever they are afraid, challenged, or called to do God’s work in the world and share the Good News of God’s love through Jesus Christ. Registrations available online (www.sothchurch.com/)

PROPS NEEDED: Our VBS theme this year is Camp Firelight and we are excited about decorating our church for this important event. We are looking for "props" that we can use during the dates of June 10-13.

Items would include:

Backpacks, small camping chairs (kid size), sleeping bags, coolers, kids tents, lanterns and water bottles.

Please bring them to Pr. Sherri's office by June 3 and contact her with any questions. Thank you!!

SERVE TEAM: Spring Cleaning - Donate Now!

Do you have some gently worn shoes that you no longer wear? Participate in our shoe drive and help us donate to Soles4Souls! Until the end of May, we will be collecting all styles of gently worn shoes that can be put to good use. You can even donate single shoes!

Soles4Souls has 3 basic programs. "4Relief" helps get shoes to people in disaster relief areas. "4Opportunity" works with developing countries to help people start and grow business that sell donated shoes. "4EveryKid" partners with schools across the U.S. to get new athletic shoes to children who are experiencing homelessness. Repurposed shoes extend their life and keep them out of landfills. 98% of shoes are reused and if shoes are determined to be beyond use, Soles4Souls works with third-party partners to turn this waste into energy. Please place your shoes in the donation center and enjoy a cleaner closet this summer.

DRIVING IMPROVEMENT CLASS AT SHEPHERD: Thursday, May 23 from 1:00-5:00 pm

55+ Driver Improvement Program (4-hour refresher course)

The Driver Improvement Program offered by the Minnesota Highway Safety and Resource Center is open to the public and is taught by a certified instructor. By utilizing the most up to date research in the field, participants will be provided the latest information in regards to driver safety, new laws, and vehicle technology.

Persons age 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a ten percent discount on their auto insurance premiums. For more information or to register for a class near you, visit www.driverdiscountprogram.com or call toll free, 1-888-234-1294.

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Sunday, May 19

9:30 am Worship
 Confirmation Sunday
11:00 am Book Club

Monday, May 20

6:30 pm SMART Recovery
7:00 pm Troop Meetings

Tuesday, May 21

8:30 am Men’s Coffee
9:00 am Quilting
1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 22

10:00 am WoW Bible Study
5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 23

11:00 pm Staff new phone training
1:00-5:00 pm Driver Improvement Class
5:00 pm TOPS Mtg.
6:30 pm SMART Recovery

Friday, May 24

12:00 noon Church office closes at noon
6:00 pm Piano Recital

Sunday, May 26

9:30 am Worship

Monday, May 27

 Memorial Day
 Church Office Closed
6:30 pm SMART Recovery

Tuesday, May 28

8:30 am Men’s Coffee
10:00 pm Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 29

10:00 am WoW Bible Study

Thursday, May 30

4:30 pm Personnel Committee
5:00 pm TOPS Meeting
6:30 pm SMART Recovery

Friday, May 31

12:00 noon Church Office closed



GIVING: Thank you for your generosity to SOTH! There are many ways to give:
TEXT “GIVE” to 844-503-1571
MAIL: 500 Blake Road South, Edina, MN 55343
Place your gift in the offering plate at church.
SCAN the QR Code

Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Ask an usher for assistance. Large print bulletins are also available. You can request one from an usher.

Persons unfamiliar with our Service may find the following explanation of abbreviations helpful.

★ indicates “Stand as able.”

ELW refers to the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP** with the **cranberry cover**.

Hymn selections are listed as “**ELW ###.**”

Liturgy selections are listed as **ELW page ###.**

GATHER refers to the **GATHER** hymnbook with the **teal blue cover**.

Hymn selections are listed as “**Gather ###.**”

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OFFICE HOURS: Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Fridays 9:00-12:00 pm

Pastor Yolanda: Monday 9:30-5:30 (home office); Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30-5:30 (SOTH);

Friday in Sabbath.

Pastor Sherri: Monday-Thursday 9:00 am -5:00 pm (SOTH); Friday in Sabbath

Pastor Wade: Tuesdays 12:00 pm– 5:00 pm; Wednesdays 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm

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