

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS AT HOME WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 22, 2026
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT - JESUS RAISES LAZARUS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life, all of us have grieved losses in our lives;
many are grieving today, here and around the world.
Comfort us in our grief and restore our hope in your
promise to wipe away the tears from every face.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



SCRIPTURE READINGS: FIRST READING: PSALM 104:27-30

²⁷These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

²⁸**when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰**When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.**

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-44

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead."

¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” ¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” ²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(A brief silence.)

God of light and life, you call your church to shine with your love. Strengthen all who serve in ministry – pastors, assisting ministers, musicians, technicians, and volunteers – that they may faithfully proclaim the good news in word and deed. Guide this congregation as we seek to follow where you lead. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Beloved Jesus, you are the resurrection and the life. Awaken us with the breath of your spirit, and call us forth in faith as your disciples. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You created the world in beauty and order. We pray for lands and waters, for fields and forests, for creatures great and small. Where creation is wounded by neglect or disaster, bring healing and renewal, and make us wise stewards of all you have entrusted to us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You are present with all who govern and lead. We pray for leaders of nations, communities, and institutions. Grant them wisdom, humility, compassion, and the courage to act with integrity, that their decisions may serve justice, peace, and the common good. We lift up regions in conflict, especially Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Iran, and all others known to you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You draw near to all who are in need. We pray for those who are sick, grieving, lonely, or afraid, especially 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 pray for strength for all those who provide care for those loved ones, especially James and Chris Elkins, and Kirk, Clare, and Gwen Fallon. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of wholeness, we pray for the work of the Joshua School. May our relationship with them reflect your love and care for those with special needs. We pray that all those on the Autism Spectrum, especially those in our faith family, might find fulfillment, joy, and love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

(Other Intercessions offered here)

We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, whose faith continues to inspire us. Help us to trust your promises and walk in hope until we share in the fullness of your kingdom. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

LENTEN BLESSING & BENEDICTION

May the Spirit who traveled with Christ in the wilderness fill us with the hope of God.
May the Spirit speak to us in this season of wilderness, become our strength on this journey and fill our lives with love. **Amen.**

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.

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

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SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: FEBRUARY 22 – MARCH 1, 2026

Sunday, February 22nd– First Sunday in Lent: Jesus Raises Lazarus

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

Wednesday, February 25th

11:00 a.m. - Amazing Grace Bible Study
6:00 p.m. -Pardes/Shepherd Zoom Study of
“The Ten Utterances

Friday, February 27th

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

Sunday, March 1st – Second Sunday in Lent:

Jesus Washes Feet

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

FEBRUARY/ MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

JANICE I. 2/6
ELIZABETH H. 2/15
KATHY W. 2/15
BECCA B. 2/21
CAROLINE M. 2/24
MICHELLE K. 3/5
TERRY SCH. 3/6
PASTOR JANET K. 3/21
LYNN T. 3/25
DICK W. 3/27
NINA S. 3/30

DAILY NARRATIVE LECTIONARY READINGS: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22, 2025

Monday, February 23, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-1145-57-the-plot-to-kill-jesus2026>

John 11:45-57 The Plot to Kill Jesus

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-121-8-mary-anoints-jesus2026>

John 12:1-8 Mary Anoints Jesus

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-129-11-the-plot-to-kill-lazarus2026>

John 12:9-11 The Plot to Kill Lazarus

Thursday, February 26, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-1212-19-jesus-triumphal-entry-into-jerusalem2026>

John 12:12-19 Jesus' Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem

Friday, February 27, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-1220-26-some-greeks-wish-to-see-jesus2026>

John 12:20-26 Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus

Saturday, February 28, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-1227-35-jesus-speaks-about-his-death2026>

John 12:27-35 Jesus Speaks About His Death

Sunday, March 1, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-131-17-jesus-washes-feet2026>

John 13:1-17 Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet



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.

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

THE MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE

PASTOR: REV. JANET COLBY KETTERING

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: CAROLINE MICHALAK

ALTAR GUILD: KEN & GERRY MOORHEAD, LYNN TRUMBLE & KAY WERPY

ASSISTING MINISTERS: TIM KIRCHOFF & DICK WERPY

PIANIST: MARGARET SCHARFF

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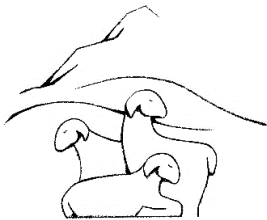
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JIM TIMMERMANN, BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

ERIC MICHALAK, CINDIE SCOBY & PASTOR JANET KETTERING

ZOOM TECHNICIAN: FUZZ NEWKIRK

OUR MISSION STATEMENT



Marked by the Cross of Christ Forever, we

† *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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