



The Season of Pentecost is a Season of growing, called the Time of the Church. We focus on the teachings of Jesus and how they apply in our lives. This growing is reflected in the color **green**, the color of life and growth. Bless us, Lord, as we learn, grow, and tell!

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

SONG SET *Michael Amidei, Infinite Grace Team*

Please refer to the screens for the song lyrics.

Awake My Soul
A Mighty Fortress

INVOCATION *Pastor Ben Oesch*

Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS

SONG Shepherd

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 38:4-18

Dave Hudson, lector

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

EPISTLE READING Romans 10:5-17

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that

we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

This story comes directly after Jesus feeds more than 5,000

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

And Peter answered Him, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” Jesus said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Jesus, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”

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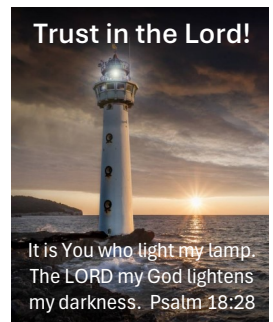


CHILDREN’S CHAT *Pastor Ben* Children’s Bulletins are on the entrance table.

OFFERING AND PRAYER *for giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

SONG It Is Well

MESSAGE “Stay in the Boat” text: Matthew 14:22-33



STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen!

DEDICATION OF EARLY LEARNING CENTER STAFF

The Early Learning Center staff is presented before the altar.

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen!

The minister addresses the congregation:

P: Dear family in Christ, hear the Word of God concerning the vocation of teaching:
“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If one’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” *Romans 12:4-8*

The minister addresses the teachers:

P: Dear teachers, as you have heard God’s Word concerning your vocation, will you now rededicate yourselves to the will and work of God in your teaching? Then answer, I will!

Teachers: I will!

P: Will you, trusting in God’s care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the Gospel of Jesus Christ with a Godly life as an example for your students and fellow workers? Then answer, I will, the Holy Spirit enabling me!

Teachers: I will, the Holy Spirit enabling me!

P: The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you in all ways.

The minister addresses the congregation:

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, I ask you now, in the presence of God: Will you receive these teachers, show them fitting love and honor, and support them by your gifts and fervent prayer? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

C: We will, with the help of God!

P: The almighty and most merciful God strengthen and assist you always. As members of Shepherd of the Hills, we pray for these servants of the Lord in their teaching vocation:

Gracious Father, You direct each person to use the gifts he or she has received and to serve others with the strength that You provide. We give thanks to You for the faithful service of these, Your servants in the teaching vocation. Bless them with wisdom and patience and with love and faithfulness to Your Word, that with gladness they may continue to teach, comfort, counsel, and guide those entrusted to their care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

The minister addresses the teachers:

P: Go then in the peace and joy of the Lord! The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

ALL: Amen!

PRAYERS

Please stand for the Lord’s Prayer and Blessing.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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!

GOD’S WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

In this Divine Service, by the gift of faith, the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. We now leave this house of worship to share HISstory!

Please be seated for the Announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG Song of the Saints

☩ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ☩



2026-2027 Theme for Shepherd of the Hills:

TOGETHER

There is one body and one Spirit—
just as you were called to the one hope
that belongs to your call—
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.
~Ephesians 4:4-6

**LORD, LAY SOME SOUL UPON MY HEART AND LOVE THAT SOUL THROUGH ME;
AND MAY I GLADLY DO MY PART TO WIN THAT SOUL FOR THEE. AMEN!**

CONNECT CARDS Guests and members, please:

- ◆ fill out a Connect card, or
- ◆ scan the QR code to connect with us online

Cards are on clipboards at the end of a row. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

