

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

MAY 10, 2026 – “PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL”

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this place to hear God’s word.

We are like eager children, ready to learn.

Let us sing and pray and rejoice in God.

We come with the enthusiasm of the young.

Welcome in the name of Jesus.

Welcome, Jesus, into our midst!



GATHERING HYMN | COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS (REPEAT 3 TIMES)

ELW #528

GATHERING

Come and Fill Our Hearts

528

Confitemini Domino



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION

We confess our sins before God and one another. *(Pause for silence and reflection).*

Merciful God, give us the willingness to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you about the ways in which we have caused harm in this world. Give us the openness to see where our actions or failures to act have led to pain in those closest to us and in those far away. Do not let us sink further into self-harm through self-blame and hatred, but give us the courage to set right our wrongs, and to return to you again and again for forgiveness.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The risen God has raised you to newness of life in Jesus' name. In Christ, you are a new creation, and God forgives you every wrong. Celebrate a world redeemed with all of creation and lavish the love you have received on all that is. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you call us, through the Holy Spirit, to partner with you in carrying the good news of the saving love of Jesus to the ends of the earth. Make us bold to proclaim what you have done for us, and fill us with compassion for all who suffer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:1-18A

Lector: Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

Lector: And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Pastor: I want you to know, beloved that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

Lector: Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 9:46-48

⁴⁶An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, ⁴⁸and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

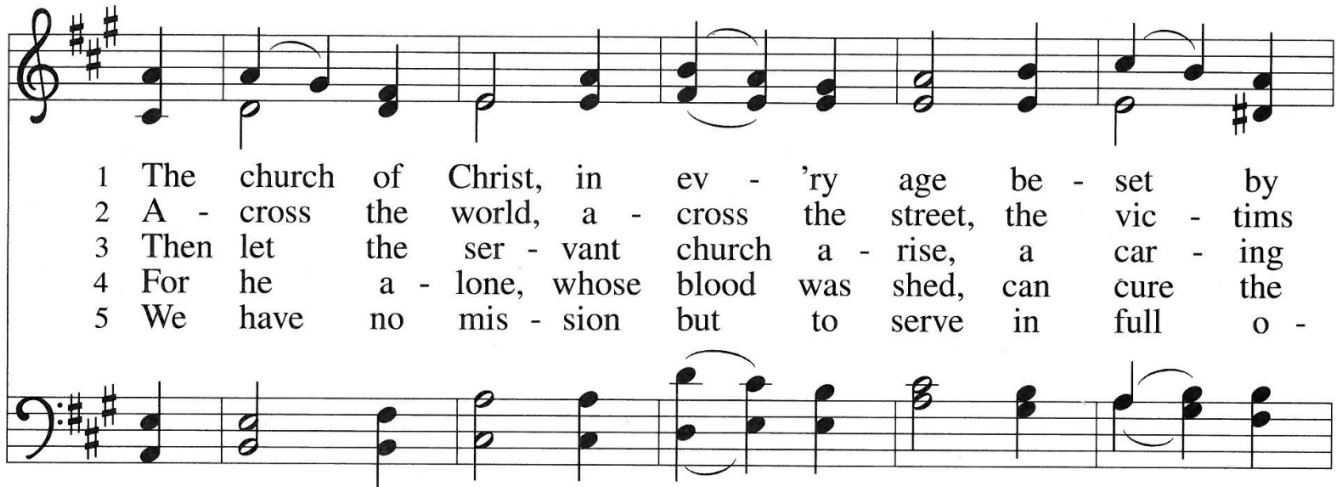
REV. JANET KETTERING

HYMN OF THE DAY | THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN EVERY AGE

ELW #729



The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING

EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In a time before all knowing, God is; and God's breath fills the emptiness: Creating a universe, a world, an ecology, a biology and humankind. All humankind: No exceptions, no imperfections; all of us beloved, just as we are.

In a time before all knowing, the Christ is; watching the creating and stepping into it: Becoming, living, dying, and rising, for all of us. All humankind: No exceptions, no reservations; all of us just as we are, God's beloved.

In a time before all knowing, the Spirit is; moving through every part of creation: Consoling, interceding, leading, and refreshing all the world, including us. All humankind: No exceptions, no exclusions; all of us, just as we are, God's beloved.

