

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH 4887 Valleydale Road, Birmingham, AL 35242 (205) 995-9673 www.sothl.org



Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church "A Place to Call Home" *Our Mission Statement* Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church seeks to demonstrate God's grace, to learn and grow in the Christian faith, and to serve with humility.

Our Welcoming Statement As an inclusive congregation, we welcome all into God's love and grace without regard to: Ability * Age * Beliefs * Culture * Ethnicity * Gender Identity * Income * Language * Life Circumstances * Marital Status * Race * Sexual Orientation

As God's grace welcomes all, we are united in Christ

Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you need assistance following the order of worship, feel free to ask your neighbor for help. May this time of worship encourage and strengthen you for the week ahead. We hope you'll worship with us again.

Pastor: Carolyn Hayford (803) 606-6683 Musician: Ann Jones (205) 902-2444 Soloist: Eric Campbell Secretary: Kenya Harris (205) 995-9673 Council President:

Serving us today in Worship:

Worship Assistant:	John Boettner	Zoomster:	Peggy Huckabaa
Reader:	Bob Petters	Audio:	Susan Pritchett
Children's Message:	Kim Boettner	Music:	Dot Underwood
Ushers & Greeters:	Mike Huckabaa	a, Sonya Reynol	ds, Tracy Teague, Bob Oster
Please check out our n	ew and improved website	e: www.sothl.org	<u>l</u> .

Note that pictures taken at various church events and services are posted on both our website and our Facebook page. If you do not want your picture to appear on our page or on the web site for any reason, please alert the church office at <u>office@sothl.org</u> or 205-995-9673 so that your request can be honored.

We pray that our time together will be an inspiration to all. Our order of worship is Setting Three from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW red). Our order of worship is printed in its entirety below. **Congregation** responses are indicated in **bold** print, P: Pastor, **C: Congregation**

Order of Worship Second Sunday after Pentecost June 6, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

One year ago today, the first Sunday in June of 2020, Pastor Ed Cortes started the Spanish Word and Prayer Service here at Shepherd of the Hills. While we have not had anyone from our immediate surrounding community join us, we have reached others in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and other states across the country. Pastor Cortes planted a seed and the vines are slowly growing reaching those who need to hear God's Word. This ministry has now been recognized by our Southeastern Synod. They have put it on the Synod calendar, as well as, asked Mary Beth Ranum and Pastor Cortes to be a part of En Conjunto, which is a taskforce for the Latinx Ministry of the Southeastern Synod. Please join us today at 1p on Zoom, even if you don't speak Spanish, and support Pastor Cortes and this ministry that has blossomed over the past year. Peggy Huckabaa is happy to share the translated version (and the Spanish version) with you, if you ask. All of Pr. Cortes past sermons are also available on the SOTH YouTube channel.

Adult Forum

In recognition of June being PTSD awareness month, what an opportune time to think abut how that may play out in our daily lives. Resiliency in our faith and love of God can truly help us weather the storm. Join us at 2pm today via Zoom for an Adult Forum where we all just kick back, relax, and fellowship in meaningful conversation. **Meeting ID: 706 565 767 Passcode: 767**

Thank You

Thank you very much to Dot Underwood for sharing her musical gifts to the Glory of God. We so appreciate her being with us.

Meditation

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C: Amen

A: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. *Silence for reflection and self-examination*

A: Eternal God our creator,

C: In you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God \oplus forgives you all your sins.

C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

A: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST READING Genesis 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Please read responsively Psalm 130 printed below.

¹Out of the depths cry to you, O LORD;

²O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand? ⁴Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

⁵ wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
 ⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING 2 Cor 4:13-5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture— "I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;
²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY Now we Join in Celebration ELW 462 Eric Campbell, Soloist

THE APOSTLES CREED ELW 105

C: <u>I believe in God, the Father almighty</u>, creator of heaven and earth.

<u>I believe in Jesus Christ,</u> God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

<u>I believe in the Holy Spirit</u>, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering plate is at the entrance/ exit in narthex. Please place deposit offerings when entering or exiting only.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together,

C: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Please speak whichever version, in whatever language, you prefer.) C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

A: Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah! C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION Holy Communion is served as you leave the service. The ushers will direct you.

Communion Music

Dismissal will occur to individual pods after communion.

