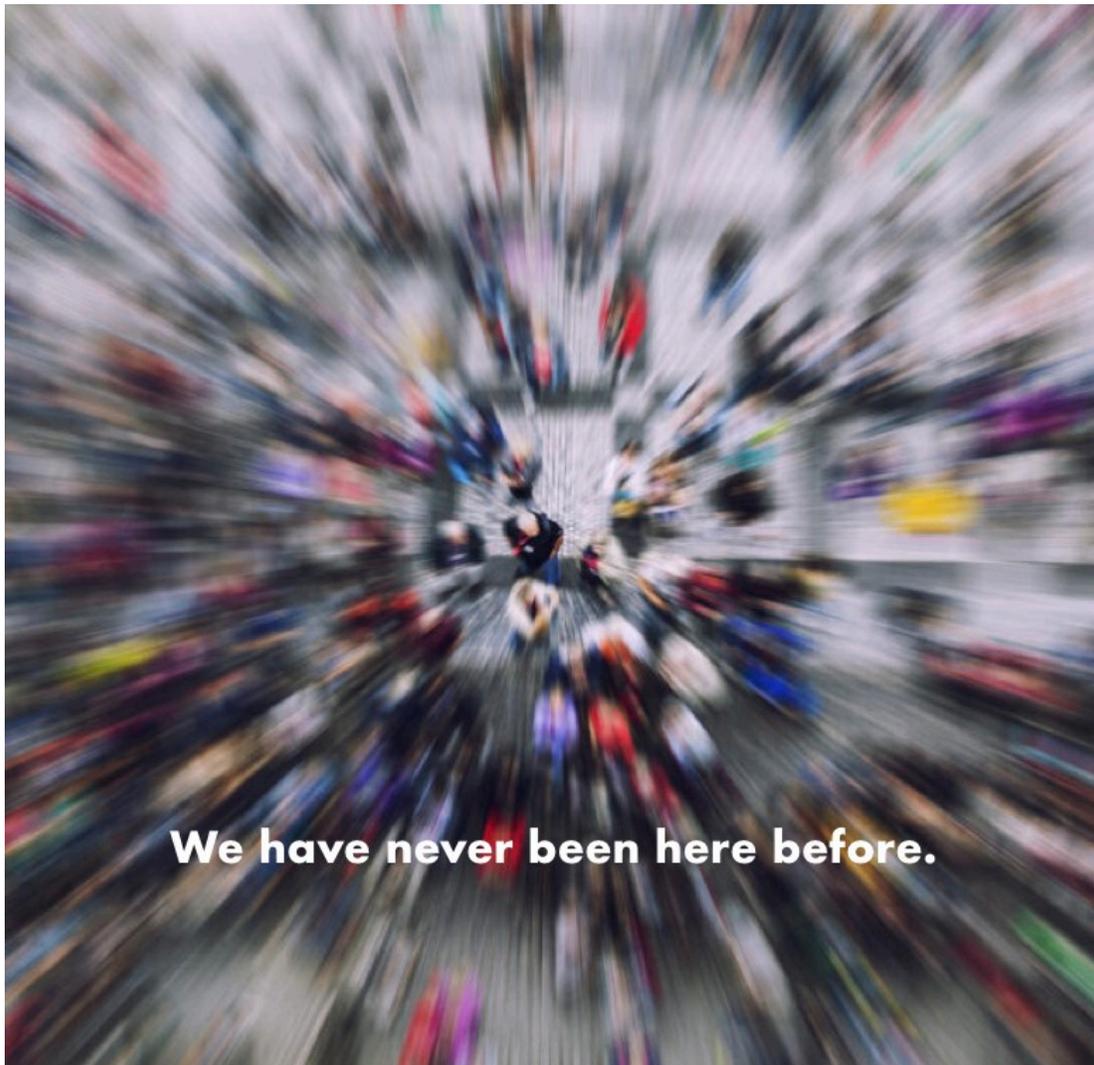




The Faith Community at Shepherd of the Hills

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent



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WELCOME

Welcome to worship! 2020 holds so many new experiences and happenings. Glad you are making spirituality and the local parish a part of that. This particular season for us is extra exciting as we are in the midst of merging three faith communities into one congregation. People of diverse backgrounds, traditions, identities and races coming together in unity is worth the cause. We are pursuing the heavenly church here and now! If you have children, please let them be kids and prior to the sermon they will be dismissed to Sunday School (Preschool-High School). So glad to have you and much love!

