SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS AT HOME WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2026



PRAYER OF THE DAY
Holy Jesus, **no one on earth knows the hour of your return. Only keep us watchful and awake, that we might always be at work in your kingdom. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 64:1-9
O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— 2as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! 3When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 4From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. 5You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

6We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. 8Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. 9Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
4 O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
6 You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
18 Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.
19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 3-9

3Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— 6just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— 7so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 13:24-37

24"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will
not give its light, 25and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the
heavens will be shaken. 26"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with
great power and glory. 27Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

28"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts
forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29So also, when you see these things
taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly I tell you, this
generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31Heaven and
earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

32"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son,
but only the Father. 33Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will
come. 34It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in
charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

35Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will
come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36or else he may find
you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37And what I say to you I say to all: Keep
awake."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY | HARK, THE GLAD SOUND! ELW #239
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With humble anticipation of God's promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(A brief silence.)

There are many who claim to have special knowledge of your plan to redeem the earth, O Lord. Do not allow us to be led astray, keeping us focused instead upon all the ways you are calling us to live out our discipleship here and now. God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We take our clues from nature to know what season it is. May we be as keenly aware of other people and when the time is right to share your word and mediate your grace and love to them. God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for veterans who faced the distress of combat, the judgment of many, and subsequent injuries and traumas which impact them to this day. May we care for them to the best of our ability, and not allow them to be forgotten. God of hope, **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. God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We ask your healing power upon all those who are dealing with addictions and impulses difficult to control. Send your Spirit also to those whom we know are suffering in body, mind, and spirit. 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. God of hope, **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. God of hope, **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. God of hope, **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. God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

We celebrate all saints who have renewed the church, promoted a living faith among its members, and advocated for working people's rights. Bless all who follow in their example. God of hope, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all for whom we pray this day, and keep us alert to the ways you are working in the world, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Go with us now into the world. We can begin again! Everything is about to change, so make everything new. Make us new. Reveal your glory in our lives and in the rhythms of our lives. Let nothing get in the way of your coming. **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 29 – December 6, 2026

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

Wednesday, December 2nd
11:00 a.m. - Amazing Grace Bible Study
5:30 p.m. – Zoom Advent Study: "Becoming a Micah 6:8 People"

Friday, December 4th
7:00 a.m.—Men's Zoom Breakfast Bible Study
5:00 p.m.—Friday Night Perspectives Zoom Gathering

Sunday, December 6th– Second Sunday in Advent
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NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

PR. PHIL 11/4
WENDALL B. 11/17
JOHN Y. 11/19
LAURA F. 12/10
KELLY M. 12/11
ROBERT S. 12/18
CHRIS B. 12/27
DAN W. 12/30



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

ASSISTING MINISTERS: TIM KIRCHOFF & REV. PHIL KETTERING

AUDIO TECHNICIAN: FUZZ (MARK) NEWKIRK

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: ERIC & CAROLINE MICHALAK

BUILDING CONSULTANTS: JIM TIMMERMANN & WAYNE OTTO

COUNTER: ERIC MICHALAK

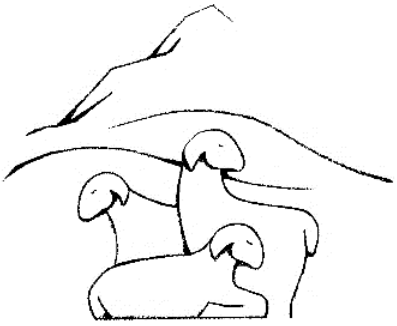
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PRAYER CHAIN ADMINISTRATOR: KATHY WOOTTON

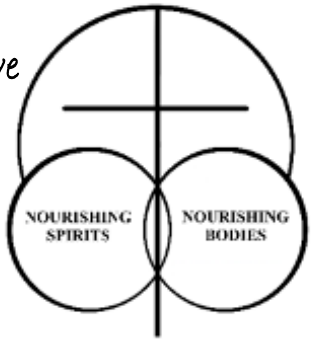
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OUR MISSION STATEMENT



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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Serving the University of Colorado, Boulder

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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Pray For students, for the campus, and for our Bread+Belonging community.

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

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