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	Next Week's Lessons
THE FIRST READING:	Ezek 17:22-24
PSALM:	92:1-4, 12-15
THE SECOND READING:	2 Cor 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17
THE GOSPEL:	Mark 4:26-34

Intercessory Prayer

We are a praying community; believing in the value of prayer. We ask that you keep the congregation, our community, and all those on the prayer list insert in your prayers during the week. Prayer request cards can be found in the Narthex or in the back of the hymnal. Please utilize the Intercessory Prayer insert during your prayers this week.

Worship Servants for J	une 13		
Worship Assistant:	Kim Boettner	Zoomster:	Peggy Huckabaa
Reader:	Dorothy McMullin	Audio:	Susan Pritchett
Children's Message:	Tom trammel	Music:	Dot Underwood
Ushers & Greeters:	John Boettner, Will Br	eland, Bob Oster,	Bart Jones

THIS WEEK A	T SOTH		
Sunday 6/06	9:30 am	Indoor service & E-Worship	Meeting ID 706 565 767, Pass code 767
	1:00pm	Spanish Prayer ministry	Enter Meeting ID: 882-9598- 6939
	2:00pm	Adult Forum via zoom	Meeting ID 706 565 767 Pass code 767
Monday	7:00pm	AA – New Hope	
	7:00 pm	SOTH Covid Task Force	Meeting ID 706 565 767, Pass code 767
Tuesday	6:00pm	Shepherd's Bells Rehearsal	
	7:00pm	Night Zoom Social	Meeting ID 706 565 767 passcode 767
Wednesday	9:30am	Wednesday Bible Study	Meeting ID 175 995 438
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	1	Conversation (Black Church)	Pass code 767
Thursday Friday Saturday	7:00pm	T.M 2.0	Meeting ID 982 3058 1708

MY YOUNG FRIENDS, today's Bible story is about "The First Sin" on page 14 in your *Spark's Story Bible.* If you don't have a *Spark's Story Bible* you can read the story in Genesis 3:1-24 in any Bible.

Little Free Library (LFL) Update: Thanks to the efforts of Phil Pomeroy, David Grigsby, and Steve Pritchett, the LFL is up and operational on our campus. It is at the end of the sidewalk on the playground side of the property. Also, a big thank you to those of you who have supplied books to get us started. Feel free to check it out.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, MEDITATION & CONVERSATION

We will be starting Episode1 of the PBS series on the Black Church; " an intimate four-hour series from Henry Louis Gates, Jr. The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song will explore the 400-year-old story of the black church in America, the changing nature of worship spaces, and the men and women who shepherded them from the pulpit, the choir loft, and church pews." Come and join us. 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Enter Meeting ID 706 565 767, Passcode 767

SUNDAY – E - WORSHIP:

Sundays at 9:30 am. Consider signing on early to catch up with friends and family. The room is open at 9:00 am. Click on the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/706565767?pwd=MjJMbEIyM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHU0UT09

Or call this number: 1-312-626-6799 Enter Meeting ID 706 565 767, Passcode 767

SUNDAY – SPANISH PRAYER MINISTRY:

Led by Pastor Ed Cortes – 1st Sunday in the Month at 1:00pm

Click this link: https://zoom.us/j/88295986939

Or call this number: 1-646-558-8656 Enter Meeting ID: 882-9598-6939

MONDAY – SOTH COVID TASK FORCE:

Mondays at 7:00PM

Click this link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/706565767

Or call this number: 1-312-626-6799 Enter Meeting ID 706 565 767, Passcode 767

TUESDAY - NIGHT ZOOM SOCIAL:

A question-and-answer session with Erica Bjornstad, pediatrician epidemiologist, regarding current status of COVID-19 which has morphed into a Friendly support group. If you do have any questions about COVID-19 or just want to check in with some friendly folks. Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Click this link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/706565767

Or call this number: 1-312-626-6799 Enter meeting ID: 706 565 767

WEDNESDAY – BIBLE STUDY:

Wednesday at 9:30am

Click this link: https://zoom.us/j/175995438

Or call this number: 1-312-626-6799 Enter Meeting ID: 175 995 438

WEDNESDAY – LYDIA CIRCLE:

All women are welcome to join. First Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am Click this link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/524874986</u>

Or call this number: 1-312-626-6799 Enter meeting ID: 524 874 986

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, MEDITATION & CONVERSATION: PBS THE BLACK CURCH

Currently we are talking about race and related topics. Join Pastor Carolyn and your church friends to talk openly in a safe space. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 pm Click this link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/706565767</u>

