

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH



WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION — SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

THE 10 COMMANDMENTS: COMMANDMENTS TO HONOR OTHERS

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

In these commandments,

God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.

Rejoice in the goodness of God.

Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN | BE THOU MY VISION

ELW #793

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry - won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

CONFESSION

In keeping with our covenant with God, we confess our sins before God and one another. *(Pause for silence and reflection.)*

Faithful God, you have laid your laws before us as a covenant and a promise. Yet, even as the words float off your lips, we break them all. With our hands, hearts, and thoughts, we harm you, each other, and ourselves. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Restore us to your community, and make us whole.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God, who remains faithful even when we do not, hears our pleas, and receives us with compassion and grace. Today your sins are forgiven. Today you are made new, recreated by the new covenant in Christ Jesus, our savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of community, you have given us commandments to teach us how to behave as peaceful citizens in an honorable world. Help us to respect one another in all that we say and do, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:12-16

Lector: The Lord said to the people of Israel: Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Pastor: You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:169-176 *(Please read responsively)*

¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come before you, O Lord;
give me understanding according to your word.

¹⁷⁰ **Let my supplication come before you;
deliver me according to your promise.**

¹⁷¹ My lips will pour forth praise,
because you teach me your statutes.

¹⁷² **My tongue will sing of your promise,
for all your commandments are right.**

¹⁷³ Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

¹⁷⁴ **I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.**

¹⁷⁵ Let me live that I may praise you, and let your ordinances help me.

¹⁷⁶ **I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
seek out your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-10

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 19:16-19

¹⁶Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." ¹⁸He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. ¹⁹Honor your father and mother. Also, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR JANET KETTERING

HYMN OF THE DAY | LORD, SPEAK TO US, THAT WE MAY SPEAK

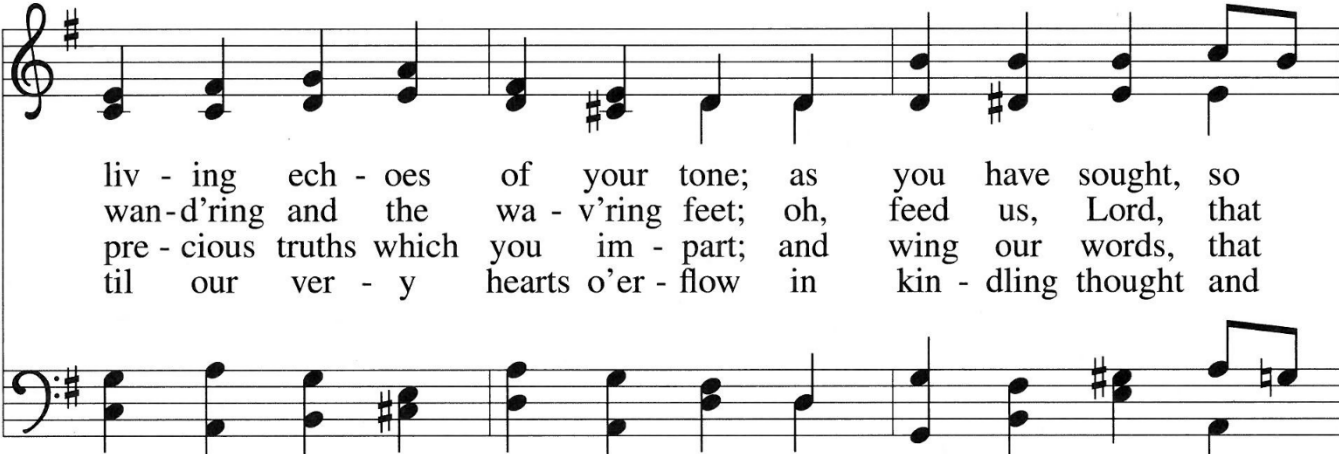
ELW #676



Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak 676



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

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

WE ARE NOT ALONE CREED

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

Blessed by the promise of your love, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(A brief silence).

