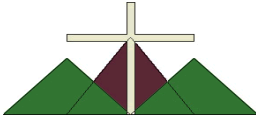




**The Holy Trinity, First Sunday after Pentecost
May 30, 2021 ❖ 9:30 am
Outdoor Lawn Chair Service
ZOOM 706 565 767, Passcode 767**

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH
4887 Valleydale Road, Birmingham, AL 35242
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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

Secretary: Kenya Harris (205) 995-9673

Musician: Ann Jones (205) 902-2444

Council President: Jared Brunswick (205) 531-5428

Soloist: Eric Campbell

Serving us today in Worship:

Worship Assistant: Bob Oster **Zoomster:** Peggy Huckabaa

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

Children's Message: Carla Crowder **Music:** Ann Jones

Ushers: Gene Myers, Will Breland, Mike Huckabaa, 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

The Holy Trinity, First Sunday after Pentecost

May 30, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All women are welcome to join this Wednesday June 2nd, for the Lydia's Circle fellowship.
Lydia's Circle meets the first Wednesday of every month at 9:30 am

Based on the current indicators, council approved for the congregation to take the necessary steps to begin worshiping indoors and preparations are taking place. We anticipate having indoor services in June. Since the virus is airborne, we ask that all wear masks when indoors regardless of vaccination status. Also, because the longer people gather inside - the greater the risk, the service will be shortened. Based on responses from the initial survey, reservations will not be required. More details about the indoor worship service will be forthcoming.

Meditation

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

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: 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 Isaiah 6:1-8

This reading narrates Isaiah's vision of the Lord surrounded by angels. They sing "Holy, holy, holy," a song the church sings at the beginning of the great thanksgiving. This liturgical text invites the church and all creation to sing in praise of God's glory. That glory is God's mercy toward sinners.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Please sing responsively Psalm 29 printed below.

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned asking forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING Romans 8:12-17

In describing the new life of faith, Paul refers to all three persons of the Trinity: The Spirit leads us to recognize that we are children of God the Father and sisters and brothers with Christ the Son.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 3:1-17

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' miracles prompt Nicodemus to visit him in secrecy. Jesus tells him about being born of the Spirit and about the Son who has been sent by God to save.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you. O Christ

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY Come, Join the Dance of Trinity ELW 412 *Eric Campbell, Soloist*

THE APOSTLES CREED ELW 105

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...

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

Note: During the Eucharistic Prayer, you will hear the Pastor say

P: Great is the mystery of faith

The people respond by saying

C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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 *Those in cars will receive communion first. Ushers will direct you. We believe that in this sacrament Christ comes to us in, with and under the elements of bread and wine. These are Christ's body and blood given and shed for us and for all people. All who wish to receive are welcome. Grape juice is available instead of wine.*

Communion Music

Dismissal will occur to individual pods after communion.

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Next Week's Lessons

THE FIRST READING: Gen 3:8-15
PSALM: 130
THE SECOND READING: 2 Cor 4:13-5:1
THE GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

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 6

Worship Assistant:	John Boettner	Zoomster:	Peggy Huckabaa
Reader:	Bob Peters	Audio/visual:	Susan Pritchett
Children's Message:	Kim Boettner	Music:	Ann Jones
Ushers:	Mike Huckabaa, Sonya Reynolds, Tracy Teague, Bob Oster		

THIS WEEK AT SOTH

Sunday 5/30	9:30 am	Lawn Chair & E-Worship	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	Tuesday night Zoom Social	ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
Wednesday	9:30am 6:30pm	Lydia's Circle Wednesday Bible Study Prayer, Meditation and	Enter Meeting ID: 524 874 986 Meeting ID 175 995 438 Meeting ID 706 565 767 ,

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=MjJMbElzM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHU0UT09>

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

SOTH is currently in Phase 2B per Church Council. Phase 2B includes limited (10 or less) small groups upstairs, limited small group of up to 20 people downstairs and outdoor activities.

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!

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God So Loved the World

Decoder

For God So Loved the World

John 3:16 (NIV)

Name: _____

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

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



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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

God	gave	whoever	eternal
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world	Son	perish	

God So Loved the World

Word Search

God So Loved the World

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The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17

