

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AND INTRODUCTION TO THE BEATITUDES NOVEMBER 1, 2026



WELCOME & GREETING

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY CALL TO WORSHIP

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth
and gives inheritance to the meek.

**Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow
and satisfies the hunger of the just.**

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful
and adopts the peacemakers.

**Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart
and lifts high the persecuted.**

Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN | WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

Everett Pearl Michalak

OH, WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN
OH, WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN,
OH, HOW I WANT TO BE IN THAT NUMBER,
WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN
WHEN THOSE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN!

CONFESSION

Our lives are full of mistakes and errors. We are not alone in these mistakes. All who have come before us were also plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

(A brief silence.)

Beloved God, have mercy on us. Forgive us when we do not love as you would have us love or do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us. Comfort us when we mourn the passing of loved ones and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower upon us and for constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.

(Time for silent reflection...)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the one who did. Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – holy ones of God. Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love! **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

Lector: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

Pastor: They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

Lector: And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!"

Pastor: The one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

Lector: I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 34:1-10 (Please read responsively.)

¹I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;**

let the humble hear and be glad.

³O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴**I sought the Lord, and he answered me**

and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵Look to him, and be radiant,

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶**This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord**

and was saved from every trouble.

⁷The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear him and delivers him.

⁸**O taste and see that the Lord is good;**

happy are those who take refuge in him.

⁹O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,

for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰**The young lions suffer want and hunger,**

But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 5:1-11

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Janet Kettering

Let us pray: God of all, you create us for community and bind us to yourself. Our hope and trust are found in You – are bound in You. In life; in death; in eternal life, by the power of your Eternal Presence, the defeat of death, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 | BLEST ARE THEY

ELW #728

Blest Are They

728

Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

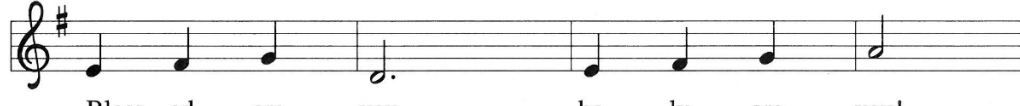


full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain
 All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

Text: David Haas, b. 1957
 Music: David Haas
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BLEST ARE THEY
 Irregular

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING

Today we remember the departed saints in our lives. As the name of your loved one is read, please come forward to light a candle in their memory.

(A bell will be rung as each name or group of names is read.)

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

(A brief silence.)

Merciful God, we give thanks for all those who wipe tears away by carrying your message of hope to new communities. Empower us to share your gospel of hope. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of free will, you empower us to call leaders equipped to serve in your name. Help us to choose our leaders with wisdom, so that your work 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. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who work for peace. Support all veterans who carry the scars of war. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of restoration, by teaching us to care for one another, you bestow healing of body, mind, and spirit. Help us to participate in your acts of healing and comfort for those in need. 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. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, help us to support all those who care for their loved ones, especially James and Chris Elkins, and Kirk, Clare, and Gwen Fallon. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, through the gifts of your beloved children, 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. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship, especially the Community Infant Thanksgiving Baskets and the Little Free Pantry. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 one another.)

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, **the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets.

On the night in which he gave himself up for the sake of the world, Jesus 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."

And, again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to 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, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

In our sharing of this bread today we include in companionship the saints alive and the saints resurrected.

In our sharing of this bread today we include in companionship the poor, the marginalized, and the rejected of this world.

In our sharing of this bread today we include in companionship those known to us and those not known who need Jesus now.

In our sharing of this bread today we include in companionship Jesus, our incarnated, broken and risen Lord.

Wine is for sorrow and for joy, for suffering and for celebration, for forgiveness and for new relationship. We drink until Christ returns, and we pray: **Fill us up, oh Lord, and send us out to wait and to work for the Kingdom. Make us people of hope, fanning the flames of redemption and resurrection in the 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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 | LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

ELW #471

Let Us Break Bread Together

471

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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.

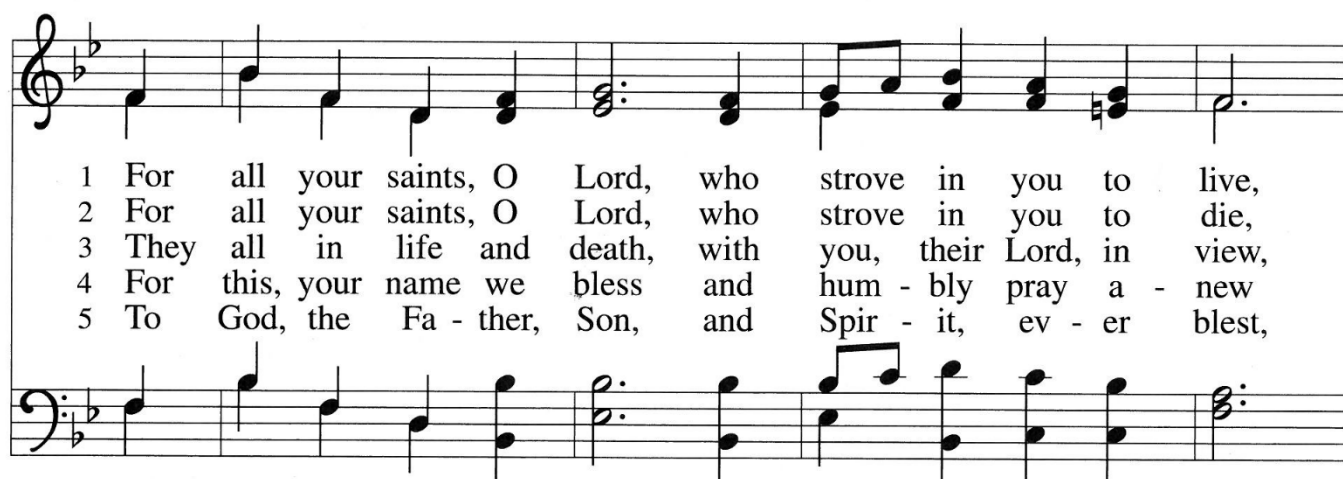
CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN | FOR ALL YOUR SAINTS, O LORD