God of mercy, you have claimed us as your own and called us "treasured." Show us how to live as people who are jewels in the eyes of the one who created heaven and earth. Bless all students, parents, and educators as this new school year begins. Give them hearts open to love and minds open to learning. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, just as you guided the Israelites into new life, inspire our faith family to hold fast to your promises as we seek your vision for the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, teach us to love one another so deeply, that treating each other with kindness and respect, ethically and honorably, comes more naturally to us than hatred and fear. Show us how to love boldly. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us hearts to tend fiercely to all things that you have made. For tangible things and for those things that we cannot grasp: love, shame, compassion, fear, and mercy, we pray your blessings upon all that we say and do. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us hearts to lead and to follow as you see fit. Give discernment to those whom we follow, and confidence to those whom we lead. Grant protection to all who serve and lead in the military as we lift up thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifices. We pray for all the world, and especially those engaged in war: the United States, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, and all others known to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us hearts to care for all who are in need of healing, and pour your restorative tears upon those whose healing is beyond our reach. We pray especially for Ken, Dorothy, Ben and Pam, George and Jessika, Carl, Devon, Matt, Brett, Terry, Jim and Sally, Dave, and all those named on our Prayer Chain. Let none fall, but restore them to wholeness. Give peace and patience to their caregivers so that they may have the strength to endure the long nights and thankless days. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of provision, 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. Lord, in your 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. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us never forget that children of all ages, colors, sizes, religions, and locations are beloved to you. Show us how we might be welcoming, loving, and accepting of our similarities and our differences. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remind us that there are parts of the world, everywhere in the world, that are slaves to the messages of the world. Make us instruments of peace and love so that none are forgotten. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us hearts to remember those who live in the far corners of the earth, whose lives are so different from ours that forgetting seems easiest. Help us never to forget, and help us turn our remembering into action. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With gratitude we remember all the saints who have gone before us, showing us how to follow your laws of love with humility and grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With humble hearts we lift our offerings to you, as we pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ our savior and Lord. **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

Gracious God, **we thank you for this fellowship and offer these gifts to You, in the light of Your grace. Cleanse our hearts from selfishness, and use these gifts to shine Your light of hope, healing, and love into a dark world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The LORD be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our GOD.

It is right to give GOD thanks and praise.

O Divine Mystery we name as God, it is right and proper that we should come together as your people to offer you thanks and praise, acknowledging our utter dependence on you.

With holy creativity you wrote a new story, calling the world into being. In the story of the Hebrew people, we hear our own story, slowly discovering a world charged with your grace and glory, and growing in faith. You have taught us that wandering does not mean that we are lost. You have taught us that the journey is just as important as the destination.

Through the prophets, we draw closer to your way of life and love. In the surprising story of Jesus, we encounter you as God-with-us and are drawn to your light. With Jesus we are crucified and resurrected into new life, knowing that sin and death will never have the final word, for he is your Word, spoken to us and for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are bound in covenant one to another and to the common cause of seeing your will be done in our world.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We recall the stories of Jesus' birth and baptism, his ministry of healing and teaching, his proclaiming God's kingdom and re-shaping of the religious structures of his day.

We remember that the night before Jesus gave himself up for the sake of the world, he shared a meal with his disciples. He taught them and prayed for them, then took bread, gave thanks, 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."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Let us pray. **Spirit of God, bless this loaf and this cup, transformed and transforming, so that as Christ becomes part of us, we might become part of him, bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, symbols of God's work in this world. Amen.**

By eating this bread and drinking this wine we become one in hope...the hope that is ours in the Prayer that Jesus taught 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.**

SHARING THE MEAL

This is the body of Christ, broken for you.
This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION HYMN | ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

ELW #496



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

Refrain

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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

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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

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Hear this: The Lord our God is the one and only Lord; therefore, go out into the world and love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love others as you love yourself. Go, knowing that God gives you justice and freedom. Go, knowing that Christ Jesus sets you free for love. Go, know that the Holy Spirit goes where you go and protects you on your way. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN | WE ARE CALLED

ELW #720

We Are Called

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1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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.

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SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: SEPTEMBER 6– SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Sunday, September 6th – 10 Commandments Summer Series: Commandments to Honor Others

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

Wednesday, September 9th

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

Friday, September 11th

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

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

**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

**JIM E. 9/9
SCOTT F. 9/24**

Sunday, September 13th – 10 Commandments Summer Series: Commandments to Honor Self

9:30 a.m. – Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship w/Holy Communion
Coffee & Conversation and Special Congregational Meeting
to vote on Proposed Constitution immediately following Worship

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 or Pastor Janet at 507-360-1625.

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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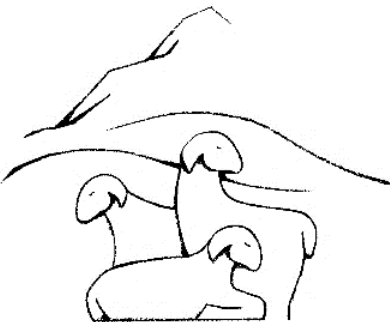
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



Marked by the Cross of Christ Forever, 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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