

# Shepherd of the Hills

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION — AUGUST 30, 2026  
THE 10 COMMANDMENTS: COMMANDMENTS TO HONOR GOD

### WELCOME & GREETING

#### 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

Jealous God, **you have claimed us as your children and proclaimed that you desire us for your own. Teach us to honor and obey you, our one and only God, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



## FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:3-11

**Lector:** The Lord said to the people of Israel: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**Pastor:** You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

**Lector:** Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 8 *(Please read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of babes and infants**

**you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup>**what are humans that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4**

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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## **HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 4:23-24**

<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

PASTOR JANET KETTERING

## **HYMN OF THE DAY | HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME (PSALM 8)**

<https://youtu.be/TkODGVTKPJE?is=MNNiB8RQI4UZZIVV>

## **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)*.

One and only liberating God, you have been faithful to us, asking for our faithfulness in return. Help us to live as faithful servants, obeying your commandments, and loving you with our whole hearts. Inspire us 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.**

In your commandment to rest on the Sabbath, you also commanded that we retire the workers, the livestock, and the land. Remind us that even now, your creation needs to rest. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant all who serve you, through leadership, the time and space to rest, reminding them that you, not they, are God. 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.**

Pour your healing waters over all who suffer afflictions of spirit, mind, or body. 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. Let no one remain in bondage to illness, addiction, abuse, neglect, poverty, exile, or isolation. 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.**

Let all people turn away from idols and toward you as their God, whether their streets are paved or muddy, whether they harvest their food or purchase it at the market, whether they stand tall or shrink low. Let no one stand upon another, but instead let all kneel before you. 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**

<https://youtu.be/WHAU3FLF7NI?is=I-SUO3ARB73ANJHB>

### **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, knowing that the Holy Spirit goes where you go and protects you on your way. **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN | OK**

[https://youtu.be/4Kn7T6XT\\_LA?is=FPWHJfQQJ\\_NBL9Cd](https://youtu.be/4Kn7T6XT_LA?is=FPWHJfQQJ_NBL9Cd)

### **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>

### **WORSHIP RESOURCES:**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** — NANCY TOWNLEY, MINISTRY MATTERS  
**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** — NARRATIVE LECTIONARY *TEN COMMANDMENTS* WORSHIP RESOURCES  
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**RESPONSE TO THE WORD** — ERIC MILNER WHITE  
**WE ARE NOT ALONE CREED** — UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** — NARRATIVE LECTIONARY *TEN COMMANDMENTS* WORSHIP RESOURCES  
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## **SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

### **Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – 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

### **Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

### **Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. — Men's Zoom Breakfast Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. — Friday Night Perspectives Zoom Gathering

### **SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**JIM E. 9/9**  
**SCOTT F. 9/24**

### **Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – 10 Commandments Summer Series: Commandments to Honor Others**

9:30 a.m. — Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship w/Holy Communion  
Coffee & Conversation Immediately following Worship

## **Save the Date for Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>**

Special Congregational Meeting to vote on Proposed Constitution  
Immediately following Worship

**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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### PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

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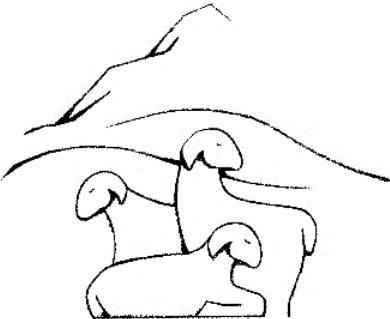
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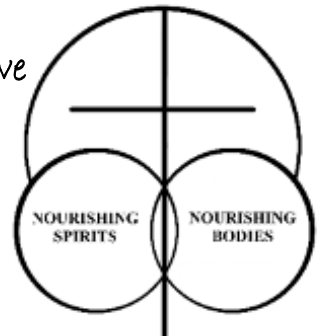
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PASTOR JANET KETTERING

### 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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