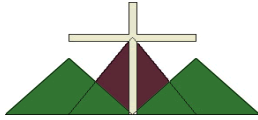




**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 27th, 2021 ❖ 9:30 am
Indoor Worship Service
ZOOM 706 565 767, Passcode 767**

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

Musician: Ann Jones (205) 902-2444

Soloist: Eric Campbell

Secretary: Kenya Harris (205) 995-9673

Council President: Larry Smith (205) 988-6449

Serving us today in Worship:

Worship Assistant:	Marie Prine	Zoomster:	Peggy Huckabaa
Reader:	Dorothy McMullin	Audio:	Susan Pritchett
Children’s Message:	Kim Boettner	Music:	Ann Jones
Ushers & Greeters:	Mike Huckabaa, Will Breland, Tracy Teague, 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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2021

PRELUDE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Forum, Resilience

Join in discussion with your church family. Adult Forum will be held today at 2:00 pm.

Church Council Update

This past Sunday, the election of Council officers took place. Congratulations to our President, Larry Smith, our Vice President, Bob Oster, and our secretary, Brooke Breland. Congratulations to our newly assigned liaisons- who were also selected during this meeting. There are three positions left to be filled: two positions are in the Stewardship committee and the other is Outreach. Please see the newly elected and open positions under the subsection: 2021 Council Members & Chairs. To get involved with these positions please contact Larry Smith.

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 **today, June 27th** at the Red Mountain Remy's Dog Park at 2:00 p.m. (2011 Frankfurt Drive Birmingham, AL 35211)

Head start on Back-to-School Season

As a new experiment SOTH is making back to school starter packages to go alongside the food pantry. A large donation has already been made, but additional donations are always welcomed and encouraged. We are looking for multiple packs of the following:

24 count crayons	10 count markers
expo markers	LOTS of plastic folders with brads/prongs
glue sticks	#2 pencils or mechanical pencils
1-inch binders and dividers	100-ct sheets filler paper/1 subject notebooks
Scissors	

Feel free to drop off the donations at the church during the week from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Blood drive at St. Francis

St. Francis Episcopal Church is hosting a blood drive with American Red Cross on Tuesday July 27th from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please schedule your donation TODAY! Please visit the website to register for a time: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>.

Meditation

All Are Welcome

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.
Silence for reflection and self-examination

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.

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: 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.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST READING Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

THE PSALM

Read Psalm 30 responsively.

¹ will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies' triumph over me.

²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt sure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?"

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and

she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ

Sit

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY Great is Thy Faithfulness ELW 733 *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: Ezek 2:1-5
PSALM: Ps 123
THE SECOND READING: 2 Cor 12:2-10
THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-13

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 July 4

Worship Assistant:	Christine Wells	Zoomster:	Carrie Peters
Reader:	Sonya Reynolds	Audio:	Susan Pritchett
Children's Message:	Gene Myers	Music:	Ann Jones
Ushers & Greeters:	Bernard Troncale, Ron Wooster, John Boettner,		

THIS WEEK AT SOTH

Sunday	9:30 am	Lawn Chair & E-Worship	Meeting ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
6/27	2:00pm 2:00 pm	Adult Forum Dog park small group	Pass code 767 Red Mtn Remy
Monday	7:00pm 7:00 pm	AA – New Hope Worship AV Team	Meeting ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
Tuesday	7:00pm	Night Zoom Social	Meeting ID 997 505 114
Wednesday	9:30am 6:30pm	Wednesday Bible Study Prayer, Meditation and Conversation	Meeting ID 175 995 438 Meeting ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			

MY YOUNG FRIENDS, today's Bible story is about "The Lord is My Shepherd" on page 160 in your *Spark's Story Bible*. If you don't have a *Spark's Story Bible* you can read the story in Psalm 23 in any Bible.

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

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.)

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:

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

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799 Enter meeting ID: 706 565 767, Passcode 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: <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://zoom.us/j/706565767>

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

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

There's Power in a Touch

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.



And a _____ was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many _____ and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew _____. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his _____, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be _____." Immediately her _____ stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her _____.

At once Jesus realized that _____ had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who _____ me?'"

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your _____ has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

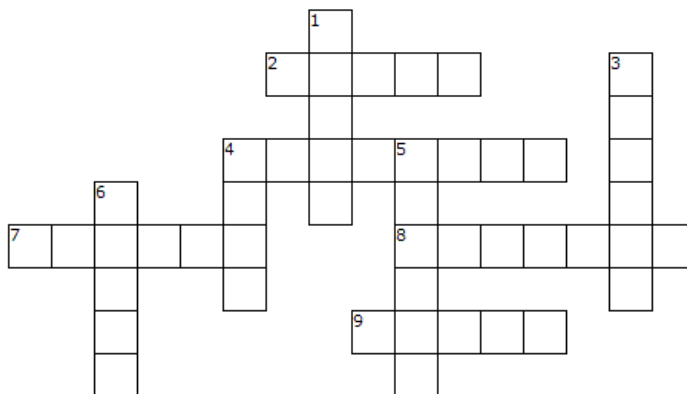
Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)

worse	cloak	woman	suffering	doctors
power	bleeding	healed	touched	faith

There Is Power in a Touch

"If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28

Based on Mark 5:25-34 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To put the fingers lightly on something
4. Losing blood from a cut or a sore
7. To be cured or restored to health
8. The things you wear to cover your body
9. A human adult female

DOWN

1. Physical strength or force
3. To experience physical or mental pain
4. The main, physical part of a person
5. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
6. To believe in something you cannot see

FAITH	BLEEDING	SUFFER	BODY	WOMAN
DOCTOR	HEALED	CLOTHES	TOUCH	POWER

There Is Power in a Touch

"If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Mark 5:28

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SUFFER	FEAR	WOMAN	WORSE	FAITH
PEACE	FREE	YEARS	DAUGHTER	TRUTH
DOCTORS	TOUCH	BLEEDING	HEAL	GONE
CLOAK	TWELVE	POWER	BETTER	JESUS

2021 Council Members & Chairs

Larry Smith, President

Bob Oster, Vice President

Brooke Breland, Secretary

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Jared Brunswick, Property Committee Liaison

Tracy Teague, Learning Committee Liaison

Marie Prine, Worship Committee Liaison

Open, Outreach Committee Liaison

Open, Stewardship Committee Liaison

Mike Huckabaa, Facilities Committee Chair

Susan Pritchett, Fellowship Committee Chair

John Boettner, Worship Committee Chair

Open, Stewardship 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.