

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS AT HOME WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
THE 10 COMMANDMENTS: COMMANDMENTS TO HONOR SELF



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of gratitude, you have commanded us not to covet the things our neighbors possess. Help us to live, not with envy, but with gratitude for all that you have given and provided for us, for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 20:17

The Lord said to the people of Israel: You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male slave or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-37

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
be gracious to me according to your word.

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:12-13

¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:19-21

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY | HIS STRENGTH IS PERFECT

<https://youtu.be/QGC9KT918Kk?is=MDUALKj1WhSo9VKZ>

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 plenty, open our hearts to the many ways that you provide for our needs. Show us how to live gratefully with all that you have given, using these gifts to bring your light and life to the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our eyes turned toward the creation you've entrusted to us, showing us where it is in need of our attention, care, and repair. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our eyes turned toward those who lead, and help us to support them with patience, tolerance, accountability and love. We pray for all the world, and especially those engaged in the atrocities of war: the United States, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, and all others known to you Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our eyes turned toward those who are in need of healing and encouragement, especially Janice's nephew David, Ken, Dorothy, Ben and his family, George and Jessika, Carl, Devon, Matt, Brett, Terry, Jim and Sally, Dave, and all those named on our Prayer Chain. Help us to offer the care they need with grace and compassion, and to extend love and support for those who provide care for them, especially James and Chris Elkins, and Kirk, Clare, and Gwen Fallon. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep us faithful to the ministries you bring us which support those in need of special care, especially 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. 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. Show us how we might be welcoming, loving, and accepting of our similarities and our differences. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep our eyes turned toward those who possess even less than we do. Show us how to love, empower, and provide for those in need, who live in poverty of body, mind, and spirit. 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.**

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:

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SHEPHERD HAPPENINGS: SEPTEMBER 13 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Sunday, September 13th – 10 Commandments Summer Series Conclusion:

Commandments to Honor Self

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

Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship
w/Coffee & Conversation afterwards

Wednesday, September 16th

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

Friday, September 18th

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 20th – Ephesians Summer Series: Spiritual Blessings

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

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COUNTER: ERIC MICHALAK

PIANIST: MARGARET SCHARFF

PRAYER CHAIN ADMINISTRATOR: KATHY WOOTTON

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JANICE IRISH, VICE-PRESIDENT

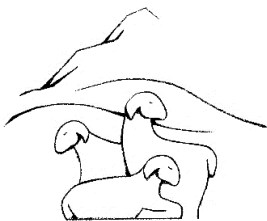
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PASTOR JANET KETTERING

OUR MISSION STATEMENT



Marked by the Cross of Christ Forever, we

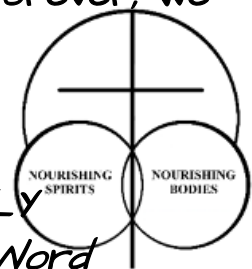
† *Gather in Love*

† *Grow in Faith*

† *Share God's Love & Grace*

† *We are Empowered to BOLDLY*

Proclaim & Witness God's Word



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