Or call this number: 1-312-626-6799 Enter Meeting ID 706 565 767, Passcode 767 **SDAY – TM2.0**

<u>THURSDAY – TM2.0</u>

Every Thursday at 7:00pm

Click this link: https://zoom.us/j/98230581708

Or call this number: 1-312-626-6799 Enter meeting ID: 982 3058 1708

COVID-19 Notifiers: The COVID Task Force has established the following process to ensure we do not need to modify our current procedures and to help identify a potential cluster early: Anyone who attends a church even (even parking lot ones) or has been in the church building for any reason, and tests positive for COVID within 2 weeks of being here, is asked to contact one of the volunteers on this list below. Your name will be kept completely confidential. Thank you! Jared Brunswick, 205-531-5428, <u>irdbrunswick@yahoo.com</u>; Erica Bjornstad, 443-717-0065, ericaecuador@yahoo.com; Susan Pritchett, 205-602-1282, sspritch@bellsouth.net.

SOTH is currently in Phase 3A per Church Council. Phase 3A includes indoor worship with <50 people (time <30 minutes, no singing except 1 soloist, communion served only as a 'To-go' option.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

<u>HELP:</u> We need people willing to assist with worship. Please consider stepping into a new role such as audio. We also need folks to assist as zoomsters, readers, children's messages & ushers. How is the Holy Spirit nudging you? Not sure you are up to it? Give it a try- Grace Abounds!

Who Me Not Me

Word Search

Who Me? Not Me!

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from? " Genesis 3:11 (NIV) The puzzle is based on Genesis 3:8-15



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Who Me Not Me Decoder

Who Me? Not Me!

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from? " Genesis 3:11

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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Who Me Not Me

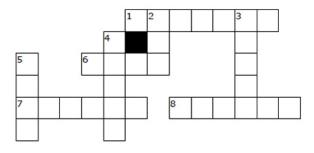
Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1. A snake
- 6. A tall, woody plant with a main trunk and branches with leaves
- 7. To be filled with fear
- 8. An area where flowers, fruits, or vegetables grow

DOWN

- 2. The first woman
- 3. Not wearing any clothes
- 4. The product from a tree that can be eaten (apples, oranges)
- 5. The first man

EVE	SERPENT	FRUIT	NAKED
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June 2021 Council Members & Chairs Dede Conover-Blankenship, Council Member Jared Brunswick. Council Member Brooke Breland, Council Member Tracy Teague, Council Member Bob Oster, Council Member Marie Prine, Council Member Larry Smith, Council Member Rachel Brunswick, Learning committee Chair Jeanne Trammell, Outreach committee Chair Mike Huckabaa, Facilities Committee Chair Susan Pritchett, Fellowship Committee Chair John Boettner, Worship Committee Chair

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church Indoor Worship Welcome.

We are glad you are worshiping with us today and we hope you find your time with us to be a meaningful and renewing experience. We care about your safety. Thank you for reading the wellness screen prior to entering the building. We are striving to make this a safe and covid free environment, and this necessitates changes to our processes and building facility.

Please note, attending an indoor service is not risk free. Shepherd of the Hills strongly encourages high risk populations to avoid in person attendance until the CDC, the State and Local authorities declare the final phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. As information, the pastor, soloist and those distributing communion have been vaccinated.

Here are some guidelines regarding our service:

• Please observe 6 feet of separation for people outside of your pod when entering, sitting, moving inside or exiting the church. (Pod=live together or arrive in same car)

• All attendees are to wear masks per CDC group gathering guidelines. (5/20/2021)

• We request only one person at a time in a restroom. (Please flip the sign upon entering and exiting)

• Seating has been set up to accommodate 50 people for a service using every other row and ushers will direct you to seats.

• Seating is first come first serve with spill over seating in the narthex.

• If you are a frequent attendee, the greeter will mark the attendance sheet. If you are a visitor, they will request your name and contact phone number. If necessary, this information will be utilized for contact tracing.

• Greeters will direct you to the bulletins, offering plates and the ushers

• Ushers are available to help seat you and your group and to help maintain safe distances.

• Please fill the church from the front to the back, walls to center aisle.

• At the end of the service, please remain in your seats until guided by the Ushers to receive communion.

If you prefer not to have communion, go in Peace and Serve the Lord! Communion is open to all. Again, thank you for worshiping with us today. May you be reminded of the deep abiding love of God for who you are and leave renewed to love and serve in the world. Remember Grace Abounds.