



***Third Sunday of Epiphany
January 21, 2024 ~ 9:30 am***



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 "Sanctuary"

Youth Singers

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

★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.

★OPENING HYMN “I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Michael O’Shields

Verse – Youth singers only, Chorus- All,

Verse – Congregation echoes, Chorus- All

Verse:

I will call upon the Lord

Who is worthy to be praised

So shall I be saved from my enemies

Chorus:

The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock

And may the God of our salvation be exalted.

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And may the God of our salvation be exalted.

★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

1 Jubilee Music (insert in back of Gather hymnal)

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| L: | In peace let us pray to God. Kyrie eleison | C: Lord have mercy. |
| L: | Christe eleison | C: Christ have mercy. |
| L: | Kyrie eleison. | C: Lord have mercy. |
| L: | For the peace of God and for peace in the world, Let us pray to God. Kyrie eleison | C: Lord have mercy. |
| L: | Christe eleison | C: Christ have mercy. |
| L: | Kyrie eleison | C: Lord have mercy. |
| L: | For the health of the Church and the unity of all, Let us pray to God. Kyrie eleison | C: Lord have mercy. |
| L: | Christe eleison | C: Christ have mercy. |
| L: | Kyrie eleison | C: Lord have mercy. |
| L: | Help, save, comfort and defend us, Oh, gracious God. | |
| All: | Amen. | |

HYMN OF PRAISE

#2 Jubilee Music (insert in the back of the Gather hymnal)

This is the time to praise our God, this is the hour for singing.

This is the place we raise our voices, Alleluias bringing.

This is the day the Lord has made,

let us rejoice, be glad and sing.

Lifting our praises loud and clear,

Always remembering that:

This is the time to praise our God, this is the hour for singing.

This is the place we raise our voices, Alleluias bringing. Alleluias bringing.

★PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray,

People: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

TIME FOR CHILDREN

FIRST READING Psalm 62:5-12

Lector: For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

People: God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

Lector: In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

People: Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

Lector: Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

People: Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

Lector: God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

People: Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.

Lector: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

★GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia” #3 Jubilee Music (insert in the back of the Gather hymnal)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord. From out of your heart flow rivers, rivers of living waters. Out of your heart flow living streams, out of your words flow life. Alleluia, give us your life, give us your love, give us your words, oh Lord.

★GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14-20

Pastor: The Gospel according to Mark:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Sherri Otto

HYMN OF THE DAY "I Am the Light of the World"

Jim Strathdee

Chorus: 1st time: Youth singers, 2nd time: Congregation

Chorus: I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love, you'll learn the mystery of
What you were meant to do and be.

Verse: Youth singers only

When the song of the angels is stilled
When the star in the sky is gone
When the kings and the shepherds have found their way home
The work of Christmas is begun.

★AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

★PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.... *(A brief silence)*

(After each petition, the following is said.)

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

★SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

MEAL

MISSION MOMENT

Chris Polston

OFFERING AND SPECIAL MUSIC “Broken Vessels”

Houston/Myrin

Trio: Iris Nordin, Keelyn Reilly and Mira Wadhwa

★OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray, God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(#5 Jubilee Music (insert in the back of the Gather hymnal)

L: May God be with you.

C: And also with you

L: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them up to God

L: Give thanks to our God

C: It is right to give thanks

L: It is right to give thanks in every time, in every place. With all who have breath and with all who've gone before, we sing out our praises and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy:

(#6 Jubilee music in the back of the Gather book)

C: Holy, holy, Lord of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blest is he who comes in the name of the lord. Hosannah in the highest, Hosannah 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" (#8 Jubilee music in the back of the Gather hymnal)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of all the world.

Refrain: Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us, oh Lord.

Lamb of God, you sent your child to die that we might live. (Refrain)

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice, peace and love. (Refrain)

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

ELW 815

Closing the Meal

Pastor: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SENDING

★BENEDICTION

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

★CLOSING HYMN “Days of Elijah”

Robin Mark

1 These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord; And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword; Still we are the voice in the desert crying, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord!”

REFRAIN: Behold he comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call; Lift your voice, it’s the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion’s hill salvation comes!

BRIDGE: There is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah, there is no god like Jehovah. (Refrain)

★THE SENDING FORTH

Leader: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Days of Elijah”

reprise

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.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES: For those who still use the pre-printed offering envelopes, your envelopes are available for pick up in the church narthex.

