Shepherd of the Hills
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION – NOVEMBER 15, 2026

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS… WHO ARE MERCIFUL AND PURE IN HEART



WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
**And blessed is the church that trusts in the grace of our God,
who builds congregational vitality. Amen.**

CONFESSION

A voice is crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

(A brief silence.)

Merciful God, **we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life. You call us to share all that we have and to work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread. You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin. You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love.**

Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear, so that we may serve you with gladness. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, **by your Word and Spirit, come and transform your church to be a living sign of your love for the world—where the poor are filled with good things, the dividing walls are broken down, and the dead are raised to new life, through Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: MICAH 6:8

8 He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

PSALM 146 *(Please read responsively.)*

1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
2 **I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
4 **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**
5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,
6 **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**
7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
8 **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**
9 The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
10 **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-4

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; 4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:6-8

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

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

SERMON *REV. MONICA BUTLER*

HYMN OF THE DAY | BE THOU MY VISION
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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.**

GROWING THROUGH BREAD+BELONGING *REV. MONICA BUTLER*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe and trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.

We believe and trust in Jesus the Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: Preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus says: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Trusting in God's grace, let us offer our prayers for the church, our neighbors and loved ones, and the world. *(A brief silence.)*

Abundant God, we ask your provision for all people. Teach us compassion and generosity. Put an end to economic exploitation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unifying God, we search for your beloved community. Break down systems of oppression. Dismantle patterns of privilege. Establish justice and equality for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Answering God, we knock at the door of your heart. Gather us in as disciples of your way. Nourish us in faith and faithfulness. Send us out to share good news and empower us to hold our chosen leaders accountable to compassion and justice. We pray for an end to all wars and healing for all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Knowledge and Wisdom, we give you thanks for colleges and universities. Today we especially give you thanks for Bread+Belonging at CU in Boulder and Lutheran Campus Ministry. Empower the colleges and universities that host these programs, the faithful servants who lead them, and the students who are fed by them. Bless campus ministers, boards, donors, and volunteers, and especially bless those students who seek out campus ministry as a pathway to growing closer to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, 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 to comfort each other when we grieve. We pray especially for Bob Soltwedel, Terry & Cindie Scoby, Terry Schreier and his family, Ken, Dorothy, Ben, George and Jessika, Carl, Devon, Matt, 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.**

Comforting God, 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.**

Creating God, 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, that they might find fulfillment, joy, love, and purpose. 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.**

(Please offer your personal prayers at this time, either silently, or by coming to the center microphone or unmuting yourself on Zoom.)

Living God, we ask, we search, we knock—answer our prayers with the power of your Spirit, who transforms our lives to do your will, through Jesus the 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.

It is truly right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

You look upon the world with a love that reverses our expectations. In your kingdom, the poor in spirit receive the kingdom of heaven and those who mourn find comfort. You honor the meek, fill those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and extend mercy to the merciful. Through your prophets and your Son, Jesus, you have shown us that the pure in heart will see you, the peacemakers will be called your children, and those who suffer for justice walk the path of your truth.

You do not abandon us in our brokenness. Instead, you invite us to this table just as we are—weary, longing, and seeking your grace. Here, our spiritual poverty meets your abundant riches. Here, our hunger is satisfied by the bread of life, and our thirst is quenched by the cup of salvation.

In this bread and cup, we see the mystery of Your will made known. Through the blood of the Christ, we who were once far away have been brought near. The one who modeled the kingdom of the meek and poor in spirit broke his own life for us.

We come now at Jesus' invitation, remembering that on the night before he gave himself up for the sake of the world, he 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."

In the same way, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you. Drink this, all of you, as the peacemakers and the merciful who find their comfort in me. 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

