

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

OCTOBER 11, 2026

EPHESIANS 6:10-20 ARMOR OF GOD



WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,
who destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,
who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of his grace,
and has made known to us the mystery of his will.
This is our God! Let us worship him together. Amen.

CONFESSION

Loving God, remind us that we are your children, even when we stray. In keeping with our covenant with God, we confess our sins before God and one another.

(Pause for silence and reflection.)

Loving Parent, **You have chosen us to be your children, but so often we squander what you have given us. Too many times we fail to forgive and fail to ask for forgiveness. We harm the world and those in it with our words, our actions, and our apathy. We ask now for your forgiveness, confident in your gracious mercy.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Our faithful heavenly God acts with mercy and grace. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, and bask in the cleansing shower of God's love, given in the name of Jesus Christ our savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of strength and power, **adorn us with your armor, the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, shoes of proclamation, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Amen.**

FIRST READING: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Lector: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Pastor: Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist...and put on the breastplate of righteousness.

Lector: As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Pastor: Take the helmet of salvation...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Lector: Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

Pastor: Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91 *(Please read responsively.)*

¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shelter of the Almighty,

² **will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

⁴ **he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and a defense.**

⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day

⁶ **or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

⁸ **You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰ **no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴ **Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14

¹³ Keep alert; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. ¹⁴ Let all you do be done in love.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-17, 25-27

¹⁵ If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY | ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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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

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

With full confidence that your ear is open to us, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Unifying God, with your vision, we celebrate rather than tolerate our differences. Help us to see the beauty of your colorful world and honor the things that make us unique and wholly yours. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show us beauty in your creation. Help us to see where your earth can heal and mend our world, so that life might sustain the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to choose leaders who show strength and compassion, so that your will may be done in this world. We pray for all the world, and especially those engaged in the devastation of war: the United States, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, and all others known to you. 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. Give us hearts to remember those whose lives are so different from ours that forgetting seems easiest. Help us to never forget and turn our remembering into action. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

What a gift that you can bestow healing of body, mind, and spirit. Help us to care for one another, to participate in the act of healing, and comfort each other when we grieve. We pray especially for Terry and his family, Ken, Dorothy, Ben, George and Jessika, Carl, Devon, Matt, Brett, Jim and Sally, Dave, and all those named on our Prayer Chain. Where there is no earthly healing, comfort us in our grief. Where there is restoration, rejoice with us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to offer love and support 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.**

Through the needs of others, you extend your grace into the world. 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.**

Show us magnificence in those who are often dismissed as insignificant. Let us see what is truly remarkable in all your children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With all the saints we celebrate the harmony of colors reflected in your majestic world, rich in diversity, and strong in unity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We know you are good. We know you are God. With gratitude and confidence we pray all these things in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our 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 our 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.

We come to this table not by our own merit, but because we have been saved by grace through faith – and this is not from ourselves, it is Your gift, given to us, not by works, so that no one can boast.

In this bread and cup, we see the mystery of Your will made known. Through the blood of Christ, we who were once far away have been brought near. You have broken down the dividing wall of hostility to create in Christ's own self one new humanity, making peace.

By partaking of this one loaf and this one cup, we declare that there is one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Therefore, let us take this holy sacrament, rooted and established in love, so that we may grasp how deep and wide is the love of Christ, filling us to overflowing with the fullness of God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And 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, that as Christ becomes part of us, we might become part of him, symbols of your 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

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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

Go out now to share God's purpose revealed in Jesus the Christ.

Share that purpose with others by the way you live:

With the words on your lips and the deeds of your hands;

with the prayers in your minds and through the love in your hearts.

The grace of Christ redeems you. The enduring love of God supports you.

The friendship of the Holy Spirit accompanies you, this day and ever more.

Amen!

SENDING HYMN | GIVE US CLEAN HANDS

<https://youtu.be/-jCHBOFADYC?is=wKTYXCWYV4WEQRO3>

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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WORSHIP RESOURCES:

CALL TO WORSHIP — RE-WORSHIP

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS — NARRATIVE LECTIONARY *EPHESIANS* WORSHIP RESOURCES

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SCRIPTURE READINGS — NEW REVISED STANDARD BIBLE, UPDATED EDITION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD — ERIC MILNER WHITE

WE ARE NOT ALONE CREED — UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — NARRATIVE LECTIONARY *EPHESIANS* WORSHIP RESOURCES

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SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: OCTOBER 11 – OCTOBER 18, 2026

Sunday, October 11th – Ephesians Summer Series: Armor of God

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

Wednesday, October 14th

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

Friday, October 16th

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

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

Sunday, October 18th – The Blessing of Baptism

9:30 a.m. – Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship w/Holy Communion
with Baptism of Weston & Boden Elkins
Coffee & Conversation honoring Weston & Boden hosted
by Jim & Sally Elkins Immediately following Worship

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

EVERETT 10/3

KEN M. 10/7

BOB S. 10/20

RICK M. 10/30



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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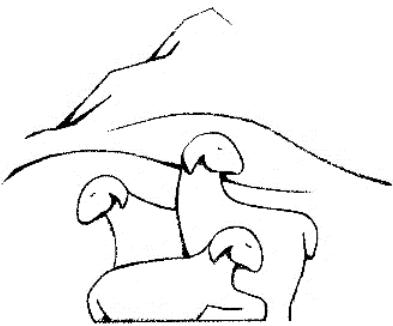
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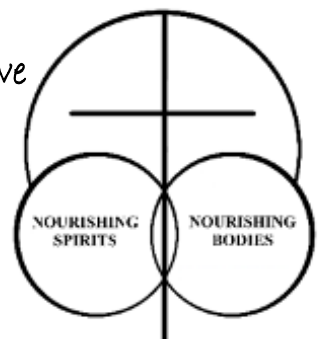
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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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Weekly free student dinner	Leadership development
Bible studies & faith conversations	Service opportunities
Retreats	and more!

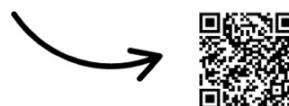
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For students, for the campus community, and for our Bread + Belonging community.

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Donate groceries for Tuesday student dinners



Volunteer

Gather a team to help cook a Tuesday student dinner

Volunteer at CU Football Concessions fundraisers

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