

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

ISAIAH: A CHILD IS BORN

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come out of the darkness, O people of God.

We have come into the light of Jesus.

Whoever follows Jesus
will never walk in darkness.



CONFESSION

We confess our sins before God and one another.

(Pause for silence and reflection.)

Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news, siblings in Christ. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing – even the worst we do or fail to do – can separate us from the love of God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our savior and friend. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Radiant God, we live in a world plagued by the darkness of injustice and despair. By your holy light, scatter the darkness and fill us with the hope of your promised redemption. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:1-7

Lector: But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

Assisting Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

Lector: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Assisting Minister: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 98

(Please read responsively)

Praise the Judge of the World

¹ O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

² **The Lord has made known his victory;**

he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;**

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ **With trumpets and the sound of the horn**

make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

⁸ **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹ at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 8:12

¹²Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR JANET KETTERING

HYMN OF THE DAY | GO LIGHT YOUR WORLD

https://youtu.be/TUTWR4vVIjU?si=OO5vXESW-I1_IPGB

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Eternal God, you call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone.

We live in God's world.

We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating;

Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new;

Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Confident that our God hears and answers our cries, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence).*

Isaiah's vision still sounds as far away to us as it must have for his listeners. Forgive us when we despair, and plant within us renewed passion for the work of your Spirit.

Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for your church around the Earth. Lend your Holy Spirit to guide leadership through life's transitions and community needs. Inspire congregations to be places of welcome, healing, and hope. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we give thanks for the beauty you create. Charge us with the knowledge to protect what is yours for generations to come. As we pray that this harvest season would remind us of your abundance and call us to steward it wisely, we pray also for those experiencing the devastation of natural disasters. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, guide those who govern. May leaders seek peace, equity, and the common good. Grant them the discernment and courage to act with integrity. We pray for peace among nations and an end to violence and war. We lift up regions in conflict, especially Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, and all others known to you. Guide world leaders to seek justice, reconciliation, and the dignity of all people. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, stay close to all who are suffering – especially those who are sick, grieving, hungry, or without a safe place to live. Sometimes we feel weak, our bodies fail us, and our energy runs low. We ask for your healing and comfort for everyone in need, especially those struggling with food shortages during the government shut-down. Guide us to bring strength and hope to those who are suffering. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for members of our faith community who are sick, healing, or facing hard news. We lift up Pastor Phil, Matt, Brett, Rick and Kelly, Terry, Jim and Sally, Dave, Dorothy, Clover, and all those named on our Prayer Chain. We also pray for those who care for them – family, doctors, nurses, and caregivers – especially James Elkins and Kirk, Clare, and Gwen Fallon. Surround them with your peace and healing love. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the work of the Joshua School and organizations like them. Bless and empower those who nurture the minds, bodies and spirits of children and adults living on the Autism Spectrum, and help us to help them reach their fullest potential. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember our beloved saints that are now resting in your care. Give comfort to those who mourn for their loved ones. We give you thanks for their lives and ask your guidance in sharing their love for you with the generations that follow us. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Whoever follows you, O Lord, will never walk in darkness. Shine your eternal light upon all your faithful servants, still living or alive in your resurrection, and surround them evermore with your blessing. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

We lift all these prayers, and those of our hearts, to your loving care, O God. Receive them and restore our hope in your promises. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please share a sign of God's love and peace with each other.)

OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, we come to you with thankful hearts and set before you our gifts of time, money, and skill in gratitude for all that you have given us. Bless these offerings for the life of the world, that all might experience the light of hope. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We celebrate the Spirit of God, who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We celebrate the Spirit of God, who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through Him, made the life of God available to all. We celebrate the Spirit of God, who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the reign of God. As we gather at the Lord's table, we recognize the Spirit's Presence among us and we open our hearts to Its influence.

