

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

MAY 31, 2026

“THE LORD’S PRAYER: OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN...YOUR KINGDOM COME”

WELCOME & GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God loves us and wants to draw us close.

**We come in trust, as children to their guardian,
safe in the protection of our creator.**

Amen.

CONFESSION

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

Beloved Creator God, you have called each one of us your child, but as children often do, we disobey. We hurt ourselves and others. We insist on our own way rather than your kingdom’s way. We hoard what we have and deny others their due. We see the sadness this causes you and are dearly sorry for it. We crave and cherish your word of forgiveness. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has not abandoned us to suffer in our sin. Instead, our loving Lord reaches out to us, longing for our return, day by day. Receive the blessing of your maker and know the power of forgiveness that truly makes all things new. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, you open your arms to your children and love to hear us call your name. Give us words that honor and build up, to your glory and that of your Son Jesus, who taught us how to pray. Amen.

FIRST READING: REVELATION 21:1-5

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,



“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new. Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:7-10

⁷ “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ “Pray, then, in this way:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy.

¹⁰ May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

SERMON

REV. JANET KETTERING

HYMN OF THE DAY | ANCIENT WORDS

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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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(A brief silence).

Forgive us, O God, when we use your name in less than honorable ways. May our words respect the one who made us. Lord, teach us to pray **and receive our prayer.**

God, you love us and all that you have made. As you care for us, so may we care for all your creatures of every size and variety, treating them as you would. Bless the earth with moisture wherever it's needed and help us to steward the earth's resources with care. Lord, teach us to pray, **and receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who feel alone, forsaken, or unable to call on you. We bring before you the sick and suffering, knowing you are quick to heal and ever willing to listen. We pray especially for Carl Chaney, "J" and their family, Stephen Kaufman, Chris Newkirk, Devon Warren, Pastor Phil, Matt Melton, Brett, Rick and Kelly, Terry, Jim and Sally, Dave, Dorothy, Clover, and all those named on our Prayer Chain. Lord, teach us to pray, **and receive our prayer.**

Join us in solidarity with those around the world who call on you. Unite us in love and in your mission to spread the good news of the Gospel. We pray for the world, and especially those engaged in war: the United States, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, and all others known to you. Lord, teach us to pray, **and receive 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. Lord, teach us to pray, **and receive 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, teach us to pray, **and receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Hold your saints in perpetual love and light, O God, and bring us all to the day when we will be one in you. Lord, teach us to pray, **and receive our prayer.**

We pray, and you hear us. It is so simple. And it is enough. **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

Lord, we honor you with the abundance of our lives, and care for the needs of others as you would care for them. Bless these gifts that they may be used for the benefit of all. In Christ's name we pray. 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.

God, who led Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night, you lead us in ways of righteousness. You have taught us that wandering does not mean that we are lost. You have taught us that the journey is just as important as the destination. We give thanks that you call us your people.

Jesus, giver of the peace that surpasses all understanding, your peace has settled on this gathering today. We have come because you first came to us. We gather to hear your word just as the disciples gathered in Jerusalem. We have both heard your word of eternal life and your word that sends us out. We give thanks that you trust us with your name.

Holy Spirit, who prays on our behalf when we have no words, you are both our counsel and our might. You convict us with truth when we forget your word. You lead us with wisdom when we do not know where to go. You comfort us when we feel we are without hope. We give thanks that you are in us and around us and ever-present with us.

Now, as people gathered in your name, we pray that you would make your presence known to us. Holy Spirit, as you have done before, breathe your breath of life through this place making this simple loaf and cup communion with you. May God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit abide with us as we share this meal.

Bind us to you and to one another as we gather at Christ's table, remembering that on the night in which he gave himself up for the world, 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."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for 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 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; and 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.**

Come to the table, says Jesus. You are welcome. You belong to me. Eat and drink and know the love your God has for you. **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 | SPIRIT AND GRACE

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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

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

As you go forth from this place, may the wind of the Spirit startle your senses and blow through your life. May the fire of the Spirit scorch your complacency and light your way. And may the blessing of the Holy One – Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – rest with you now and forever more. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN | BE THOU MY VISION

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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.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/@shepherdofthehillslutheran6221/videos>

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SCRIPTURE READINGS — NEW REVISED STANDARD BIBLE, UPDATED EDITION

RESPONSE TO THE WORD — ERIC MILNER WHITE

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SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: MAY 31 – JUNE 7, 2026

Sunday, May 31st- The Lord's Prayer: Our Father in Heaven... Your Kingdom Come

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

Wednesday, June 3rd

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

Friday, June 5th

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

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

Sunday, June 7th- The Lord's Prayer: Your Will Be Done...

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

9:30 a.m. - Hybrid In Person/Zoom Service of the Word Worship
(No Communion), Coffee & Conversation immediately following
Worship

MAY/JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

SALLY E. 5/16

MARY D. 5/24

DONNA S. 5/26

TERRY S. 5/27

TIM K. 6/8

WAYNE O. 6/14

LYLE K. 6/17

LORI W. 6/18

SAVE THE DATE!

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

DAILY NARRATIVE LECTIONARY READINGS: WEEK OF MAY 31, 2026

Monday, June 1, 2026

Isaiah 63:15-16 God as Father and Redeemer

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

Psalms 103:1-14 The Lord's compassion like a father

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Exodus 3:1-6 The holiness of God's name at the burning bush

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Luke 15:11-32 The parable of the prodigal son and the forgiving father

Friday, June 5, 2026

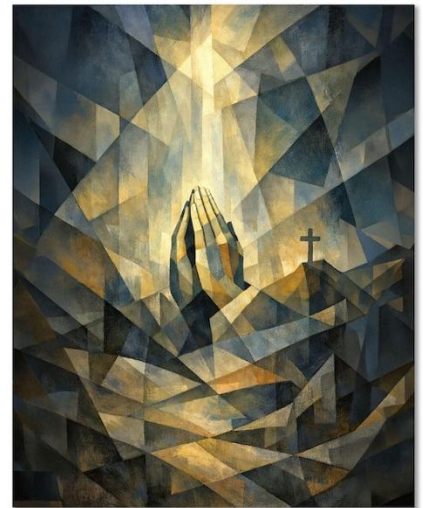
Mark 1:14-15 Jesus proclaims the arrival of the Kingdom

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Revelation 21:1-5 The ultimate fulfillment of God's heavenly kingdom on earth

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Luke 11:3 Your Will Be Done...Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread



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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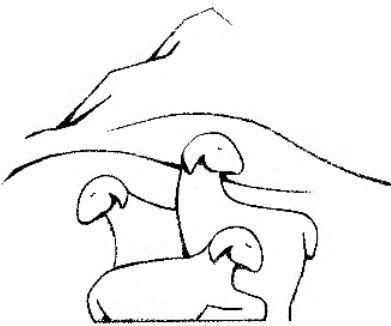
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



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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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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