

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF THE WORD
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Teach us to pray, Jesus our brother.

Help us connect to our divine parent.

Let us bring all things before God,
our source and our foundation.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful God, **like willful children, we have turned away from you, we have refused to heed your call to love you and our neighbors as ourselves. We have wandered after other gods, and squandered your extravagant gifts to us. We have been ungrateful for all that you have provided, and refused to share these things with others. Draw us back into your embrace. Cleanse us by your unconditional love and mercy, that we might live in a state of complete trust in you, and act out of that trust on behalf of others.**

Beloved children of God, your heavenly parent throws open their arms like the father of the prodigal son and welcomes you back always. For the sake of Jesus, your brother, God forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, **you have claimed us as your own, as your beloved children, in and through Jesus Christ, our savior and brother. Help us always to remember that you love us more deeply and more unconditionally than any human parent. Call us into conversation with you each day, that we might stay connected to you, and be open to your guidance in our daily lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: PSALM 139: 13-18

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.



In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you.

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

LUKE 11: 2-4

He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to Christ.**

SERMON

LAY MINISTER TIM KIRCHOFF

HYMN OF THE DAY | THE LORD’S PRAYER (DELIVER US)

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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

Together with our siblings in Christ throughout the world, we pray for the needs of all that God has made.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you are the loving parent of all humanity, created in your own image. Help us to see every single human being as our sibling, to recognize you in them, and to treat them as you would. God, our shepherd, **Hear our prayer.**

You made all that is, plants and animals, rocks and rivers, the sun and the stars. Fill us with awe at the majesty of creation and help us to recognize our interdependence with all of it, that we might love it as you do. God, our shepherd, **Hear our prayer.**

You model servant leadership for us in Jesus Christ. Inspire all leaders to follow his example, that they might always work for the benefit of others. God, our shepherd, **Hear our prayer.**

You have made our bodies fearfully and wonderfully, yet they can be fragile, O God. Send your comfort and healing to all who suffer from sickness, injury, mental illness, and all diseases of body, mind, and spirit, especially Rick, Dorothy, Lori, Terry, Dave, and all those we lift up through our Prayer Chain. God, our shepherd, **Hear our prayer.**

You invite us to co-create beauty with you each day. Inspire artists, musicians, actors, writers, and all who lend their minds and spirits to bringing wonder and joy into the world. God, our shepherd, **Hear our prayer.**

Strengthen us to care for those in need through the outreach ministries of our community. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Bring aid and support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided, especially those seeking help through the Community Infant Program, the Little Free Pantry, Rise Against Suicide, and the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless. God, our shepherd, **Hear our prayer.**

Provide for the work of the Joshua School and organizations like them. Empower the staff and parents of children living on the Autism Spectrum. Nurture the minds, bodies and spirits of these children and adults, that they might reach their highest quality of life. Fill the hearts of those providing help and transport for these children with compassion and stir their hearts to protect and keep them safe. God, our shepherd, **Hear our prayer.**

Encourage and empower those impacted by war, tyranny, and gun violence. Still the sounds of weapons. Teach us to seek security that comes from respect rather than violence. Strengthen and comfort the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Gaza, Sudan, Haiti, and all those throughout the world whose lives are impacted by violence. Remind us of what You require of us: That we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You. God, our shepherd, **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, our help in every trouble, we pray for peace in the Holy Land. Protect those traumatized by ongoing violence. Release people held hostage; provide food, water, fuel, and supplies for all in need; sustain medical personnel; tend to those who are wounded; and comfort all who grieve. Move the hearts of humanity and its leaders into the way of peace. God, our shepherd, **Hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You have worked in the lives of the saints from the beginning of time. Help us to remember them with joy and gratefully follow in their faithful footsteps. God, our shepherd, **Hear our prayer.**

Confident that you care for all our needs, we lift these prayers, spoken and unspoken, into your loving hands. 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, **you provide us with all that is needed to have life and have it abundantly. We return now a portion of what you have given us, in gratitude for your care. Accept these gifts and use them as you will, for the sake of the world. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hear us now as we boldly pray together the prayer that Jesus gave 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.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

May the love of God create in you new life.

May the power of God transform your old habits into new hope;

and 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 | PSALM 139 (YOU CARRY ME)

<https://youtu.be/GhtvRkwTEM8?feature=shared>

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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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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LECTOR: CINDIE SCOBY

ZOOM TECHNICIAN: FUZZ NEWKIRK

SHEPHERD CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MAY 26 – JUNE 2, 2024

Sunday, May 26th – The Lord’s Prayer: The Father

9:30 a.m. - Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Service of the Word Worship
(No Holy Communion) with Lay Minister Tim Kirchoff.
Coffee & Conversation immediately following Worship.

Wednesday, May 29th

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

Friday, May 31st

7:00 a.m. - Men’s Zoom Breakfast Bible Study
5:00 p.m. - Friday Night Perspectives Gathering

Sunday, June 2nd – The Lord’s Prayer: The Holiness

9:30 a.m. - Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship w/Holy Communion
Coffee & Conversation immediately following Worship.

MAY/JUNE BIRTHDAYS

HELEN T. 5/13
SALLY E. 5/16
DONNA S. 5/26
TERRY S. 5/27
TIM K. 6/8
WAYNE O. 6/14
LYLE K. 6/17
LORI W. 6/18

DAILY NARRATIVE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 26, 2024

Monday, May 27, 2024 – Genesis 12:6-31 God Creates Humans
<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/genesis-126-31-god-creates-humans2024>

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 – Isaiah 49:14-18 Can a Mother Forget
<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/isaiah-4914-18-can-a-mother-forget2024>

Wednesday, May 29, 2024 – John 1:6-14 A Father’s Only Son
<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-16-14-a-fathers-only-son2024>

Thursday, May 30, 2024 – Romans 8:14-17 A Spirit of Adoption
<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/romans-814-17-a-spirit-of-adoption2024>

Friday, May 31, 2024 – James 1:17-18 Birth by the Word of Truth
<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/james-117-18-birth-by-the-word-of-truth2024>

Saturday, June 1, 2024 – 1 John 3:1-3 Children of God
<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/1-john-31-3-children-of-god2024>

Sunday, June 2, 2024 – Luke 11:2-4 The Lord’s Prayer: The Holiness
<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/luke-112-4-the-lords-prayer-the-holiness2024>

