

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
OCTOBER 26, 2025 – REFORMATION SUNDAY
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

We come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know...

God is our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

GATHERING HYMN | A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

ELW# 504



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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

Reforming God, we give you thanks for your forgiveness and your blessing. We pray for ourselves and your church throughout the world. Fill us with a spirit of openness to your Spirit, to hear and receive your promises and to keep our covenant with you. Where we are corrupt, purify us. Where we are in error, direct us. Where we are in need, provide for us. Where we are divided, reunite us. And where we are closed minded, reform us and make us new. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Lector: Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the Lord his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. So I intend to build a house for the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'

Assisting Minister: Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.

Lector: All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. So they brought up the ark of the Lord, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up.

Assisting Minister: King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles.

Lector: The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the Lord made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord. Then Solomon said, The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness. I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

⁶ **Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸ **Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;**

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 2:19-21

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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.)*

Gracious God, we are your living house. Make of us a holy and sure dwelling place for your presence, to the honor of your glory and steadfast love. God of promise, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for your church in all its forms. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders as they guide communities through changing seasons. Inspire congregations to be places of welcome, healing, and hope. God of promise, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of all, we give thanks for the bounty of the earth. Bless farmers, field workers, and all who bring food from soil to table. Protect the land from drought, flood, and misuse. May this harvest season remind us of your abundance and our call to steward it wisely. God of promise, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, guide those who govern. May leaders seek peace, equity, and the common good. As communities prepare for elections and policy decisions, grant 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, Sudan, Myanmar, and all others known to you. Guide world leaders to seek justice, reconciliation, and the dignity of all people. God of promise, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate One, be near to all who suffer – especially those facing illness, grief, hunger, or displacement. We are feeble at times, Lord. Our health fails. Our strength flags. We long for the blessing of your healing, and ask for all who are in need. We lift up those in our faith family who are ill, recovering, or facing difficult diagnoses. We name before you: Matt Melton, Pastor Phil, Brett Cotter, Rick and Kelly, Terry Schreier, Jim and Sally, Dave, Dorothy, Clover, and all those we lift before you on our Prayer Chain. We also pray for those who care for them – family members, medical professionals, and caregivers – especially James Elkins and Kirk, Clare and Gwen Fallon. Surround them with your healing presence and peace. God of promise, **hear our prayer.**

God of seasons, we thank you for autumn's beauty – the turning leaves, crisp air, and slowing pace. Help us embrace the gifts of reflection and rest. Teach us to live in harmony with creation's rhythms. God of promise, **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. God of promise, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Loving God, we pray for this congregation and all who gather in worship. Deepen our faith, widen our compassion, and renew our commitment to serve. As we prepare for stewardship and seasonal ministries, guide us with generosity and purpose. God of promise, **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

Loving God, **out of the bounty of your creation you have given us gift upon gift. Accept now these, our gifts in return – gifts of money, of ability, and of work, for the good of all that you have made. 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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You have made a new covenant with us, remembering our iniquity no more. Your word is written in our hearts.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior, who came to teach your truth to all. In this truth we are set free from powers of sin and death.

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Clothe us in the righteousness of Christ, that we may be delivered from our sin and justified by grace through faith.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever. 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 the Lord Jesus, on the eve of His crucifixion, 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 until he returns:

**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, who is God with us, present in this holy house, calls you now to this table, where all of creation shares in his body and blood for the redemption of the world. Come with your siblings in Christ to be fed.

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

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain



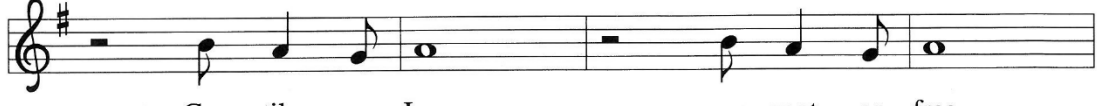
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

Refrain



wom - an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath-ered to one for all.

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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
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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 holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
 Shine on me, shine on me:

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SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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.

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS — EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP BOOK

PRAYER OF THE DAY — SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT — REFORMATION DAY

SCRIPTURE READINGS — NEW REVISED STANDARD BIBLE, UPDATED EDITION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD — ERIC MILNER WHITE

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

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SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Sunday, October 26th – Reformation Sunday/Solomon's Temple

9:30 a.m. – Hybrid In Person/Zoom Worship with Holy Communion
Coffee and Conversation immediately following Worship

Wednesday, October 29th

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

Sermon on the Mount: Jesus' Alternative Plan

Friday, October 31st

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

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

Sunday, November 2nd – All Saints Sunday/God Speaks to Elijah

9:30 a.m. – Hybrid In Person/Zoom Worship with Holy Communion
Coffee and Conversation immediately following Worship

<u>OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u> KEN M. 10/7 RON L. 10/7 BOB S. 10/20 RICK M. 10/30 PHIL K. 11/4 WENDALL B. 11/17 JOHN Y. 11/19
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DAILY REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY READINGS: WEEK OF OCTOBER 26, 2025

(CLICK ON SCRIPTURE REFERENCE TO GO TO TEXT!)

Monday, October 27, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-kings-171-7-elijah-predicts-a-drought2025>

1 Kings 17:1-7 Elijah Predicts a Drought

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-kings-178-16-the-widow-zarephath2025>

1 Kings 17:8-16 The Widow Zarephath

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-kings-1717-24-elijah-revives-the-widows-son2025>

1 Kings 17:17-24 Elijah Revives the Widow's Son

Thursday, October 30, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-kings-181-19-elijahs-message-to-ahab2025>

1 Kings 18:1-19 Elijah's Message to Ahab

Friday, October 31, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-kings-1820-40-elijahs-triumph-over-the-priests-of-baal2025>

1 Kings 18:20-40 Elijah's Triumph Over the Priests of Baal

Saturday, November 1, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-kings-1841-46-the-drought-ends2025>

1 Kings 18:41-46 The Drought Ends

Sunday, November 2, 2025

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-kings-191-18-god-speaks-to-elijah2025>

1 Kings 19:1-18 God Speaks to Elijah

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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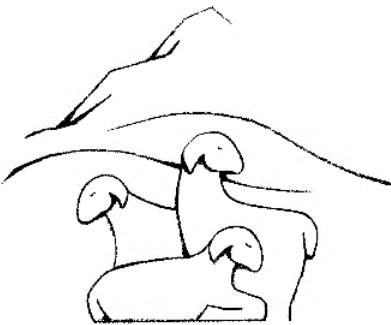
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



Marked by the Cross of Christ Forever, v
+ 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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