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Cards are in the pew racks in front of you. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

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

Serving Today...

Message:
Pastor Goldhammer

Liturgist:
8:00 Pastor Ben Oesch

Worship Assistant:
10:45 Travis Jarvi

Musicians:
Gail Black, organ
Mary Brown, piano
S.O.S. choir



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

RINGING OF THE BELL ~ CALL TO WORSHIP *Please quiet voices and prepare to worship.*

PRELUDE We Gather Together *Sing One Sunday choir*

INVOCATION

Divine Service, Setting 4 ~ LSB p. 203; 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 AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13; John 20:19-23

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We pray: Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT *Let's get to know each other better!*

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+ Children's Bulletins are available on the Usher Stands +



FAITH MILESTONE: TEACH ME TO GIVE *Susan Shoaf*

*Something important is happening here: these families are passing on a legacy of faith. It is important for us all to have faithful people to support us in our faith journey. For young people such as these, that starts with their families, but it doesn't end there. The Bible paints a picture of the church as a family, with God as our Father. We need each other to help us be strong in faith. We are gathered to bless these young people as they learn how to use God's gift of treasure. During Sunday School, they will attend a class with their parents called **Teach Me to Give**.*

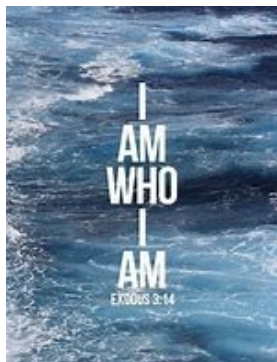
CONGREGATION SPEAKS A BLESSING

P: Shepherd of the Hills, it is our turn to bless these children. You may reach out your hands in blessing as together we read:

C: Dear beloved children, we praise and thank God for you. May God pour His Spirit upon you, to keep you in faith. We will pray for you. We will support you as you learn about God's gift of treasure. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

OFFERING AND PRAYER *For giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

Stewardship Thought: Stewardship means managing God's blessings—ALL of life (time, talents, and resources), understanding that God is the ultimate owner and we are the managers. It involves using these gifts responsibly to serve others, honor God, and care for creation. What is one way you can be an example of stewardship to these children (and families) being blessed today?



Though mountains slide into the sea and waters rush where fields should be, though monuments and nations fall, Your holy city stands through all. When nothing seems to stay the same, You teach us Your eternal name! Each generation looks for truth, and doubt can trouble age or youth. If other gods would take Your place, remember us with love and grace. Reclaim us if we go astray. You are the Truth, the Life, the Way. Our stories take up but a page, but Yours goes on from age to age! "I AM forever who I AM: Above you, beneath you, around you and within you. Be still and know that I AM God!"

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We are finishing the Church Year's Season of Pentecost and the Church Year itself. The season ends with Christ the King Sunday. The new Church Year begins, then, with the 1st Sunday of Advent on November 30.

In the final weeks of this season, the Lessons speak of the coming of God's Kingdom—an eschatological (what happens in the End Times) theme—one of the major themes of the Advent season that began the Church Year! In ALL times, we remember Christ who testifies to this: *Surely I AM coming soon. Amen Come, Lord Jesus!*

~Revelation 22:20

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And He said, "I AM the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold the cry of the people of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and thus I AM to be remembered throughout all generations."

RESPONSE

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PRAISE # 819 "Sing Praise to God" *Please refer to the hymnal for the hymn.*

EPISTLE READING 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to Him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this He called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

RESPONSE

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 20:31; Philippians 2:11; Psalm 46:7, 11

A: Alleluia! These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C: **Jesus Christ is LORD, the great I AM!**

ALL: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress! Alleluia!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 20:27-40

There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, and they asked Him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.

"Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife and died without children. And the second and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. Afterward the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him."

Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, You have spoken well." For they no longer dared to ask Him any question.

RESPONSE

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 148 *Please turn to p. 148 in the hymnal. We read the psalm together.*

HYMN OF THE DAY # 817 "Earth and All Stars" *Please refer to the hymnal for the hymn.*

MESSAGE "What's In a Name?" text: Psalm 148

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!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

In our November prayers, we Pray with an Open Heart for those without family or food or shelter.

We also give thanks to God for our congregation's veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States.

HOLY COMMUNION ~ PREFACE AND SANCTUS ~ HOLY

2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1; Ps, 136; Rev. 4:8, 11

P: The Lord be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

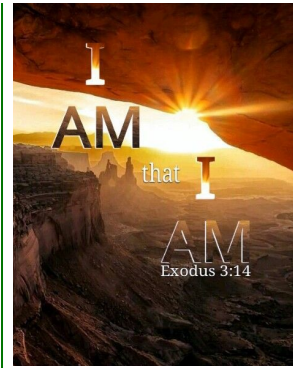
P: Lift up your hearts!

C: **We lift them to the Lord!**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and



Jesus declares:
*I AM
the Alpha
and the Omega,
the first
and the last,
the beginning
and the end.
~Revelation 22:13*

Sermon: Rev. Maurice Goldhammer and his wife, Susan, are members of Shepherd. Pastor Goldhammer began ministry as a missionary in Taiwan, followed by pastorates in congregations in Nebraska and Colorado. He also served as a Vacancy Pastor at Shepherd.

The **Nicene Creed** is historically connected with the celebration of the Lord's Supper, because it stresses more fully the Biblical teaching that Jesus Christ is true God, which is intimately connected with Christ's true body and blood present in the Supper. This creed has been in use for 1700 years!

Sanctus means "holy is." We join our voices with saints on earth and saints in heaven, echoing the unending hymn of praise that swirls around God's heavenly throne. This truly is heaven on earth!

Preparation for Holy Communion: *One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:2-29* 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 Pastor.

Agnus Dei means "Lamb of God." Christ is our Good Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and the Priest who offers the sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

~Philippians 4:6-7

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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archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created!

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!

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ PEACE OF THE LORD, AND AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD

John 20:19; John 1:29

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

P: O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

C: Have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. AMEN

DISTRIBUTION

- * You will be ushered forward for Communion. When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- * If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- * Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may also request a gluten-free wafer.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS # 814 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" # 906 "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

GOD'S GOOD WORD BLESSING

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

P: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

C: AMEN

HYMN # 813:1-2, 5-7 "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" *Please refer to the hymnal for the hymn.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠



JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, November 26 | 7:00pm, with Holy Communion

ADVENT 2025 at SHEPHERD of the HILLS

Shepherd's theme for 2025-26 is "Praying with an Open Heart," based on Philippians 4:6-7. Three characters from Jesus' early life prayed with open hearts, and they experienced God's peace despite the unusual circumstances in which they found themselves. Their prayers were also songs to God—faithful expressions of thanksgiving and trust—because they had learned: When anything happens, pray; trust God will always answer; thank Him!

This Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus, please join us for our Wednesday evening services, where we will highlight the prayer-songs of Mary, Zechariah, and Simeon!

PRAYING WITH AN OPEN HEART...

...when Life Is Unexpected: Mary's Song | Dec. 3
...with Confident Expectation: Zechariah's Song | Dec. 10
...with Gratitude: Simeon's Song | Dec. 17

ADVENT WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

5:15pm Soup Supper in the Parish Hall
6:30pm Worship, with Special Music, Children's Chat