Let us pray: **Most Holy and Gracious God, we pray not only for ourselves, but for others – known and unknown, named and unnamed. Deliver to all the comfort and peace of your love that surpasses all understanding.**

Bless our world, O Lord, and by your Spirit let your harmony and justice prevail. Bless our church, uniting us in the truth of your Word and empowering us in ministry to the world. Bless our family and friends, watching over and providing peace to them. Bless all who are suffering by embracing them in your loving arms. Bless each person here this morning, keeping us all faithful to you. Amen.

Lord, we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love. We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms. We come ready to meet with you and be changed by the encounter, remembering that on the night before he gave himself up for the world, Jesus gathered his friends for a meal.

During supper, he took a loaf of bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and drink; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

So now, we eat and we drink and we remember Jesus and his great love for us, praying the prayer he taught us:

**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.**

Jesus, the light of the world, now invites you to the table where his presence shines forth in the bread and the wine. Come, receive nourishment, forgiveness, and new life in his name. All is prepared.

SHARING THE MEAL

This is the body of Christ, broken in love for you.
This is the blood of Christ, poured out in forgiveness of you.

COMMUNION HYMN | ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

<https://youtu.be/WHAU3fLF7NI?si=RPYEIHZZFG6ZIQQO>

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, our hope, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your world in furtherance of justice. Lead us to live in joyful expectation as, together, we bring your kingdom to earth, through the power of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN | CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

<https://youtu.be/Tr5XHARAL0M?si=UpSEH62XQA5J1YWk>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.



This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions, complexities and all.

Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

CLICK LINK TO ACCESS READINGS, SERMONS & SPECIAL EVENTS FROM PAST SUNDAYS:

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@SHEPHERDOFTHEHILLSLUTHERAN6221/VIDEOS](https://www.youtube.com/@shepherdofthehillslutheran6221/videos)

WORSHIP RESOURCES:

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS — EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP BOOK

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SCRIPTURE READINGS — NEW REVISED STANDARD BIBLE, UPDATED EDITION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD — ERIC MILNER WHITE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — RE-WORSHIP, UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

GREAT THANKSGIVING — FPCSPARTANBURG.ORG, AS ADAPTED

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BLESSING & BENEDICTION — COMMON PRAYER, *FROM CONFLICT TO COMMUNION*; LUTHERAN-CATHOLIC COMMON COMMEMORATION OF REFORMATION

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PASTOR: REV. JANET KETTERING

AUDIO TECHNICIAN: FUZZ NEWKIRK

SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: NOVEMBER 16 – NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Sunday, November 16th – Isaiah: A Child Is Born

9:30 a.m. – Hybrid In Person/Zoom Worship with Holy Communion

Coffee and Conversation immediately following Worship

Wednesday, November 19th

11:00 a.m. – Amazing Grace Bible Study:

Sermon on the Mount: Jesus' Alternative Plan

Friday, November 21st

7:00 a.m. – Men's Zoom Breakfast Bible Study

5:00 p.m. – Friday Night Perspectives Zoom Gathering

Sunday, November 23rd – Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles

9:30 a.m. – Hybrid In Person/Zoom Worship with Holy Communion

Coffee and Conversation immediately following Worship

Congregational Meeting Part 1

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

PASTOR PHIL 11/4

WENDALL B. 11/17

JOHN Y. 11/19

SAVE THE DATE FOR CONSECRATION SUNDAY ON DECEMBER 7TH

DAILY REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2025

(CLICK ON SCRIPTURE REFERENCE TO GO TO TEXT!)

