

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2024**

**WELCOME & GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

My soul magnifies the Lord.

**My spirit rejoices in God, my savior.**

God has done great things for me.

**Holy is God's name.**

God's mercy is upon all creation,

**from generation to generation. Praise God!**



**CONFESSION**

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**Merciful God, we confess that from the beginning of time we have failed to understand your call to us. We have acted as though we are gods in our own lives. We have acted or failed to act in ways that have led to injustice and oppression. We have turned away from you and sought after other gods – possessions, people, media, and other distractions. Forgive us for all the ways in which we have failed you and our neighbors. Call us back into the abundant life of loving service that you offer us in your holy name.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Beloved of God, hear these words of hope. God who created you in God's image has redeemed you in Christ Jesus, and for his sake forgives you for all the ways you have sinned and fallen short. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Holy God, you are our rock and salvation. We rejoice for all that you have done. Thank you for your faithfulness, and for hearing the cries of your people. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10**

**Lector:** After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow:

**Assisting Minister:** O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.

**Lector:** They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said,

**Assisting Minister:** I have asked him of the Lord. Hannah prayed and said,

**Lector:** My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **GOSPEL: LUKE 1:46-55**

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY | TRUST HIS HEART

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## 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

We pray for the church, the world, and all of creation, trusting in your gracious love and care.  
*(A brief silence.)*

We pray for open hearts. Your faithfulness never fails and never ends. Just as you were faithful to Hannah you are faithful to us. Thank you for your steadfast word and promises. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Help us to enact policies for the wellbeing of the earth, and to amplify the voices and efforts of environmental activists and advocates around the world. Strengthen and comfort those struggling to recover from the devastation of recent dramatic weather events. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders of all kinds. Kindle love and compassion in all who lead and are responsible for the well being of others, no matter the size or scope of their role. Help us all to work together for good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need of your care. Grant peace to those who are in distress and come to the aid of those who need you most, especially for Pastor Phil, Kay, Jim and Sally, Dave, Dorothy, Terry, Rick and Kelly, and all those we lift through our Prayer Chain. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for openness to change. As autumn continues, open our eyes and hearts to changes in our own lives, and help us to know that you are with us no matter what. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our ability to care for one another. Let us love, not in words or speech, but in truth and action. Strengthen and equip us to care for those in need through the ministries of our community: Pardes Levavot, The Community Infant Program, Little Free Pantry, All Roads of Boulder, Rise Against Suicide, and the other acts of kindness we share with one another. Use us to share Christ's love with our neighbors in need, especially those who are lost, poor, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

We pray for the nations now engaged in war. In the steadfastness of your love, hasten the day of peace. Look with mercy on those exposed to hatred, conflict, sickness, and death. Show compassion to the dying and those who have lost loved ones and the safety of home. In your mercy, remove all causes and occasions of war. Incline the hearts of all people to follow the path to peace and justice, that war may cease and reconciliation may come. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We pray for all those who have gone before us. Thank you for all the ways in which they showed your love and cared for others. Help us to do the same. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These and all our prayers we lift up to you, O God. **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**

Generous God, **you hear and respond to our needs and give us all that we need to flourish. In gratitude, we offer now our gifts and our tithes as a sign of our commitment to you and your work in the world. Bless these gifts for the sake of all creation. 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.**

It is right and good to give you thanks and praise, O God, because from the beginning, you invited us on a journey with you, a journey of wonders and miracles, a journey of healing and joy, a journey of mystery, a journey full of life and love.

Blessed is your son, O God, our savior Jesus Christ, who joined us on our journey and was so full of grace and truth that we cannot help but follow him. When his path went back to you, you sent your Spirit to empower and inspire us to continue to be your people. Now we pray that that same Spirit will be among us, and among these elements of bread and cup, that our ordinary meal will become our sacred feast, to nourish us for the next part of the journey. As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people who are grateful for the journey, for each other's company, and for your guiding presence.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, Jesus took 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: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ. Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Hear us now as we boldly pray together the prayer that Jesus taught....

## OUR 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.**

God, who answers prayer, invites you now to the feast of eternal life in God's son, Jesus Christ. Here is the bread of life and the wine of the covenant, given for the redemption of all creation. Come and receive this foretaste of the feast to come.

## 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.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy, gracious God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love and tasted your nourishing presence. At this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept that life and give you thanks. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that all may know life and love in Jesus' name. Amen.

## CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING & BENEDICTION

May the love of God create new life within you. May the power of God transform your old habits into new hope. May the Spirit of God grant you wisdom and vision, emboldening you to proclaim the good news of God's love to all. Amen.

### SENDING HYMN | CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

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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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**SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: OCTOBER 13 – OCTOBER 20, 2024**

**Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> – God Answers Hannah**

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

**Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>– God’s Promise to David**

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

<p><b><u>OCTOBER</u></b> <b><u>BIRTHDAYS</u></b></p> <p>EVERETT M. 10/3 RON L. 10/7 KEN M. 10/7 BOB S. 10/20 RICK M. 10/30</p>
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