SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS AT HOME WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 22, 2026

BLESSED ARE…THE PEACEMAKERS…THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED…
…WHEN PEOPLE REVILE YOU…REJOICE AND BE GLAD
THE BEATITUDES: MATTHEW 5:9-12



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, **by your Word and Spirit, come and transform your church to be a living sign of your love for the world—where the poor are filled with good things, the dividing walls are broken down, and the dead are raised to new life, through Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading FIRST READING: Amos 5:4, 14-15a, 22-24

4 For thus said the Lord to the house of Israel: Seek me and live.

14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live, and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. 15 Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate.

22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM 37: 1-4

1 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
2 for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.
3 Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.
4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

SECOND READING: JAMES 1: 22-27

22 But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.
23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look
at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away,
immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the
law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they
will be blessed in their doing. 26 If any think they are religious and do not bridle their
tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and
undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their
distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:9-12

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 "Blessed are
those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, 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 | What We Sow
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Jesus says: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Trusting in God's grace, let us offer our prayers for the church, our neighbors and loved ones, and the world.

(A brief silence.)

Abundant God, we ask your provision for all people. Teach us compassion and generosity. Put an end to economic exploitation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unifying God, we search for your beloved community. Break down systems of oppression. Dismantle patterns of privilege. Establish justice and equality for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Answering God, we knock at the door of your heart. Gather us in as disciples of your way. Nourish us in faith and faithfulness. Send us out to share good news and empower us to hold our chosen leaders accountable to compassion and justice. We pray for an end to all wars and healing for all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for colleges and universities which spread your loving invitation through Campus Ministry. Shower Bread+Belonging at CU in Boulder with your blessings and empower the colleges and universities that host these programs. Guide the leaders who lead, the donors who provide, and the students who are fed, especially those who seek out campus ministry as a pathway to growing closer to you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healing God, what a gift that you can bestow healing of body, mind, and spirit. Help us to care for one another, to participate in the act of healing, and comfort each other when we grieve. We pray especially for Clover, Ross, Bob, Terry Schreier and his family, Ken, Dorothy, Ben, George and Jessika, Carl, Devon, Matt, 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. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, help us to offer love and support 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.**

Creating God, through the needs of others, 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, that they might find fulfillment, joy, purpose, and love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show us magnificence in those who are often dismissed as insignificant. Let us see what is truly remarkable in all your children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(Please offer your personal prayers at this time, either silently, or by coming to the center microphone or unmuting yourself on Zoom.)

Living God, we ask, we search, we knock—answer our prayers with the power of your Spirit, who transforms our lives to do your will, through Jesus the Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Go out now to share God's purpose revealed in Jesus the Christ. Share that purpose with others by the way you live: With the words on your lips and the deeds of your hands; with the prayers in your minds and through the love in your hearts. The grace of Christ redeems you. The enduring love of God supports you. The friendship of the Holy Spirit accompanies you, this day and ever more. **Amen.**

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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: November 22 – November 29, 2026

Sunday, November 22nd – Living the Beatitudes: Week 4
9:30 a.m.—Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship w/Holy Communion
Coffee & Conversation Immediately following Worship

Wednesday, November 25th
NO BIBLE STUDY—THANKSGIVING BREAK

Friday, November 27th
7:00 a.m.—Men's Zoom Breakfast Bible Study
3:00 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Open House for Visits & Prayer
with Terry Schreier & Family
5:00 p.m.—Friday Night Perspectives Zoom Gathering

Sunday, November 29th– First Sunday in Advent
9:30 a.m.—Hybrid In-Person/Zoom Worship w/Holy Communion
Coffee & Conversation immediately following Worship

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

SAVE THE DATE for a time of prayer and visiting with Terry Schreier & Family

Friday, November 27th—3 - 4 p.m.
The Villa at Balfour, 1855 Plaza Drive, Louisville, CO
Skilled Nursing, First Floor Community Room

(Please let Caroline or Pastor Janet know if you can make it!)

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 & STEVE MILLER, KEN & GERRY MOORHEAD, LYNN TRUMBLE & KAY WERPY

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AUDIO TECHNICIAN: FUZZ (MARK) NEWKIRK

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BUILDING CONSULTANTS: JIM TIMMERMANN & WAYNE OTTO

COUNTER: ERIC MICHALAK

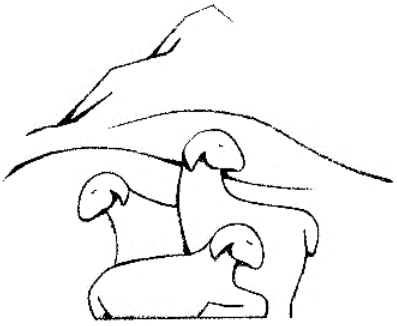
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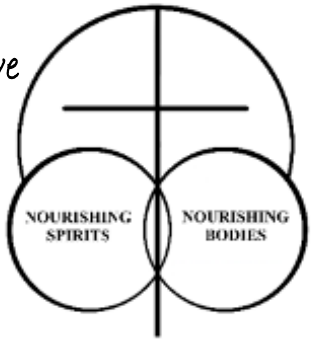
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



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† 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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Bread+Belonging is a sanctuary of radical hospitality, intentional partnership, and abundant curiosity where all students experience God's grace, inviting all to explore identity, vocation, and faith.

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Give Your generosity supports intentional community, formation, and care for students. Thank you!

Volunteer We have opportunities for individuals and congregations to volunteer throuhgout the year.

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