WORD ON WEDNESDAYS! 10:00 am and 6:30 pm (Note: No evening WoW on Jan. 24)

Beginning in January evening WoW will start a new study. We will leave the weekly lectionary texts for a while and, in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., take a 30 day "journey" through his writings, including excerpts from sermons, speeches, and letters. We've ordered several copies of the Augsburg Fortress published guide "30 day Journey with Martin Luther King, Jr.", which can also be downloaded from Amazon for your Kindle or other reader device. The guide has daily short readings from Dr. King's works and a brief reflection from the editors.

We will begin the series on January 10th with a short review of Dr. King's life and works, as well as his theology. Copies of the book will be available that day for all of us to begin reading and in the following four (4) weeks (Jan. 17 – Feb. 4) we will spend our time at evening WoW (6:40-7:30) talking about the prior week's readings and exploring how the themes and details of those readings speak to us in the current day. Please join us!

ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 10:30 am immediately following worship. Please make plans to join us as we celebrate the wonderful ministries of 2023, elect members to new offices and/or committees and seek approval of our ambitious 2024 budget.

SHEPHERD'S VOICE NEWSLETTER: Copies of our January newsletter are available at the Welcome Center. Going forward, we will be posting the monthly newsletter on our website and sending it out with the weekly emails. Make sure you are subscribing to our weekly emails. We are happy to mail the newsletter to you but your church council requests that you notify the church office if you would like to receive the church newsletter via US Postal Mail. Most of us have access to electronic devices - like computers or smartphones - that will allow us to read the newsletter online, saving the congregation the cost of off-sites printing and postage. Again, please only "opt-in" if you are unable to view the newsletter electronically and please do so by Feb 1, 2024.

FOOD, FASHION AND FUN!! Wed., January 24 at 6:30pm

Have you ever wondered why your pastors wear shirts/dresses with a white tab? Or what those long things around their necks are called and what the significance is? Or why the colors they wear matter? Robes or no robes? Ropes or no ropes? Any other things you are wondering about?

On January 24, you will get all of your questions answered! Come for a meal and stay for the fun as Pastor Yolanda, Pastor Wade and Pastor Sherri share stories about what they wear and why these things are important. This is something you are not going to want to miss!! Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES: Legislative Advocacy 101 Training

When: Thursday, January 25 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Edina Community Lutheran Church, 4113 West 54th Street, Edina, MN 55424

Co-hosted by: Edina Community Lutheran Church (Edina),
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (Minneapolis),
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (Edina).

Advocacy is one of the most powerful tools that we can leverage to bring more resources and opportunities to our communities and create positive change. We have a wonderful opportunity to invite community members to attend this training about the legislative process.

Attendees will hear from experts and leave with the skills and confidence they need to successfully advocate on the issues they care about.

This training will be led by Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota's advocacy team, Erin Sutton and Lily Sacay.

Talk to Pr. Sherri if interested in attending. (952.935-3457)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Shepherd needs your help! We currently have openings for the following volunteer positions: Personnel Committee and Worship Committee. If you feel called to service in any of these capacities, please reach out to Pr. Yolanda, Chris Polston (Council President), or the church office to learn more. Office phone: 952.935-3457

ARE YOU INTERESTED? We are looking for two lay voting members (1 female, 1 male) to participate in the Conference Assembly in preparation for the Synod Assembly in May. There is also a spot open for one voting youth. This is an important time in the life of our Synod as we will be electing a new Bishop and voting on important issues.

The Conference Assemblies will be held on February 10th from 9am to 12:30pm. Our conference will meet at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. If you are interested, contact Pastor Sherri for information and details (sherri.otto@sothchurch.com).

CARE KITS: There is a new supply of hygiene kits behind the hospitality desk. Please take as many as you want to distribute to those in need. Parishioners often hand these out to those who are asking for help by our roadsides.

Sunday, January 21

9:30 am Worship
 Youth led worship
11:00 am Book Club
6:30 pm Apollo Chorus Rehearsal

Monday, January 22

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

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

10:00 am WoW
5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm Special Event:
 Dinner & Fashion Fun
6:30 pm No WoW this week
6:30 pm Confirmation Event
7:30 pm Sr. High Meet

Thursday, January 25

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

Friday, January 26

Church Office Closed at noon

Saturday, January 27

9:00 am Scout meeting in Ranum

Sunday, January 28

9:30 am Worship
 Shepherds of Light (Sun School)
10:40 am Annual Budget Meeting
6:30 pm Apollo Chorus Rehearsal

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

10:00 am WoW
5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm WoW
6:30 pm Confirmation
7:30 pm Sr. High Meet

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

Church Office Closed at noon



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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