

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH REFORMATION SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION OCTOBER 25, 2026

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer. Amen.



LITANY FOR UNITY AND RECONCILIATION

As we celebrate the Reformation, let us pray for reconciliation within the body of Christ:

For the church that in every age has taught the faith to children, shared the sacraments, and fed the poor, **O God, we give you thanks.**

For the times when the church has let the human urge for power and self preservation prevail over the will of God, **O God, we ask forgiveness.**

For those who work to create unity among faith communities and seek to find ways to walk together, **O God, we give you thanks.**

For us, when we promote one-sidedness above our One-ness as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ, **O God, we ask forgiveness.**

For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the church when it has become complacent, **O God, we give you thanks.**

For those instances when we have driven out sisters and brothers who had a different vision of God's will for us, **O God, we ask forgiveness.**

For the diversity of expression in our many churches and denominations and for the spirit of liberation that allows the church to continually renew and re-form itself,
O God, we give you thanks.

For the church, that we may be willing to work at healing divisions among all worshiping communities throughout the whole world, we pray in the name of the God who is Creator of all. **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We trust in the One who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness. As a called and ordained minister of God's Word, and by the power of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Let your life overflow with faith. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. **Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 46 *(Please read responsively.)*

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

REV. PHIL KETTERING

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 | A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

<https://youtu.be/N8M78BLEHow?is=S23mVFbj4CVJLDUR>

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING

AFFIRMATION OF UNITY

We share one faith, have one calling, and are of one soul and one mind. We have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit and are baptized with one baptism. We eat of one bread and drink of one cup. We confess one Name, are obedient to one Lord; work for one cause, and share one hope. Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ. Together we pray. Together we serve God in this world. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. God of reformation, **form us anew.**

We pray for your creation. Fill our hearts with new love and care for the world you created. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. God of reformation, **form us anew.**

We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. God of reformation, **form us anew.**

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit, especially those we lift through our Prayer Chain. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. God of reformation, **form us anew.**

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. God of reformation, **form us anew.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for all those who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. God of reformation, **form us anew.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus the Christ, our truth and life. **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

God of abundance, **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus the Christ, our Savior and 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 was betrayed, 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."

Let us pray: Gracious God, **pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on this community. Make these gifts be for us the presence of Christ within us, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed, transformed, and alive. 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

<https://youtu.be/WHAU3fLF7NI?is=I-SUO3ARB73ANJhB>

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: ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

SENDING HYMN | LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

<https://youtu.be/ZGCAIGSONUG?is=ZMHU7vL50NDI-xR0>

BENEDICTION & SENDING

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths.
May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds.
And may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full! **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>

WORSHIP RESOURCES:

CALL TO WORSHIP – THOM SHUMAN

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON – REV. BONNIE TARWATER, AS ADAPTED

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – ERIC MILNER WHITE

AFFIRMATION OF UNITY – NOLAN PALSMA

OFFERING PRAYER – SUNDAYS AND SEASONS, AUGSBURG FORTRESS

BENEDICTION – LITERATURE & LITURGY, AS ADAPTED

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:

CAROLINE MICHALAK

ALTAR GUILD:

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ASSISTING MINISTER: TIM KIRCHOFF

AUDIO TECHNICIAN: MARK “FUZZ” NEWKIRK

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION: RAEANNE MILLER

LECTOR: KELLY MAURER

PASTOR: REV. PHIL KETTERING

SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Sunday, October 25th – Reformation Sunday

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

Special Guest Pastor – Rev. Phil Kettering

Coffee & Conversation Immediately following Worship

Wednesday, October 28th

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

Friday, October 30th

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

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

Sunday, November 1st – All Saints Sunday

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

Coffee & Conversation immediately following Worship

**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

EVERETT 10/3

KEN M. 10/7

BOB S. 10/20

RICK M. 10/30

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 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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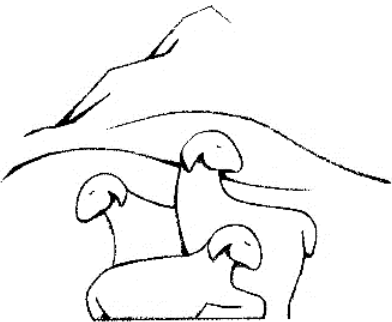
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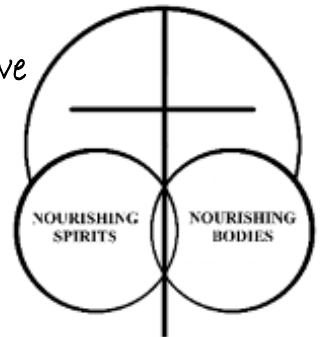
JIM TIMMERMAN, BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

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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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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