

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION — SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
THE 10 COMMANDMENTS: COMMANDMENTS TO HONOR SELF



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.

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 gratitude, **you have commanded us not to covet the things our neighbors possess. Help us to live, not with envy, but with gratitude for all that you have given and provided for us, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:17

Lector: The Lord said to the people of Israel: You shall not covet your neighbor's house;

Pastor: you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male slave or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-37 *(Please read responsively)*

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
be gracious to me according to your word.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13

¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:19-21

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY | HIS STRENGTH IS PERFECT

<https://youtu.be/QGC9KT918Kk?is=MDUAlKj1WhSo9VKZ>

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 plenty, open our hearts to the many ways that you provide for our needs. Show us how to live gratefully with all that you have given, using these gifts to bring your light and life to the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our eyes turned toward the creation you've entrusted to us, showing us where it is in need of our attention, care, and repair. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our eyes turned toward those who lead, and help us to support them with patience, tolerance, accountability and love. We pray for all the world, and especially those engaged in the atrocities of war: the United States, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, and all others known to you Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our eyes turned toward those who are in need of healing and encouragement, especially Janice's nephew David, Ken, Dorothy, Ben and his family, George and Jessika, Carl, Devon, Matt, Brett, Terry, Jim and Sally, Dave, and all those named on our Prayer Chain. Help us to offer the care they need with grace and compassion, and to extend love and support for those who provide care for them, especially James and Chris Elkins, and Kirk, Clare, and Gwen Fallon. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep us faithful to the ministries you bring us which support those in need of special care, especially 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. 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. Show us how we might be welcoming, loving, and accepting of our similarities and our differences. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our eyes turned toward those who possess even less than we do. Show us how to love, empower, and provide for those in need, who live in poverty of body, mind, and spirit. 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 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

<https://youtu.be/WHAU3fLF7NI?is=I-SUO3ARB73ANJHB>

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 | AS YOU GO

https://youtu.be/NWiv_GrVCG8?is=WXy5OUBBRY8LVZtW

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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RESPONSE TO THE WORD — ERIC MILNER WHITE

WE ARE NOT ALONE CREED — UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: SEPTEMBER 13 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sunday, September 13th – 10 Commandments Summer Series Conclusion:

Commandments to Honor Self

9:30 a.m. – Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship w/Holy Communion

Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship
w/Coffee & Conversation afterwards

Wednesday, September 16th

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

Friday, September 18th

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 20th – Ephesians Summer Series: Spiritual Blessings

9:30 a.m. – Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Service of the Word Worship (No Communion)
Coffee & Conversation 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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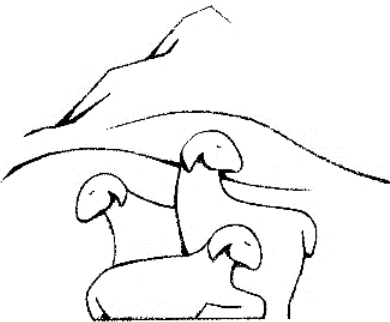
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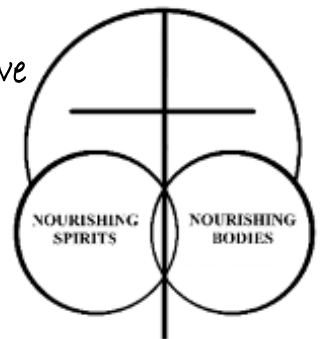
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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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