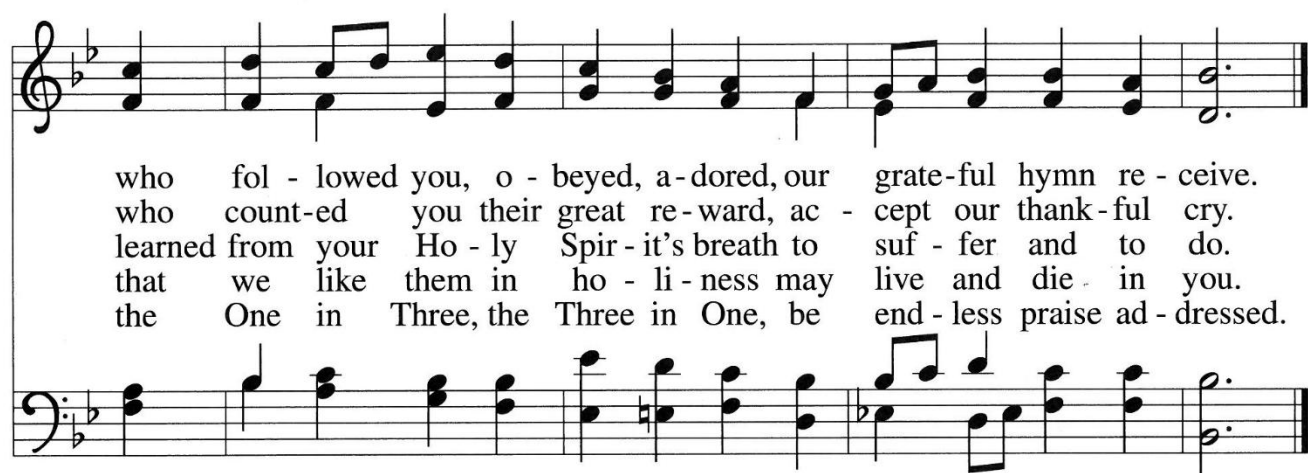
ELW #427

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For All Your Saints, O Lord



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music: William H. Walter, 1825–1893

FESTAL SONG
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BENEDICTION & SENDING

Brothers and sisters, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight that slows us down and run with endurance the race that God has set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus Christ, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. May the peace of God, the love of Jesus the Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, be among us and within us as we go. Amen!

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 – BRUCE PEWER, *AS ADAPTED*

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE – REV. LUCUS KEPPEL, ANCHO COMMUNITY & CORONA UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

PRAYER OF THE DAY – REV. NANCY J., *AS ADAPTED*

APOSTLES' CREED – EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

OFFERING PRAYER – SUNDAYS AND SEASONS, AUGSBURG FORTRESS

LORD'S SUPPER LITANY: THIRD SPACE, *AS ADAPTED*

BENEDICTION – RE-WORSHIP, *AS ADAPTED*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: CAROLINE MICHALAK

ALTAR GUILD: RAEANNE & STEVE MILLER, GERRY & KEN MOORHEAD, LYNN TRUMBLE & KAY WERP

ALL SAINTS BELL: JANICE IRISH

ASSISTING MINISTER: REV. PHIL KETTERING

AUDIO TECHNICIAN: FUZZ (MARK) NEWKIRK

LECTOR: MICHELLE KIRCHOFF

PASTOR: JANET KETTERING

PIANIST: MARGARET SCHARFF

SPECIAL MUSIC: EVERETT PEARL MICHALAK

SHEPHERD CALENDAR OF EVENTS — WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Sunday, November 1st — All Saints Sunday

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

Wednesday, November 4th

11:00 a.m. — Amazing Grace Bible Study by Zoom

Friday, November 6th

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

Sunday, November 8th

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



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. Please 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 prefer 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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LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

THE MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE

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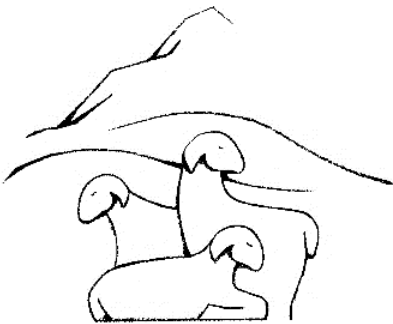
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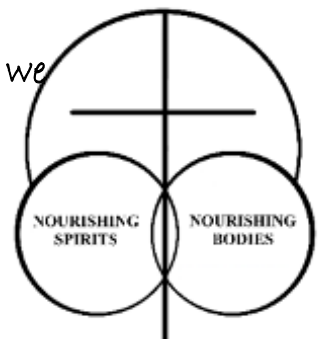
JIM TIMMERMANN, BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

PASTOR JANET KETTERING



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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