

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS AT HOME WORSHIP
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
AND
INTRODUCTION TO THE BEATITUDES
NOVEMBER 1, 2026

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!" The one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?"

I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 34:1-10

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² **My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**
- ³ **O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.**
- ⁴ **I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**
- ⁵ **Look to him, and be radiant,
so your faces shall never be ashamed.**
- ⁶ **This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord
and was saved from every trouble.**
- ⁷ **The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him and delivers him.**
- ⁸ **O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.**
- ⁹ **O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.**
- ¹⁰ **The young lions suffer want and hunger,
But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 5:1-11

- ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great
in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY | BLEST ARE THEY

ELW #728

<https://youtu.be/QWSKMZW8DY8?is=JKUwvN-oY12FFADP>

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray
for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

(A brief silence.)

Merciful God, we give thanks for all those who wipe tears away by carrying your
message of hope to new communities. Empower us to share your gospel of hope.
God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation.
Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be
celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of free will, you empower us to call leaders equipped to serve in your name.
Help us to choose our leaders with wisdom, so that your work may be done in this
world. We pray for all the world, and especially those engaged in the devastation of
war: the United States, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Russia, and all others known to you. God
of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all
whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who work for peace.
Support all veterans who carry the scars of war. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of restoration, by teaching us to care for one another, you bestow healing of body,
mind, and spirit. Help us to participate in your acts of healing and comfort for those in
need. We pray especially for Terry and his family, Ken, Dorothy, Ben, George and
Jessika, Carl, Devon, Matt, Brett, Jim and Sally, Dave, and all those named on our
Prayer Chain. Where there is no earthly healing, comfort us in our grief. Where there
is restoration, rejoice with us. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, help us to support all those who care for their loved ones, especially James and Chris Elkins, and Kirk, Clare, and Gwen Fallon. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, through the gifts of your beloved children, you extend your grace into the world. 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. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship, especially the Community Infant Thanksgiving Baskets and the Little Free Pantry. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. God of love, **hear our prayer.**

God of protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION & SENDING

Brothers and sisters, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight that slows us down and run with endurance the race that God has set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus Christ, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. May the peace of God, the love of Jesus the Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit, be among us and within us as we go. 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 CALENDAR OF EVENTS — WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Sunday, November 1st — All Saints Sunday

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

Wednesday, November 4th

11:00 a.m. — Amazing Grace Bible Study by Zoom

Friday, November 6th

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

5:00 p.m. — Friday Night Perspectives Gathering by Zoom

Sunday, November 8th

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

PR. PHIL 11/4
WENDALL B. 11/17
JOHN Y. 11/19



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 WERPY

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

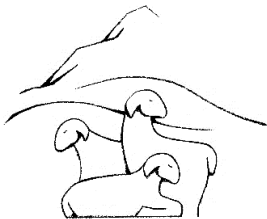
KELLY MAUER, SECRETARY

REV. PHIL KETTERING, TREASURER

JIM TIMMERMANN, BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

PASTOR JANET KETTERING

OUR MISSION STATEMENT



Marked by the Cross of Christ Forever, we

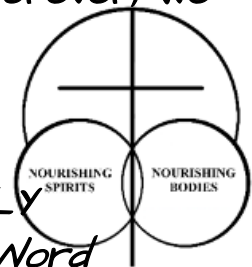
† *Gather in Love*

† *Grow in Faith*

† *Share God's Love & Grace*

† *We are Empowered to BOLDLY*

Proclaim & Witness God's Word



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