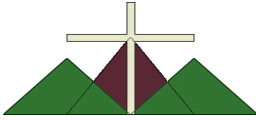




**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 2021 ❖ 9:30 am
Indoor Worship Service
ZOOM 706 565 767, Passcode 767**

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 worshipping 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: Ron Wooster **Zoomster:** Peggy Huckabaa

Reader: Bob Peters **Audio:** Susan Pritchett

Children's Message: Gene Myers **Music:** Ann Jones

Ushers & Greeters: Tracy Teague, Bob Oster, Mike Huckabaa

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Memory of Roene Cammack

Over 75 books have been donated and collected by Lydia Circle in memory of Roene's life.

These books were donated to Inverness Elementary School library. Roene was a strong advocate for education and often volunteered as a reader at Inverness Elementary School.

Thank you to everyone who donated books and money for this special project.

The celebration of Pride

Pride is about honoring queer history and embracing the self-affirmation, dignity, equality, and increased visibility of lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, and transgender people as a community.

Pride promotes action-based awareness around issues that disproportionately affect or exploit LGBTQ people.

You can celebrate too by watching the Reconciling in Christ Pride Sermon by Bishop Strickland. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJ69-8kiDyU&t=15s>

The children's message by Aubrey Thonvold.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7c7P32_jgE4,

or donate to LGBTQ rights organizations and mutual aids

For more information on local events, see the *community events* subsection.

Firehouse Shelter

Thanks to dedicated members of the congregation like Jeanne Trammell and Brenda Allen who habitually serve the community by creating meals and donating them to the Firehouse Shelter in downtown Birmingham.

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.

C: 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.

Stand

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 Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? —

⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Please read responsively Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 printed below.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,** ³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³**Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.**

²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD, God’s wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷**They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.**

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

SECOND READING 2 Cor 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

¹As we work together with him; we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time, I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.” See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything ¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 4:35-41

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus’ calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life’s turbulence.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.”

³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sit

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY When Peace Like a River ELW 785 *Eric Campbell, Soloist*

Stand

THE APOSTLES CREED ELW 105

A: 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: Lam 3:22-33

PSALM: 30

THE SECOND READING: 2 Cor 8:7-15

THE GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

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 27

Worship Assistant:	Jeanne Trammell	Zoomster:	Peggy Huckabaa
Reader:	Dorothy McMullin	Audio:	Susan Pritchett
Children's Message:	Tom Trammell	Music:	Ann Jones
Ushers & Greeters	Mike Huckabaa, Will Breland, Tracy Teague, Bart Jones		

THIS WEEK AT SOTH

Sunday 6/20	9:30 am	Indoor & E-Worship	Meeting ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
	After service 2:00 pm	Church Council meeting Adult Forum	Meeting ID 706 565 767 Pass code 767
Monday	7:00pm 7:00 pm	AA – New Hope SOTH Covid Task Force	Meeting ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
Tuesday	7:00pm	Night Zoom Social	Meeting ID 706 565 767 passcode 767
Wednesday	9:30am	Wednesday Bible Study	Meeting ID 175 995 438
	6:00 pm 6:30pm	Firehouse Shelter Prayer, Meditation and Conversation	Meeting ID 706 565 767 Pass code 767
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			

MY YOUNG FRIENDS, today's Bible story is about "Daniel and the Lions" on page 184 in your *Spark's Story Bible*. If you don't have a *Spark's Story Bible* you can read the story in Daniel 6:1-28 in any Bible.

Community Events:

ELCA virtual Pride event

A panel of speakers is being assembled to discuss issues regarding LGBTQIA+ Inclusion in our synod's four states, participate in this conversation aimed at inclusivity! This event requires registration please use this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HMjpAuFvQ_WiFG5KYT4XWQ



Panel Discussion - Sunday 6/27

Maryam
Abdallah

Garette
deBord

Lisa

Pr. Noah
Herren

LGBTQ Conversation with Josh Coleman

Birmingham Public Library will be hosting virtual events centralized on the BPL Facebook page: The Lister Hill Center of Health Policy at UAB will cohost a virtual conversation about LGBTQ health and how public policy can impact our community. The Lister Hill Center aims to connect and support those seeking to improve health outcomes through policy—LGBTQ Conversation with Josh Coleman, LGBTQ+ Liaison for the City of Birmingham, Thursday, June 24, 1:00 p.m.

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.

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

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

Click this link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/997505114>

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

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

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

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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



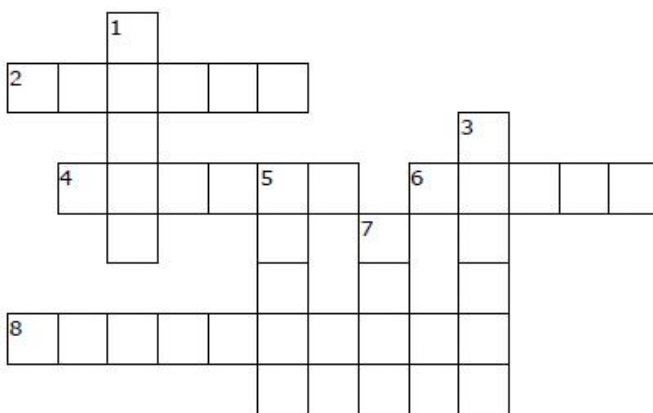
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APPEARANCE	SAMUEL	CHOSEN	HEART	PEACE
REJECTED	DAVID	SHEPHERD	ANOINT	LORD
SAUL	ISRAEL	SACRIFICE	KING	JESSE

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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.