Monday, November 17, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/isaiah-111-9-the-peaceful-kingdom2025>

Isaiah 11:1-9 The Peaceful Kingdom

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/isaiah-221-14-a-warning-of-destruction-of-jerusalem2025>

Isaiah 22:1-14 A Warning of Destruction of Jerusalem

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/isaiah-251-12-praise-for-deliverance-from-oppression2025>

Isaiah 25:1-12 Praise for Deliverance from Oppression

Thursday, November 20, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/isaiah-271-11-israels-redemption2025>

Isaiah 27:1-11 Israel's Redemption

Friday, November 21, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/isaiah-308-17-a-rebellious-people2025>

Isaiah 30:8-17 A Rebellious People

Saturday, November 22, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/isaiah-3216-20-the-peace-of-gods-reign2025>

Isaiah 32:16-20 The Peace of God's Reign

Sunday, November 23, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/jeremiah-291-4-14-jeremiahs-letter-to-exiles2025>

Jeremiah 29:1-4, 14 Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles

WELCOME! *Thank you for worshiping with us today!*

GUESTS

Please sign our Guestbook and/or fill out the brightly-colored Info Slip and place it in the offering plate. This helps us get to know you better so that we can serve you more effectively.

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYERS?

Prayer Changes Things. The Shepherd Prayer Chain members stand by ready to help. You'll find our Prayer Box on the table to your left as you enter the building, as well as paper and pencils. Please write your prayer request and place it in the box. *You are not required to sign your request or give the name of the person for whom we will pray, unless you wish.* If you desire a private conversation with Pastor Janet, please contact the Church Office or call her on her cell phone at 507-360-1625. **All prayer requests will remain confidential.**

CHILDREN ARE CHERISHED AT SHEPHERD!

In our Sanctuary, you'll see a coloring table and soft toys. Children's bulletins are available on the table just outside the Sanctuary. If at any time you wish to take your child out for some quiet time, our Nursery/Library is stocked with supplies for playing, coloring, studying the Children's Bulletin, or reading.

REMEMBRANCE

On the north wall of the Sanctuary a table is set with candles. You are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one at any time before, during, or after our worship service.

COMMUNION

At Shepherd of the Hills, we recognize that the Table of Communion is not our table. It is not a Lutheran table. It is our Lord's Table — a meal prepared for all — prepared in love. *Please come.* All who long for the Good News in Jesus Christ are truly welcome at this table. As Jesus called children to be close to him, we, likewise, extend this invitation to all children. Should you not feel comfortable receiving the Sacrament, please come forward indicating that you wish to receive a blessing by folding your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION OUTSIDE OF WORSHIP

Arrangements can be made to bring communion to you at a time convenient for you. If, for any reason, you are unable to attend normal services, such as a hospital stay or for personal reasons, and wish to have communion brought to you, please contact the Church Office, Pastor Janet at 507-360-1625, or Dick Werpy at 720-771-6767.

MEMBERSHIP

At Shepherd, we worship as one Faith Family. If you wish to extend your worship to include membership, please see Pastor Janet.

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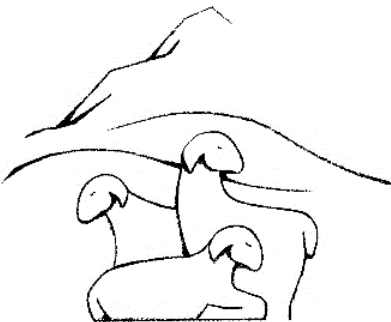
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



Marked by the Cross of Christ Forever, \

- + Gather in Love
- + Grow in Faith
- + Share God's Love & Grace
- + We are Empowered to BOLDLY Proclaim & Witness God's Word



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Bread Belonging

Bread+Belonging is a campus ministry partnership between Lutheran Campus Ministry and St. Aidan's Episcopal Church.

We offer students:

Inclusive and affirming community	Chaplain support
Weekly free student dinner	Leadership development
Bible studies & faith conversations	Service opportunities
Retreats	and more!

Support Campus Ministry

Pray

For students, for the campus community, and for our Bread + Belonging community.

Connect

Sign up for our newsletters.



Give

Contribute to the LCM annual fund. Checks can be made out to LCM-CU and mailed to us.

Donate groceries for Tuesday student dinners



Volunteer

Gather a team to help cook a Tuesday student dinner

Volunteer at CU Football Concessions fundraisers

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