

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS AT HOME WORSHIP**  
**MARCH 29, 2026**  
**PALMS TO PASSION SUNDAY WORSHIP**



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal and holy God, you reign in our hearts and in all the earth, and creation gives testimony to your glory and power. Yet you are a ruler like none we have experienced, and gave all of yourself for the sake of the world. Teach us the kind of sacrificial love that can transform all things, for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: FIRST READING: JOHN 12:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup> Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: <sup>15</sup> "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" <sup>16</sup> His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup> So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. <sup>18</sup> It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. <sup>19</sup> The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!"

## HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 19:16B-22

<sup>16</sup>So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them.

<sup>19</sup>Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." <sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. <sup>21</sup>Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** | O CHRIST, WHAT CAN IT MEAN FOR US

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With hope in your promised redemption, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence.)*

The earth is yours and all that is in it. Creation cries out in praise to you. Even the branches wave to welcome you. We join with all of nature in glorifying its maker. We thank you for the awesome power and quiet beauty of the world's waters and humbly ask that you bless the earth with moisture wherever it's needed, for the benefit of all. God of mercy and grace, **we lift our prayers to you.**

The crowd is on your side today, although their adoration won't endure. Show us and our leaders what true leadership looks like, even when the right action is not the popular one. Forgive us for engaging in the atrocities of war which always results in the suffering of the innocents. We pray for the world, and especially those engaged in war: the United States, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, and all others known to you. God of mercy and grace, **we lift our prayers to you.**

Humble God, your compassion never wavers. As your popularity surged you never lost sight of those in need. Attend to all who are sick and suffering in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially Pastor Phil, Matt, Brett, Rick and Kelly, Terry, Jim and Sally, Dave, Dorothy, Clover, and all those named on our Prayer Chain. God of mercy and grace, **we lift our prayers to you.**

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. God of mercy and grace, **we lift our prayers to you.**

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. God of mercy and grace, **we lift our prayers to you.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You did not turn away from the difficulty of your mission, and neither did your servants over the years. Strengthen us all to continue this work, until we find eternal rest in you. God of mercy and grace, **we lift our prayers to you.**

Into your hands we place our prayers, spoken and unspoken, entrusting all things to your eternal care, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

May the God who stirs hope in restless hearts send you into this week with courage. May the Christ who rode into the city walk with you on the road leading to the cross. May the Spirit who grows new life keep you faithful when the cheering fades. Go in peace. Walk in faith. **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.

**CLICK LINK TO ACCESS READINGS, SERMONS & SPECIAL EVENTS FROM PAST SUNDAYS:**

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@SHEPHERDOFTHEHILLSLUTHERAN6221/VIDEOS](https://www.youtube.com/@shepherdofthehillslutheran6221/videos)

## **SHEPHERD CALENDAR OF EVENTS – MARCH 29 – APRIL 5, 2026**

### **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Palm to Passion Sunday – Triumphal Entry**

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

### **Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

11:00 a.m. – Amazing Grace Book Study by Zoom

### **Maundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Words of Institution**

6:30 p.m. – Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship with Holy Communion

### **Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Crucifixion**

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

6:30 p.m. – Good Friday Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship

### **Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Resurrection**

6:38 a.m. – Sunrise Service at Boulder Reservoir (\$5/car parking)

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

### **MARCH & APRIL**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

MICHELLE K. 3/5  
TERRY SCH. 3/6  
REV. JANET K. 3/21  
LYNN T. 3/25  
DICK W. 3/27  
NINA S. 3/30  
SHERILYN W. 4/6  
KAY W. 4/9  
DOROTHY F. 4/13  
CINDIE S. 4/27

Potluck Brunch immediately following Worship  
**DAILY NARRATIVE LECTIONARY READINGS: WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2026**

**Monday, March 30, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/psalm-24-entrance-into-the-temple2026>

Psalm 24                      Entrance Into the Temple

**Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/2-samuel-22-8-lord-is-my-rock2026>

2 Samuel 22:2-8              Lord Is My Rock

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/isaiah-43-8-12-god-delivers2026>

Isaiah 43:8-12                      God Delivers

**Thursday, April 2, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-19-23-30-jesus-last-words2026>

John 19:23-30                      Jesus Last Words

**Friday, April 3, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-19-31-37-jesus-the-passover-lamb2026>

John 19:31-37                      Jesus the Passover Lamb

**Saturday, April 4, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-19-38-42-passover-lamb2026>

John 19:38-42                      Passover Lamb

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-20-1-18-resurrection2026>

John 20:1-18                      Resurrection



**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, Pastor Janet at 507-360-1625, or Dick Werpy at 720-771-6767.

## **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: KEN & GERRY MOORHEAD, LYNN TRUMBLE & KAY WERPY

ASSISTING MINISTERS: TIM KIRCHOFF & REV. PHIL KETTERING

PIANIST: MARGARET SCHARFF

PRAYER CHAIN ADMINISTRATOR: KATHY WOOTTON

SHEPHERD COUNCIL:

MICHELLE KIRCHOFF, PRESIDENT

JANICE IRISH, VICE-PRESIDENT

KELLY MAUER, SECRETARY

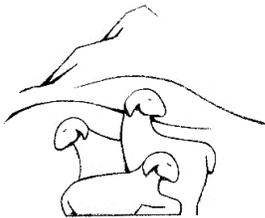
REV. PHIL KETTERING, TREASURER

JIM TIMMERMANN, BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

CINDIE SCOBY & 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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