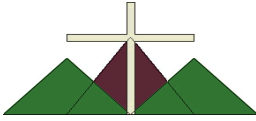




**Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13th, 2021 ❖ 9:30 am
Indoor Worship Service
ZOOM 706 565 767, Passcode 767
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**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

Secretary: Kenya Harris (205) 995-9673

Musician: Ann Jones (205) 902-2444

Council President:

Serving us today in Worship:

Worship Assistant: Kim Boettner **Zoomster:** Peggy Huckabaa

Reader: Dorothy McMullin **Audio:** Susan Pritchett

Children's Message: Jeanne Trammell **Music:** Dot Underwood

Ushers & Greeters: John Boettner, Will Breland, Bob Oster, Bart Jones

Please check out our new and improved website: www.sothl.org.

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 office@sothl.org 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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You

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

Church Leadership Retreat Today our newly elected church leadership will be in orientation, conversation, and celebrate communion today.

The celebration of Juneteenth!

2021 marks the 156th celebration of the 19th of June to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States. The holiday is celebrated on this specific day because in 1865 when the emancipation proclamation became public, not all parts of the U.S. immediately complied or even knew of the document. It was not until June 19th 1865 when the last areas and plantations of Galveston, Texas were notified of the provisions of the Emancipation Proclamation. This holiday has continued to be celebrated for decades, by African American communities across the country. Within the past two years, numerous states and cities around the country have finally officially recognized the holiday for its historical significance to American history.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, MEDITATION & CONVERSATION

We will be starting Episode 1 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

You can celebrate by also making space for Black voices or donating to local Black ran community organizations and mutual aids.

For more information about the local events for Juneteenth see the Community Events section of the bulletin

A Walk in the Dog Park Small group

Do not forget the monthly small group meeting for pet owners and dog lovers! This small group will meet on the 27th of this month at the Red Mountain Remy's Dog Park at 2:00 p.m. (2011 Frankfurt Drive Birmingham, AL 35211)

Meditation

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † 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.

Sit/Kneel

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 † 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: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST READING Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Please sing responsively Psalm 92:1-4,12-15 printed below.

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
²**to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit | in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. [¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.]

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of

view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 4:26-34

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ

Sit

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY How Clear is our Vocation, Lord ELW 580 *Eric Campbell, Soloist*

Stand

THE APOSTLES CREED ELW 105

Let us confess together our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 Boxes are at entrance / exits. Please place 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Sit

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: Job 38:1-11

PSALM: 107:1-3,23-32

THE SECOND READING: 2 Cor 6:1-13

THE GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

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 June 20

Worship Assistant:	Ron Wooster	Zoomster:	Peggy Huckabaa
Reader:	Bob Peters	Audio:	Susan Pritchett
Children's Message:	Kim Boettner	Music:	Ann Jones
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THIS WEEK AT SOTH

Sunday	9:30 am	Indoor Worship Service	Meeting ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
6/13	11:00am	Church Leadership Retreat	
Monday	7:00pm	AA – New Hope	
Tuesday			
Wednesday	9:30am 6:30pm	Wednesday Bible Study Prayer, Meditation and Conversation (Black Church)	Meeting ID 175 995 438 Meeting ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
Thursday	7:00pm	T.M 2.0	Meeting ID 982 3058 1708
Friday			
Saturday			

MY YOUNG FRIENDS, today's Bible story is about "Naomi and Ruth" on page 110 in your *Spark's Story Bible*. If you don't have a *Spark's Story Bible* you can read the story in Ruth 1:1-22 in any Bible

SOTH is currently in Phase 3A per Church Council. Phase 3A includes indoor worship with about 50 people (approximately 30 minutes, no singing except 1 soloist.)

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, jrdbrunswick@yahoo.com; Erica Bjornstad, 443-717-0065, ericaecuador@yahoo.com; Susan Pritchett, 205-602-1282, sspritch@bellsouth.net.

Community Events:

Our very own Kim Boettner is an ambassador for Hoover Ahead. Hoover Ahead is inviting you, your friends, and your family to a Juneteenth celebration. Please see below. This event is on Monday, June 14th.