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, you grant us wisdom in ways that the world cannot. Open our ears to listen for your call, that your love might overflow through us into a world desperately in need of your grace. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

You spoke a word and brought into being this astonishing universe, a fragile world filled with teeming life. Instill gratitude in us for this gift and commit us to work for its preservation and care with love and tenderness. We praise you for the awesome power and quiet beauty of the world's waters and humbly ask that you continue to bless the earth with moisture wherever it's needed. God of new life, **hear our prayer.**

You partner us with the Holy Spirit to act in the world for justice and equity for all that you have made. Forgive us for engaging in the atrocities of war which always result in the suffering of the innocents. Hold us and our leaders accountable to one another that all might live in harmony. 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.**

We pray for all those living with chronic or terminal illness, addiction, grief, or injuries. Aid all medical professionals and caretakers as they lovingly serve to bring healing and wholeness to all in need. We pray especially for Stephen Kaufman, Chris Newkirk, Devon Warren, 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.

We thank you, God, whenever we think of your faithful saints who carried your precious gospel throughout the ages. As their witness has blessed us, so make us a blessing to others, and unite us all in your eternal kingdom. 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

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please share a sign of God's love and peace with each other.)

OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER

Nothing can contain your generosity to us, O God. In joyful gratitude for the overflowing abundance you have given us, we offer to you our whole selves, the work of our hands, and our material resources. Use them for the work of proclaiming your love through actions of justice and equity here and around the world. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT 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.**

And so we gather at Christ's table. We come from many places, differing in age and race, differing in orientation, politics and even religion. As we come together around the table, we discover that our differences are indeed a blessing, not just something we tolerate. The more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred in our midst.

So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here: In this place, in this community, at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember with us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We remember the stories that Jesus' friends tell: Stories of bread broken and shared, feeding a multitude; stories of enemy and friend, gathered together around tables; stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

It was on a night of both celebration and betrayal that Jesus took the bread leftover on the table, blessed it, 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."

Later, he took the cup also leftover on the table, poured out and shared, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the renewed covenant I give to you, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Together, we remember that it is in the breaking that we become whole; that in losing our lives we find life; that in serving we are served.

And so we pray: **Come, holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking, that our eyes might be opened, that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, and indeed, in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.**

The one who sets all prisoners free now invites you to this holy table. Come with your siblings in Christ and meet him in this simple meal of bread and wine, where freedom from sin and death are found. This invitation is for you, no matter who you are.

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 | YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART

ELW #484

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

484

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.




Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
Music: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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CM and refrain

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy, gracious God, here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love and tasted your nourishing presence. At this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept that life and give you thanks. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that all may know life and love in Jesus' name. Amen.

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

SENDING HYMN | TO BE YOUR PRESENCE

ELW #546

To Be Your Presence

546



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - jice,

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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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SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: MAY 10 – MAY 17, 2026

Sunday, May 10th- Partnership in the Gospel

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



Wednesday, May 13th

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

Friday, May 15th

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

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

Sunday, May 17th- The Christ Hymn

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

MAY
BIRTHDAYS
SALLY E. 5/16
DONNA S. 5/26
TERRY S. 5/27

SAVE THE DATE!!!

RYSSBY ANNUAL WORSHIP W/POTLUCK WILL BE SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH!

DAILY NARRATIVE LECTIONARY READINGS: WEEK OF MAY 10, 2026

Monday, May 11, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/philippians-118b-30-partnership-in-the-gospel2026>

Philippians 1:18b-30 Partnership in the Gospel

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/philippians-214-30-timothy-and-epaphroditus2026>

Philippians 2:14-30 Timothy and Epaphroditus

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/philippians-31-11-breaking-with-the-past2026>

Philippians 3:1-11 Breaking with the Past

Thursday, May 14, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/philippians-312-41-pressing-toward-the-goal2026>

Philippians 3:12-41 Pressing Toward the Goal

Friday, May 15, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/philippians-42-9-exhortations2026>

Philippians 4:2-9 Exhortations

Saturday, May 16, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/philippians-410-23-acknowledgment-of-the-philippians-gift2026>

Philippians 4:10-23 Acknowledgment of the Philippians’ Gift

Sunday, May 17, 2026

<https://clergystuff.com/nl-devotions/philippians-21-13-the-christ-hymn2026>

Philippians 2:1-13 The Christ Hymn

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.

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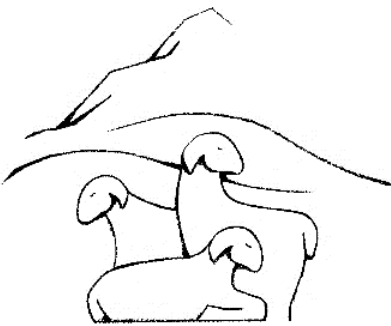
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Marked by the Cross of Christ Forever, v
+ 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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Bible studies & faith conversations	Service opportunities
Retreats	and more!

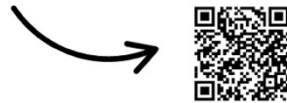
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Pray

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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