- Pastor Moses

Our Mission: *Our Mission is to mobilize people towards unity with Christ and all of God's people.*

Our Staffs: Shepherd - Office Administrator: Linda Keller, Preschool Director: Linda Moreno, Accompanist: Kate Hinrichs, Music Director: Marcelo Martinez, Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Moses D. Barrios. **Crave** – Worship Leader: Adrian Moreira, Sunday School Teacher: Brenda Barrios Musicians: Jesse Ward, Josh Barrios

Our Councils: Shepherd - President: Barbara Eubanks, Vice President: Don Mercier, Treasurer: Bruce Wyatt, Members at Large: Charlie Bohnhoff / Terri Landis, Pastor: Moses Barrios. **Crave** - President: Evelyn Moreira, Vice President: Leyanna Dighton, Treasurer: Brande Gonzalez

This Week at Shepherd

Sunday, March 22, 2020

10:00 AM Worship with Pastor Moses online via Facebook

Sunday, March 29, 2020

10:00 AM Worship with Pastor Moses online via Facebook

Worship Order - 10:00 a.m.

Service of Word and Service

WELCOME AND REFLECTION

GATHERING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness, longing for truth, we turn to you,
make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see
(Refrain)

Longing for peace, our world is troubled, longing for hope, many despair,
your word alone has power to save us, make us your living voice
(Refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong,
let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come

Refrain:

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness,
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who is present, who gives life,
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C **Amen.**

P With you and in you is forgiveness,
and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly.

We have wandered from your promises.

We have fallen into the pandemic of fear and anxiety.

Turn us back to you, O God.

Give us new hearts and right spirits,

**that we may find what is pleasing to you
during these times in our world. Amen.**

P Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

Your Love Is Everything

When I'm dry and thirsty Lord and I'm crying out for more, I know I can trust in your love, in the darkness in the night when I'm starving for the light, I know I can trust in your love

You keep no record of my sin, you don't remember all my shame

Your love heals every disease, your love fills my every need, your love is everything to me, your love is everything

(Bridge)

I will not forget, I won't forget your promises,
I will not forget, I won't forget your love
I will not forget that nothing is impossible
I will not forget, I won't forget your love

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together.

C Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our world. Anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BEFORE THE GOSPEL READING

A Today's Gospel reading is from the book of John beginning in the 9th Chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-7

1As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Moses D. Barrios

HYMN OF THE DAY

How He Loves

He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane I am a tree bending beneath the weight of His wind and mercy, when all of a sudden I am unaware of these afflictions eclipsed by glory and I realize just how beautiful you are and how great your affections are for me

Oh how he loves us so, oh how he loves us, how he loves us so

Yeah he loves us oh how he loves us, oh how he loves us, oh how he loves

(Bridge)

We are his portion and he is our prize, drawn to redemption by the grace in his eyes, if grace is an ocean we're all sinking, so heaven meets earth like a sloppy wet kiss and my heart turns violently inside of my chest, I don't have time to maintain these regrets when I think about the way that

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of insight, listen to our fears, anxieties and insecurities, our cries of injustice during this Coronavirus pandemic, may you spread healing mud across our eyes. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who testify to your deeds of power. Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought. Protect hills and shorelines from damage caused by erosion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day. Accomplish healing through the work of doctors, nurses, physical therapists, nutritionists, and all who tend to human bodies. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING (please use online Zelle)

Send to shephillut@gmail.com

Send to cravelifeinfo@gmail.com

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray together.

C **O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit that through life and death we may lie in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

P Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✝ bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

C **The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord smile on you, shine his light upon you. The Lord lift you, turn his face towards you and give you his peace. Give you his peace. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C **Thanks be to God.**

JOIN US ONLINE NEXT WEEK AT 10:00 A.M.