

Shepherd of the Hills

LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION – AUGUST 23, 2026
THE 10 COMMANDMENTS: I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD



WELCOME & GREETING

GATHERING HYMN | BE THOU MY VISION ELW #793

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: Irish traditional

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CALL TO WORSHIP

All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

In these commandments,

God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.

Rejoice in the goodness of God.

Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

CONFESSION

In keeping with our covenant with God, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Faithful God, you have laid your laws before us as a covenant and a promise. Yet, even as the words float off your lips, we break them all. With our hands, hearts, and thoughts, we harm you, each other, and ourselves. Forgive us for what we have done and have failed to do. Restore us to your community, and make us whole.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God, who remains faithful even when we do not, hears our pleas, and receives us with compassion and grace. Today your sins are forgiven. Today you are made new, recreated by the new covenant in Christ Jesus, our savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of liberation, **You freed your people, Israel, from slavery in Egypt. Free us from bondage to sin. Teach us to follow your laws and your ways so that all people might live with freedom and security, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: EXODUS 19:1-6; 20:1-2

Lector: On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying,

Pastor: Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.

Lector: Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19:7-9 *(Please read responsively)*

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-10

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:34-40

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR JANET KETTERING

HYMN OF THE DAY | GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

ELW #733

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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

WE ARE NOT ALONE CREED

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating;

who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new;

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence; to live with respect in Creation;

to love and serve others; to seek justice and resist evil;

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Blessed by the promise of your love, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. *(A brief silence).*

God of promise, you have claimed us as your own, and you have called us "treasured." Show us how to live as people who are jewels in the eyes of the one who created heaven and earth. Bless all students, parents, and educators as this new school year begins. Give them hearts open to love and minds open to learning. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, just as you guided the Israelites into new life, inspire our faith family to hold fast to your promises as we seek your vision for the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Hills. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your chosen people kept time by counting the moons that passed. Teach us to pay attention to the movement of your creation in things that move both quickly and slowly. Remind us daily to care for all things you have made. We pray for all affected by the devastation of earthquakes, wildfires, flooding, heat waves and drought. Safeguard those who put themselves in harm's way to render aid across the globe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place in your care the leaders of this world who have taken on the duty of managing the laws of this land. Help them use their power responsibly, and with wisdom and compassion. We pray for all the world, and especially those engaged in war: the United States, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, and all others known to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust to your care all who are in need of healing of body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for Ken and Gerry, Dorothy, Ben Harvey and his family, Kelly, Rick and DeeDee, George and Jessika, Carl Chaney, Devon Warren, Pastor Phil, Matt Melton, Brett Cotter, Terry Schreier, Jim and Sally, Dave, and all those named on our Prayer Chain. Let none fall, but restore them to wholeness. Give peace and patience to their caregivers so that they may have the strength to endure the long nights and thankless days. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of provision, 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, in your mercy, **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. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us never forget that children of all ages, colors, sizes, religions, and locations are beloved to you. Show us how we might be welcoming, loving, and accepting of our similarities and our differences. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remind us that there are parts of the world, everywhere in the world, that are slaves to the messages of the world. Make us instruments of peace and love so that none are forgotten. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With gratitude we remember all the saints who have gone before us, showing us how to follow your laws of love with humility and grace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With humble hearts we lift our offerings to you, as we pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ our savior and Lord. **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

Gracious God, we thank you for this fellowship and offer these gifts to You, in the light of Your grace. Cleanse our hearts from selfishness, and use these gifts to shine Your light of hope, healing, and love into a dark world. In Jesus' 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.

O Divine Mystery we name as God, it is right and proper that we should come together as your people to offer you thanks and praise, acknowledging our utter dependence on you.

With holy creativity you wrote a new story, calling the world into being. In the story of the Hebrew people, we hear our own story, slowly discovering a world charged with your grace and glory, and growing in faith. 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.

Through the prophets, we draw closer to your way of life and love. In the surprising story of Jesus, we encounter you as God-with-us and are drawn to your light. With Jesus we are crucified and resurrected into new life, knowing that sin and death will never have the final word, for he is your Word, spoken to us and for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are bound in covenant one to another and to the common cause of seeing your will be done in our world.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We recall the stories of Jesus' birth and baptism, his ministry of healing and teaching, his proclaiming God's kingdom and re-shaping of the religious structures of his day.

We remember that the night before Jesus gave himself up for the sake of the world, he shared a meal with his disciples. He taught them and prayed for them, then 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."

