

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION  
MARCH 1, 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT - JESUS WASHES FEET**



**WELCOME & GREETING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come as you are into this holy house.  
**We come in need of clean hearts, O God.**  
Our God restores us to the joy of salvation.  
**Wash us, and we shall be clean.**

**CONFESSION**

We confess our sins before God and one another. *(Pause for silence and reflection).*

**Most holy God, we come to you in need of grace. Time and again we have forgotten your simple and loving call – to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. We have forgotten your promise to care for us, and in our fear, we have made choices that hurt us, those around us, and even those we don't know. Remind us who we are and whose we are, and show us the way to amend our wrongs, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior and friend.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Have no fear, little flock, for God loves you exactly as you are, and desires nothing more than to restore you to wholeness. Know that you are freed from sin and death now and forever. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Holy God, you have all power, such as to create all that is, yet in Jesus, you humbled yourself and became a finite human and a servant of all. Give us the humility both to recognize our limitations, and to joyfully serve others without expectation of return. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: PSALM 51:7-12**

*(PLEASE READ RESPONSIVELY)*

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 13:1-17**

**Lector:** Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him,

**Pastor:** "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me."

**Lector:** Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them,

**Pastor:** "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

PASTOR JANET KETTERING

## **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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY | MAKE ME A SERVANT**

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## CONGREGATIONAL SHARING

### LENTEN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in the power of love to overcome the darkness and that Sin is that which stands in opposition to love of God, love of others, and love of self.**

**I believe that love overcomes the power of Sin; that treating others as they wish to be treated, loving my enemy, praying for those who persecute others, and non-violent resistance are the Way toward the Kingdom of God.**

**I believe that Sin crucified Christ for loving those who were unloved, for feeding those who were unfed, and healing those who were in dis-ease.**

**I believe that the Cross was the greatest display of the power of Sin, but was overcome by Christ's power of love.**

**I believe that, by the grace of God, I can turn away from the Sin of the world and toward the love of Christ, and that I can embrace the Cross and not fear it.**

**I believe the grace of Christ empowers us all to eternal life. Amen.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With hope in your promised redemption, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence).*

O God, you took on the role of a servant when you gave everything for our sake. Teach us to humble ourselves for the honorable work of serving others. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the awesome power and quiet beauty of the world's waters. Help us to take action to protect and conserve this life-giving resource, for the good of all creation. As we look forward to the coming of Spring, we ask that you bless the earth with moisture wherever it's needed, that abundance might spring from the earth for the benefit of all. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have always protected the vulnerable and stood for the voiceless. May we and all those we elect to lead us follow your law in a right spirit, so that all may justly benefit from your blessings, and no one presume themselves to be better than another. We pray for nations in conflict, especially Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Iran, and all others known to you. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We turn to you still in our lowest moments, in times of need, and when we long to be made whole. Pour out the full measure of your healing upon each of us, especially Pastor Phil, Matt, Brett, Rick and Kelly, Terry, Jim and Sally, Dave, Dorothy, Clover, and all those named on our Prayer Chain. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for strength for all those who provide care for their loved ones, especially James and Chris Elkins, and Kirk, Clare, and Gwen Fallon. God of mercy, **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 mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

The life of a saint is a life of humility. May our path follow those who have gone before us to serve you humbly and faithfully. God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and entrust all things to your eternal care. In Jesus' name we pray. **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**

**As Jesus humbly served his disciples, so we humbly offer our gifts in service to you, our neighbors, and all creation. Accept these offerings and make them holy, that they might help to bring your transforming love to bear upon a suffering world. Amen.**

#### **CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

##### **THE THANKSGIVING**

God is with you! **And God is with us all.**

Open wide your hearts. **We open them completely to the Spirit of God.**

This is a season of wilderness; a season to try to understand the Divine just a little more deeply. This is the time for us to reach inwards to find the self that God sees. This is the chance for us to gaze outwards, caring for the Christ in our midst.

As we enter this Lenten journey, let us pray: **Holy One, help us to notice your gifts when the Lenten Road feels long. Help us to be warmed by the winds of the Spirit when the Lenten path feels chilly. In seeking You, help us to find Jesus, recalling his time in the wilderness: His struggles. His hunger. His peace. Help us to see Christ as our companion on our own desert roads. Amen.**

Through his-story, we remember the night before his arrest: A night of serenity, solemnity, and love. Taking bread from the table, Jesus blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, as the night grew long, Jesus took a cup, filled it with the fruit of the vine, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples, saying "Drink of this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Jesus gave us himself, and he gave us a prayer. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we remember Jesus and his great love for us, praying the prayer that he 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.**

Our servant savior, Jesus Christ, calls you now to feast in his name. Come to the table where Jesus meets us and nourishes us in bread and wine for the restoration of all. This gift is for you. 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 | TASTE AND SEE**

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### **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

### 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.

### SENDING HYMN | RETURN TO GOD

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### SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
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.

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

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**SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: MARCH 1 – MARCH 8, 2026**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Second Sunday in Lent: Jesus Washes Feet**

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

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a.m. - Amazing Grace Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. – Pardes/Shepherd Zoom Study of “The Ten Utterances”

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>–Third Sunday in Lent: Peter’s Denial**

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

## DAILY NARRATIVE LECTIONARY READINGS: WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2025

### **Monday, March 2, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-1236-43-the-unbelief-of-the-people2026>

John 12:36-43      The Unbelief of the People

### **Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-1244-50-summary-of-jesus-teaching2026>

John 12:44-50      Summary of Jesus Teaching

### **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-1318-30-jesus-foretells-his-betrayal2026>

John 13:18-30      Jesus Foretells His Betrayal

### **Thursday, March 5, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-1331-35-the-new-commandment2026>

John 13:31-35      The New Commandment

### **Friday, March 6, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-1336-38-jesus-foretells-peters-denial2026>

John 13:36-38      Jesus Foretells Peter's Denial

### **Saturday, March 7, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-141-14-jesus-the-way-to-the-father2026>

John 14:1-14      Jesus the Way to the Father

### **Sunday, March 8, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-1812-27-peters-denial2026>

John 18:12-27      Peter's Denial

**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

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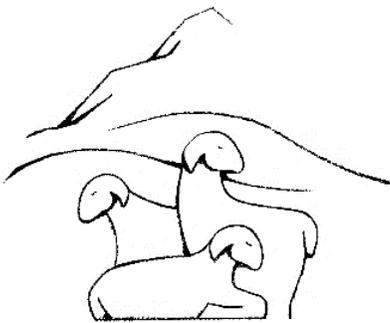
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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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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