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Hoover-AHEAD
Ambassadors for Women Equity and Diversity

TAPROOT
CAFÉ

CELEBRATING FREEDOM

MONDAY, JUNE 14TH 6:00-8:00 PM
OUTDOOR EVENT AT TAPROOT CAFE
(5190 MEDFORD DR., HOOVER)

Free Family Fun and Education

- The Story of Juneteenth
- Music
- Kids Activities
- Vendors

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 19th

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute Juneteenth Celebration

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute is pleased to announce their annual Juneteenth (Freedom Day) will return on June 19th at 10:00 a.m. CST. The commemoration will be a day-long festival of heritage and culture celebrating the emancipation of enslaved people in America.

The community is invited to visit the galleries at BCRI free of charge from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with timed reservations to encourage physical distancing on Juneteenth. Temperature checks continue and masks are not required but encouraged inside our galleries.

After immersing in the history of Birmingham's civil rights story at BCRI, enjoy the food of local vendors, dance to the beat of African drumming and share in a space of celebration with the community! The jubilee will feature a health fair with free Covid vaccinations, screenings for sickle cell and HIV, and much more. Black Voters Matter will visit in the Freedom Rides Tour bus to offer voter registration and restoration resources and kids can visit the Children's Crusade Corner for a historically memorable experience.

This year BCRI will bring the jubilee's first Afrotech feature presented by Apple, EdFarm and Stream Innovations. Attendees can also hear from guest speakers and take part in free Black Wealth Matters workshops. There will be a farmer's market powered by Woodlawn Foundation and special features available only to BCRI members.

We'll see you on June 19th in Kelly Ingram Park!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

HELP: 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!

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=MjJMbElyM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHU0UT09>

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/706565767?pwd=MjJMbElyM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHU0UT09>

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TUESDAY – NIGHT ZOOM SOCIAL:

Join us for a moment to decompress. If you want to check in with some friendly folks this is the place for you. We hope to see you there! Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Click this

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/706565767?pwd=MjJMbElyM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHU0UT09>

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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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/524874986>

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

WEDNESDAY PRAYER, MEDITATION & CONVERSATION (PBS: THE BLACK CHURCH)

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/706565767?pwd=MjJMbElyM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHU0UT09>

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THURSDAY – TM2.0

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



The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)

Samuel Anoints David

Word Search

God Chooses a King

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13



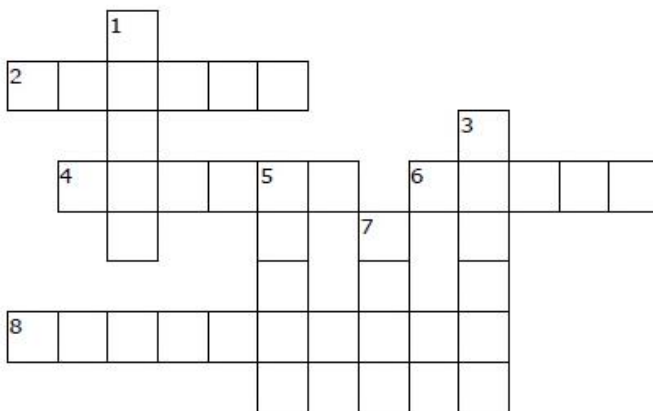
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APPEARANCE	SAMUEL	CHOSEN	HEART	PEACE
REJECTED	DAVID	SHEPHERD	ANOINT	LORD
SAUL	ISRAEL	SACRIFICE	KING	JESSE

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ACROSS

2. To make someone holy by pouring oil on their head
4. Distance from the top to the bottom of something; how tall someone is
6. The one that God chose to replace Saul as king
8. The way people seem to be, rather than how they are inside

DOWN

1. Strength, energy, or force
3. The Prophet that God instructed to go Jesse's house in search of the new king
5. The center of a person's emotions or the organ that pumps blood through the body
7. A man who rules a country

APPEARANCE	ANOINT	POWER	HEART
SAMUEL	KING	HEIGHT	DAVID

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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.