Lord of life, **in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

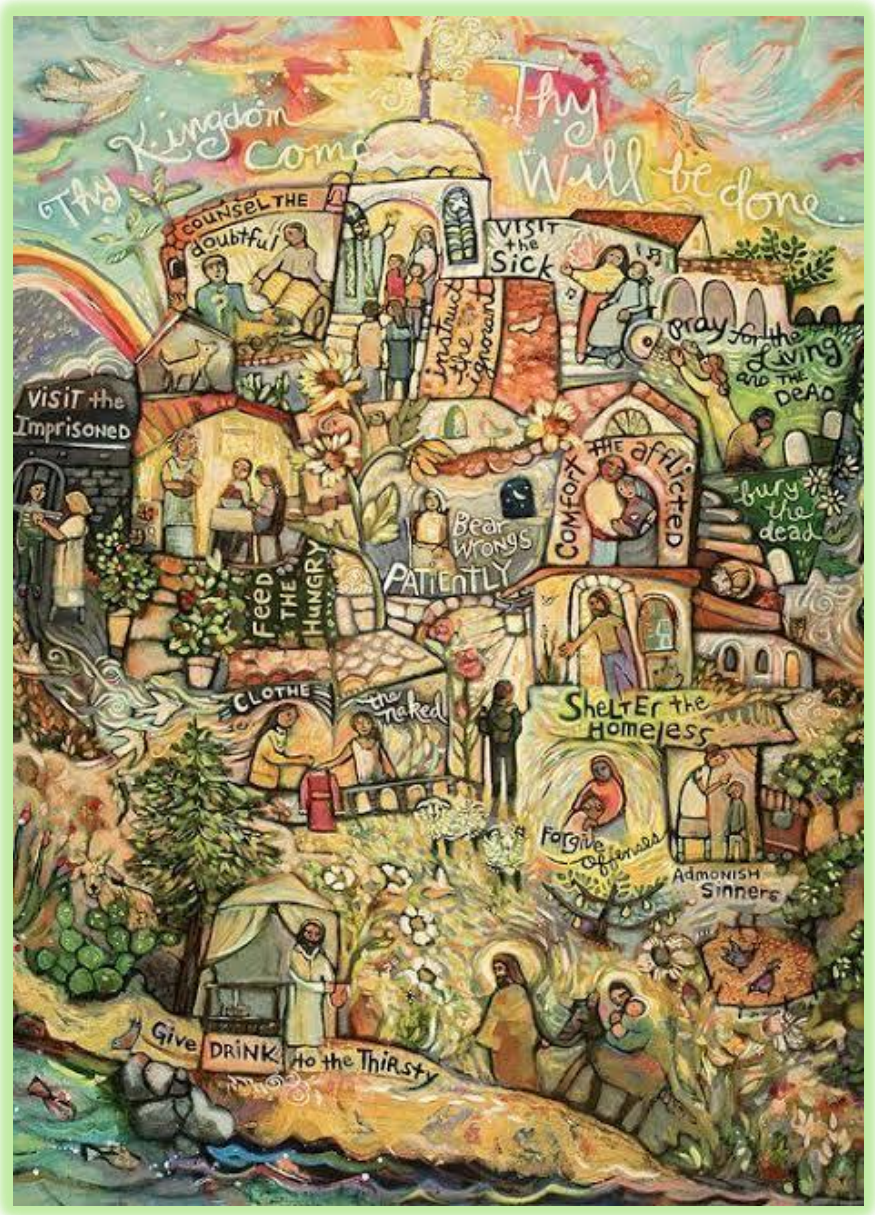
BLESSING & BENEDICTION

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 | LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE
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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.

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WORSHIP RESOURCES:

CALL TO WORSHIP — PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, *AS ADAPTED*
CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS — PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, *AS ADAPTED*
SCRIPTURE READINGS — NEW REVISED STANDARD BIBLE, UPDATED EDITION
RESPONSE TO THE WORD — ERIC MILNER WHITE
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — PRESBYTERIAN MISSION, *AS ADAPTED*
BLESSING & BENEDICTION – BRUCE PEWER, *AS ADAPTED*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: CAROLINE MICHALAK
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ASSISTING MINISTER: TIM KIRCHOFF
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LECTOR: GILLIAN & ERIC MICHALAK
PASTOR: REV. JANET KETTERING

SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: NOVEMBER 15 – NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Sunday, November 15th – Living the Beatitudes: Week 3

9:30 a.m. — Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship w/Holy Communion
Guest Preacher, Pr. Monica Butler, Bread+Belonging Campus Ministry
Coffee & Conversation Immediately following Worship

Wednesday, November 18th

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

Friday, November 20th

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

PR. PHIL 11/4
BRAD B. 11/8
WENDALL B. 11/17
JOHN Y. 11/19

Sunday, November 22nd – Living the Beatitudes: Week 4

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

SAVE THE DATE for a time of prayer and visiting with Terry Schreier & Family

Friday, November 27th — 3 - 4 p.m.
The Villa at Balfour, 1855 Plaza Drive, Louisville, CO
Skilled Nursing, First Floor Community Room

(Please let Caroline or Pastor Janet know if you can make it!)

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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PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

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COUNTER: ERIC MICHALAK

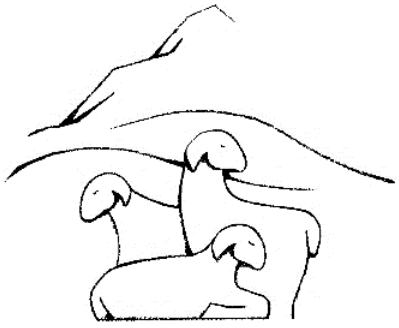
PIANIST: MARGARET SCHARFF

PRAYER CHAIN ADMINISTRATOR: KATHY WOOTTON

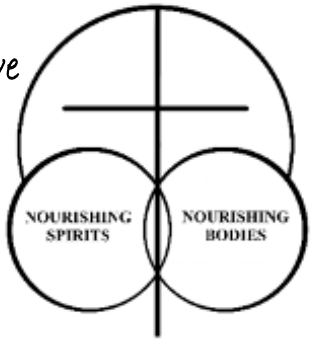
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



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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Bread+Belonging

Lutheran Campus Ministry | St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

Serving the University of Colorado, Boulder

Bread+Belonging is a sanctuary of radical hospitality, intentional partnership, and abundant curiosity where all students experience God's grace, inviting all to explore identity, vocation, and faith.

Support Campus Ministry

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

Connect Sign up for emails or follow us on social media for updates about activities and our impact on students' lives.

Give Your generosity supports intentional community, formation, and care for students. Thank you!

Volunteer We have opportunities for individuals and congregations to volunteer throuhgout the year.

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