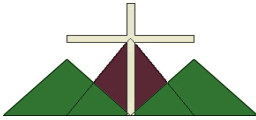




**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 18, 2021 ❖ 9:30 am**  
**Outdoor Lawn Chair Service**  
**ZOOM 706 565 767, Passcode 767**

**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

**Secretary:** Penny Muetzel (205) 995-9673

**Musician:** Ann Jones (205) 902-2444

**Council President:** Jared Brunswick (205) 531-5428

**Soloist:** Eric Campbell

**Serving us today in Worship:**

<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	Ron Wooster	<b>Zoomster:</b>	Susan Pritchett
<b>Reader:</b>	Peggy Huckabaa	<b>Audio:</b>	Joel Bjornstad
<b>Children's Message:</b>	Tom Trammel	<b>Music:</b>	Ann Jones
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Boettner, Will Breland, Bob Oster, and Bart Jones		

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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](mailto: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 of Easter

April 18, 2021

### PRELUDE

*Partita* on Lasst Uns Erfreuen setting: Anne Krentz Organ

I. Theme: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

II. *Christ Has Triumphed! He Is Living!*

III. *Oh, Fill Us, Lord, with Dauntless Love*

IV. *All the Glory, Never Ending! Alleluia!*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Meditation

*Stand*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen**

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

A: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** Now All the vault of Heaven Resounds (vrs 1,2,4) *Eric Campbell, Soloist*

### 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: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **THE FIRST READING**

**Acts 3:12-19**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE PSALM**

Please read Psalm 4 responsively printed below.

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

## **SECOND READING**

**1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 24:36b-48**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you. O Christ**

*Sit*

## **THE SERMON**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY** The Peace of the Lord

*Eric Campbell, Soloist*

**THE NICENE CREED** *(ELW page 104)*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*Box is at entrance / exits. Please place offerings when entering or exiting only.*

## **THE OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray together,

**C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

**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.)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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**

*sit*

A: God's love is poured out in Christ for you. Open yourselves to receive it.

**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**

*God Extends an Invitation*

**Dismissal will occur to individual pods after communion.**

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## Next Week's Lessons

**THE FIRST READING:**

Acts 4:5-12

**PSALM:**

Psalm 23

**THE SECOND READING:**

1 John 3:16-24

**THE GOSPEL:**

John 10:11-18

## 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 April 25

**Worship Assistant:** Christine Wells

**Zoomster:** Erica Bjornstad

**Reader:** John Boettner

**Audio:**

**Children's Message:** Kim Boettner

**Music:** Ann Jones

**Ushers:** Tracy Teague, Bob Oster, Bernard Troncale, Carla Crowder

## THIS WEEK AT SOTH

<b>Sunday</b> <b>4/18</b>	9:30 am	E-Worship	Meeting ID <b>706 565 767</b> , Pass code <b>767</b>
<b>Monday</b>	7:00pm 7:00 pm	AA SOTH Covid Task Force	Meeting ID <b>706 565 767</b> , Pass code <b>767</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:30pm 7:00pm	Shepherd's Bells Rehearsal Covid-19 Q&A	Meeting ID <b>997 505 114</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am 6:30pm	Wednesday Bible Study Prayer, Meditation and Conversation	Meeting ID <b>175 995 438</b> Meeting ID <b>706 565 767</b> , Pass code <b>767</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00pm	T.M 2.0	Meeting ID <b>982 3058 1708</b>
<b>Friday</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>			

**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](mailto:jrdbrunswick@yahoo.com); Erica Bjornstad, 443-717-0065, [ericaecuador@yahoo.com](mailto:ericaecuador@yahoo.com); Susan Pritchett, 205-602-1282, [sspritch@bellsouth.net](mailto:sspritch@bellsouth.net).

## Information on where you can get information on receiving a COVID vaccine:

- o Anyone >=16 years of age is eligible.
- o ADPH Hotline: 1-855-566-5333 or <https://www.alcovidvaccine.gov/>, 7 days a week, 8am-5pm



- Jefferson County Health Department (any phase can sign up):  
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/49bd91e13bdc476fb78ebe1d0d344fe0>
- Shelby County Health Department local numbers: 205-685-4190 or 205-664-2470.  
<https://www.shelbyal.com/987/COVID-19-Information>

**Christ in Our Home** – April, May, June issues are in. You can pick up at Communion or the church office know.



**WORSHIP MUSIC** - Wondering about the beautiful music you hear in our worship service? It's Eric Campbell's voice. The piano is played by Ann Jones. We appreciate them sharing their gifts to the glory of God.

### **Congregational Meeting Announcement**

Please make plans to participate in our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting, scheduled for April 25, 2021, at 1 PM. We will utilize the same Zoom number as Sunday morning service (**706 565 767, PASSODE 767**). The primary purpose of our Semi-Annual Meeting is to elect new council members and elect/re-elect committee chairpersons for Facility, Fellowship and Stewardship.

Your participation in the Semi-Annual Congregational meeting is very important, so please make every effort to attend on April 25, 2021, at 1 PM. Please do not hesitate to email me at [jrdbrunswick84@gmail.com](mailto:jrdbrunswick84@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**We are looking for new council members with the gift of leadership.** The church is not a business and is not the building. It is the people who make up the body of Christ serving in the world and needs our heads and hearts. We are looking for: People willing to spend the time together to understand our values and beliefs, spend time in prayer and discernment of what God is calling us to do, People willing to bring their minds and hearts and fully engage in the task, People who can dream "God sized" dreams and cast a vision for us as a congregation and as individuals of whom we are to serve, People who can empower and encourage us. Is the Spirit calling you to step up?

### **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=MjJMbElyM2pNMkkvaHJWNW1YSHUOUT09>

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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – COVID-19 Q&A:**

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/997505114>

Or Call this number: 1-312-626-6799 Enter meeting ID: 997 505 114

**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

**COVID-19 Indicators to Guide Phased Re-opening**

**4/12/2021**

Goal	Source	Current	Trend	Last Week
Decrease in new daily cases (14 day ave.)	A	Yes		Yes
Disease burden < 3-5 per 100,000	B	6.1		7.0
Sufficient Testing > 7400 tests / day	A	8,402		8,857
Test positivity < 3-5%	B	5.5%		5.9%

<sup>A</sup>Source: Alabama Department of Public Health Covid 19 Dashboard

<sup>B</sup>Source: Covidactnow.org

SOTH is currently in Phase 2 which includes limited small group gatherings and outdoor activities.

**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for worship volunteers for all roles: ushers, Zoomster, audio, reader, worship assistant, and children’s message. The more volunteers, the less load on any person. Can you please help?



## Outdoor Worship

**\*\*\*Outdoor Lawn Chair Service 4/18 at 9:30 am.\*\*\***

We are excited about trying our new experiment: Outdoor lawn chair service.

The service will also be 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.

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

**Please use the bathroom facilities prior to coming to service.**

- 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 as well as on the hillside 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 will be 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!