



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

**SONG SET** *Michael Amidei, Infinite Grace Team**Please refer to the screens for the song lyrics.*He Is  
Great Things**INVOCATION** *Pastor Ben Oesch**Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C): Amen!****CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS****SONG** Lamb of God**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ezekiel 33:7-9*Dave Hudson, Lector*

[The LORD spoke to His prophet, Ezekiel:]

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!****EPISTLE READING** Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to

whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For 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.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!****HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to Him a child, Jesus put Him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT** *Let’s get to know each other better! Please fill out the Connect Card, either by hand or with the QR code. You may also add prayer requests to your information. Thank you!*

**CHILDREN’S CHAT** *Sina Williams, DCE**Children’s Bulletins are available on the entrance table as you enter the Gym.*

**OFFERING AND PRAYER** *for giving options: [ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give](http://ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give)*

**SONG** Build My Life

**MESSAGE** “Jesus Is King - Christian Nationalism?” text: Romans 13:1-10

### STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

**ALL:** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen!

### PRAYERS

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

**ALL:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen!

#### HOLY COMMUNION: PREPARATION

Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. *1Corinthians 11:28-29*

Since those who take Christ’s body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.

### DISTRIBUTION

\*You will be ushered forward for Communion.

\*If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.

\*You may request wine without alcohol and/or a gluten-free wafer.

### THE LORD’S SUPPER

Psalm 23

Salt and Light

*Please stand for the Blessing.*

### GOD’S WORD OF BLESSING

In this Divine Service, by the gift of faith, the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. We now leave this house of worship to share HIST<sup>o</sup>ry!

*Please be seated for the Announcements.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SENDING SONG** The Blessing

☩ **TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY!** ☩

2026-2027 Theme for Shepherd of the Hills:

**TOGETHER**, we are Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and Early Learning Center.

Called into faith, as baptized and beloved children of God,

**TOGETHER** we:

- + worship one God: Father, Lord, Spirit
  - + joyfully celebrate our unity
  - + willingly submit to our Creator
  - + lovingly care for one another
  - + seek to serve our community
  - + walk in hope toward heaven
- AMEN!**



There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

~Ephesians 4:4-6

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**LORD, LAY SOME SOUL UPON MY HEART AND LOVE THAT SOUL THROUGH ME;  
AND MAY I GLADLY DO MY PART TO WIN THAT SOUL FOR THEE. AMEN!**

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**CONNECT CARDS** Guests and members, please:

- ♦ fill out a Connect card, or
- ♦ scan the QR code to connect with us online

Cards are on clipboards at the end of a row. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