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Let us pray. Spirit of God, bless this loaf and this cup, transformed and transforming, so that as Christ becomes part of us, we might become part of him, bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh, symbols of God's work in this world. 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

ELW #496

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,
Refrain
wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

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

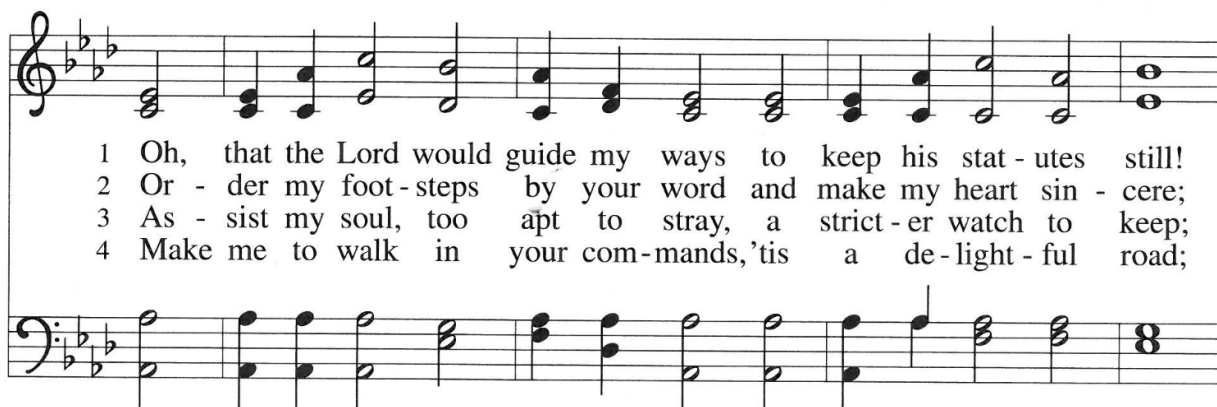
BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Hear this: The Lord our God is the one and only Lord; therefore, go out into the world and love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love others as you love yourself. Go, knowing that God gives you justice and freedom. Go, knowing that Christ Jesus sets you free for love. Go, know that the Holy Spirit goes where you go and protects you on your way. **Amen.**

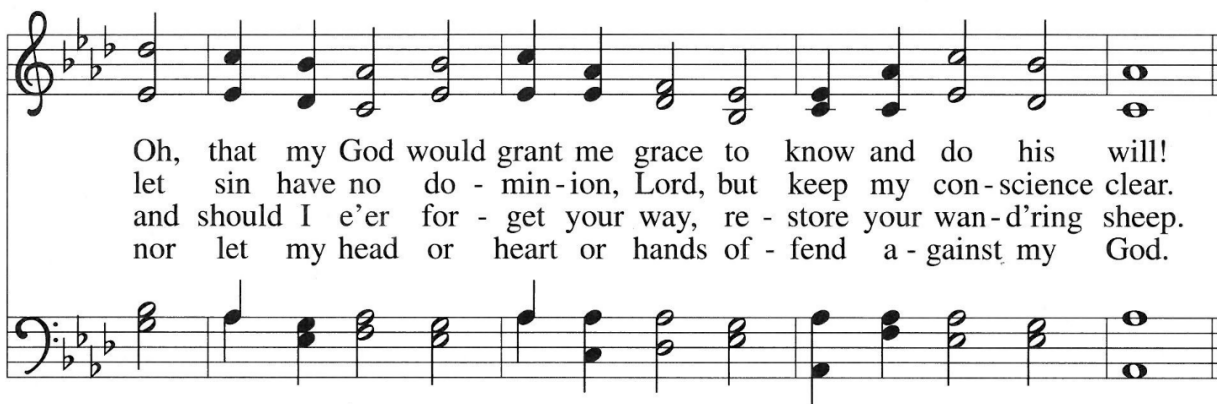
SENDING HYMN | OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS

ELW #772

772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

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: AUGUST 23 – AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday, August 23rd – 10 Commandments Summer Series: I Am the Lord Your God

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

Coffee & Conversation Immediately following Worship

Wednesday, August 26th

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

Friday, August 28th

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

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

Sunday, August 30th – 10 Commandments Summer Series: Commandments to Honor God

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

Coffee & Conversation Immediately following Worship

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

GEORGE C. 8/1

GERRY M. 8/2

RAEANNE M. 8/2

MARGARET S. 8/9

PEYTON S. 8/9

MOLLY V. 8/15

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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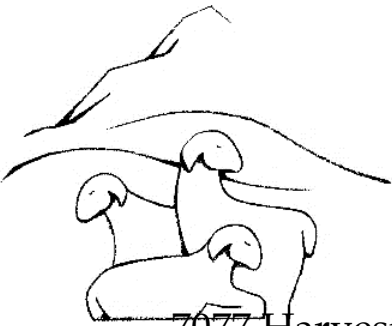
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PASTOR JANET KETTERING



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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Retreats	and more!

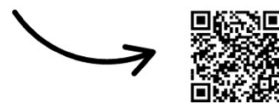
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For students, for the campus community, and for our Bread + Belonging community.

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Sign up for our newsletters.



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Contribute to the LCM annual fund. Checks can be made out to LCM-CU and mailed to us.

Donate groceries for Tuesday student dinners



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Gather a team to help cook a Tuesday student dinner

Volunteer at CU Football Concessions fundraisers

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