

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS AT HOME WORSHIP
AUGUST 23, 2026
THE 10 COMMANDMENTS: I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of liberation, You freed your people, Israel, from slavery in Egypt. Free us from bondage to sin. Teach us to follow your laws and your ways so that all people might live with freedom and security, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



FIRST READING: EXODUS 19:1-6; 20:1-2

On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites. Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-9

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

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.

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HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY | GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

ELW #733

<https://youtu.be/ErwIBz1QA4o?is=YrkMLDY98SZWMZNH>

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 promise, you have claimed us as your own, and you have 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.**

Gracious God, 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.**

Your chosen people kept time by counting the moons that passed. Teach us to pay attention to the movement of your creation in things that move both quickly and slowly. Remind us daily to care for all things you have made. We pray for all affected by the devastation of earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, heat waves and drought. Safeguard those who put themselves in harm's way to render aid across the globe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place in your care the leaders of this world who have taken on the duty of managing the laws of this land. Help them use their power responsibly, and with wisdom and compassion. 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.**

We entrust to your care all who are in need of healing of body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for Ken and Gerry, Dorothy, Ben Harvey and his family, Kelly, Rick and DeeDee, George and Jessika, Carl Chaney, Devon Warren, Pastor Phil, Matt Melton, Brett Cotter, Terry Schreier, 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.**

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.**

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.**



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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: AUGUST 23 – AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday, August 23rd – 10 Commandments Summer Series: I Am the Lord Your God

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

Wednesday, August 26th

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

Friday, August 28th

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

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

Sunday, August 30th – 10 Commandments Summer Series: Commandments to Honor God

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

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

GEORGE C. 8/1

GERRY M. 8/2

RAEANNE M. 8/2

MARGARET S. 8/9

PEYTON S. 8/9

MOLLY V. 8/15

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.

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

THE MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE

PASTOR: REV. JANET COLBY KETTERING

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: CAROLINE MICHALAK

ALTAR GUILD: RAEANNE & STEVE MILLER, KEN & GERRY MOORHEAD,

LYNN TRUMBLE & KAY WERP

ASSISTING MINISTERS: TIM KIRCHOFF & REV. PHIL KETTERING

AUDIO TECHNICIAN: FUZZ (MARK) NEWKIRK

COUNTER: ERIC MICHALAK

PIANIST: MARGARET SCHARFF

PRAYER CHAIN ADMINISTRATOR: KATHY WOOTTON

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JANICE IRISH, VICE-PRESIDENT

KELLY MAUER, SECRETARY

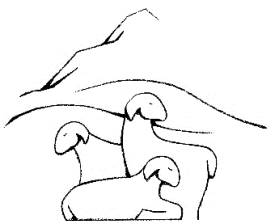
REV. PHIL KETTERING, TREASURER

JIM TIMMERMANN, BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

PASTOR JANET KETTERING

ZOOM TECHNICIAN: FUZZ NEWKIRK

OUR MISSION STATEMENT



Marked by the Cross of Christ Forever, we

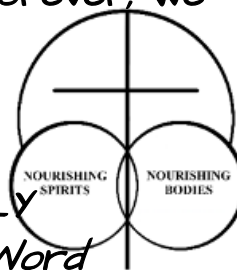
† *Gather in Love*

† *Grow in Faith*

† *Share God's Love & Grace*

† *We are Empowered to BOLDLY*

Proclaim & Witness God's Word



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Bread Belonging

Bread+Belonging is a campus ministry partnership between Lutheran Campus Ministry and St. Aidan's Episcopal Church.

We offer students:

Inclusive and affirming community	Chaplain support
Weekly free student dinner	Leadership development
Bible studies & faith conversations	Service opportunities
Retreats	and more!

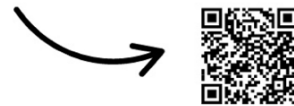
Support Campus Ministry

Pray

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

Connect

Sign up for our newsletters.



Give

Contribute to the LCM annual fund. Checks can be made out to LCM-CU and mailed to us.

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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