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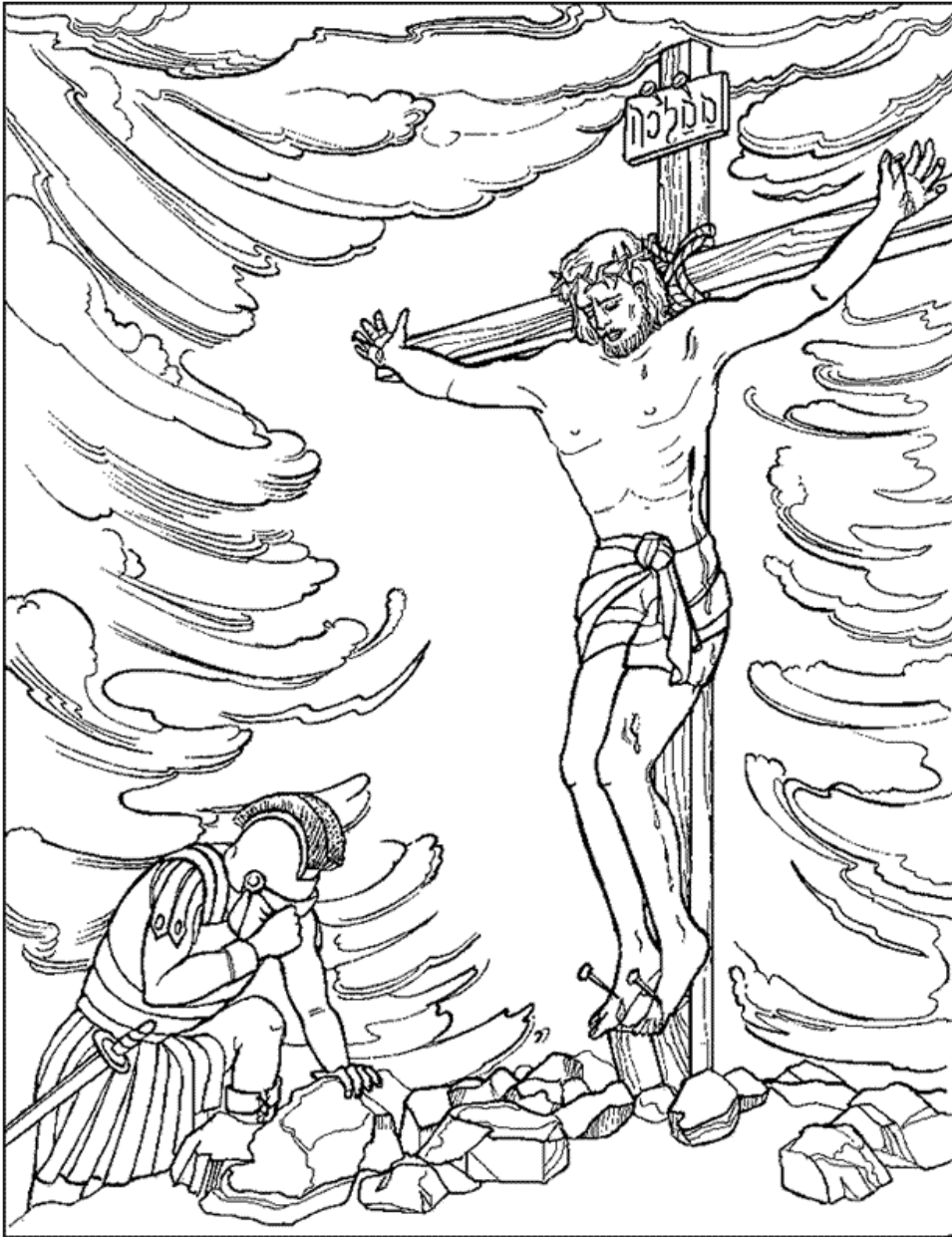
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For God So Loved the World
John 3:16

June 2021 Council Members & Chairs

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*****Outdoor Lawn Chair Service 5/30 at 9:30 am.*****

The service is also on Zoom using **Meeting ID 706 565 767** and **PASSCODE 767**. There will not be a waiting room, so you need the passcode to join.

We will be using paper bulletins for the service.

We will be parking in the lower lot and gathering in the upper lot to worship together.

If you are vaccinated, you may choose to be maskless while outside.

Masks and physical distancing apply. We love each other and our neighbors by following CDC guidelines.

Those distributing communion have been vaccinated.

Please use the bathroom facilities prior to coming to service.

- If you brought a tailgating tent, please drop it off at the upper lot then park below.
- Ushers will be directing you. Please park in lower lot. If you need to park in the upper lot due to mobility issues, please just let the usher know.
- Masks are required and we ask you to maintain physical distance.
- Carry your lawn chair to the upper lot using either driveway (entrance or exit) thus both sides are open.
- Bulletins and offering boxes will be at the entrance/exit to the upper lot.
- Ushers will seat you according to “pod” size. We will be sitting in the parking spaces directly in front of the church. If you have a preference, please let the usher know.
- Service will end with communion. Those with cars will be served first so that vehicles exit the lot before bringing “pods” to communion and dismissal.
- After receiving communion, a “pod” will be dismissed from the service and will need to return to their car in the lower lot.
- Remember that this is something new for all of us. Please be kind to one another and to all those who are volunteering to make this happen. This is an exciting next step and it will be great to hear some live music again with worship! We will learn as we go and potentially change things as well.

It is great to see people again in person!

We need 9 volunteers for each service to make this happen. Please consider volunteering to help.

Remember, Grace Abounds!