

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS AT HOME WORSHIP**  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**  
**THE 10 COMMANDMENTS: COMMANDMENTS TO HONOR OTHERS**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of community, **you have given us commandments to teach us how to behave as peaceful citizens in an honorable world. Help us to respect one another in all that we say and do, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.**



**FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:12-16**

The Lord said to the people of Israel: honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 119:169-176**

<sup>169</sup> Let my cry come before you, O Lord;  
give me understanding according to your word.

<sup>170</sup> **Let my supplication come before you;  
deliver me according to your promise.**

<sup>171</sup> My lips will pour forth praise,  
because you teach me your statutes.

<sup>172</sup> **My tongue will sing of your promise,  
for all your commandments are right.**

<sup>173</sup> Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts.

<sup>174</sup> **I long for your salvation, O Lord, and your law is my delight.**

<sup>175</sup> Let me live that I may praise you, and let your ordinances help me.

<sup>176</sup> **I have gone astray like a lost sheep;  
seek out your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.**

## SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:8-10

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>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." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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## HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 19:16-19

<sup>16</sup>Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" <sup>17</sup>And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." <sup>18</sup>He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. <sup>19</sup>Honor your father and mother. Also, you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** | LORD, SPEAK TO US, THAT WE MAY SPEAK

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## 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 mercy, you have claimed us as your own and 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.**

God of mercy, 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.**

God of mercy, teach us to love one another so deeply, that treating each other with kindness and respect, ethically and honorably, comes more naturally to us than hatred and fear. Show us how to love boldly. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us hearts to tend fiercely to all things that you have made. For tangible things and for those things that we cannot grasp: love, shame, compassion, fear, and mercy, we pray your blessings upon all that we say and do. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us hearts to lead and to follow as you see fit. Give discernment to those whom we follow, and confidence to those whom we lead. Grant protection to all who serve and lead in the military as we lift up thanks for the freedoms we enjoy because of their sacrifices. 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.**

Give us hearts to care for all who are in need of healing, and pour your restorative tears upon those whose healing is beyond our reach. We pray especially for Ken, Dorothy, Ben and Pam, George and Jessika, Carl, Devon, Matt, Brett, Terry, 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.**

Give us hearts to remember those who live in the far corners of the earth, whose lives are so different from ours that forgetting seems easiest. Help us never to forget, and help us turn our remembering into action. 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.**

### **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.**



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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: SEPTEMBER 6 – SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**

### **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

### **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Friday, September 11<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 13<sup>th</sup> – 10 Commandments Summer Series: Commandments to Honor Self**

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

# Shepherd of the Hills

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

THE MINISTERS: ALL THE PEOPLE

PASTOR: REV. JANET COLBY KETTERING

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: CAROLINE MICHALAK

ALTAR GUILD: RAEANNE MILLER, KEN & GERRY MOORHEAD, LYNN TRUMBLE & KAY WERP

ASSISTING MINISTERS: TIM KIRCHOFF & REV. PHIL KETTERING

AUDIO TECHNICIAN: FUZZ NEWKIRK

COUNTER: ERIC MICHALAK

PIANIST: MARGARET SCHARFF

PRAYER CHAIN ADMINISTRATOR: KATHY WOOTTON

#### SHEPHERD COUNCIL:

MICHELLE KIRCHOFF, PRESIDENT

JANICE IRISH, VICE-PRESIDENT

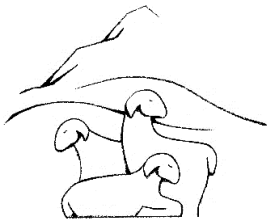
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REV. PHIL KETTERING, TREASURER

JIM TIMMERMAN, BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

PASTOR JANET KETTERING

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT



Marked by the Cross of Christ Forever, we

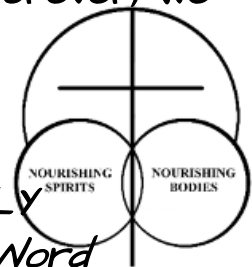
† *Gather in Love*

† *Grow in Faith*

† *Share God's Love & Grace*

† *We are Empowered to BOLDLY*

*Proclaim & Witness God's Word*



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