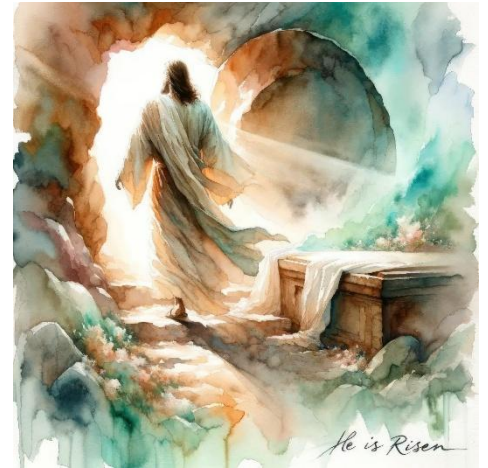


SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS AT HOME WORSHIP
APRIL 5, 2026
EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen God, you call us by name, and the dawning truth of your resurrection breaks through the darkness of our grieving. Slow us down to savor this moment of unexpected wonder, that we might prepare our hearts to carry the good news to the world. In your holy name we pray. Amen.



SCRIPTURE READINGS: FIRST READING: PSALM 118:21-29

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY | AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

ELW #779

<https://youtu.be/1p7YR95AwAQ?si=D-SLr4YbsogO9Npa>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With renewed confidence in your power and love, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. (*A brief silence.*)

O God, Good Friday grief has given way to Easter joy. Cheer our hearts with the good news of your resurrection, that we might be energized to proclaim you far and wide. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Flowers, fields and skies are alive with the joy of new life and renewal, a reflection of your resurrection from the dead. Join our praise with all creation and make of us one chorus of earthly joy. We praise 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 new life, **hear our prayer.**

Breathe new life and inspiration into leaders at every level, that they might joyfully work to govern with equity and justice, for the good of every single interdependent human being on earth. 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 new life, **hear our prayer.**

In your resurrection, we are made new, brought to life from everything that would dampen our joy and depress our spirits. Revive and heal those who still long for wholeness, 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 new life, **hear our prayer.**

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 new life, **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. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

It is for this day that all your saints gather in eternal joy around your throne. Keep us ever mindful that, in you, we live and move and have our being, and, because of you, death has no power. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

Hear all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and gather them into your loving arms, for the sake of our risen savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

EASTER BENEDICTION

Go forth with renewed hope, trusting in the transforming love of God.
God does not leave things as they are; with God, all things are made new.
All creation responds to God's presence. The world is alive with possibility.
We open ourselves to this truth: With Christ, we trust our whole lives to this power.
Nothing is beyond the reach of God; neither evil, nor hardship, nor death.
Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed.

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:

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SHEPHERD CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 5 – APRIL 12, 2026

Sunday, April 5th – 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
Potluck Brunch immediately following Worship

Wednesday, April 8th

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

Friday, April 10th

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

5:00 p.m. – Friday Perspectives

Sunday, April 12th -Thomas

9:30 a.m. – Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship

Coffee & Conversation immediately following worship

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

SHERILYN S. 4/6

KAY W. 4/9

DOROTHY F. 4/13

CINDIE S. 4/27

DAILY NARRATIVE LECTIONARY READINGS: WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2026

Monday, April 6, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-211-14-jesus-appears-to-seven-disciples2026>

John 21:1-14 Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-2115-19-jesus-and-peter2026>

John 21:15-19 Jesus and Peter

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-2120-25-jesus-and-the-beloved-disciple2026>

John 21:20-25 Jesus and the Beloved Disciple

Thursday, April 9, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-51-11-ananias-and-sapphira2026>

Acts 5:1-11 Ananias and Sapphira

Friday, April 10, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-512-16-the-apostles-heal-many2026>

Acts 5:12-16 The Apostles Heal Many

Saturday, April 11, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/acts-517-42-the-apostles-are-persecuted2026>

Acts 5:17-42 The Apostles Are Persecuted

Sunday, April 12, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/john-2019-31-thomas2026>

John 20:19-31 Thomas



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

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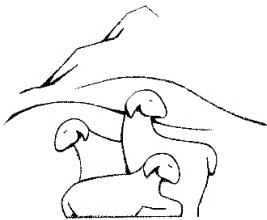
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CINDIE SCOBY & PASTOR JANET KETTERING

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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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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