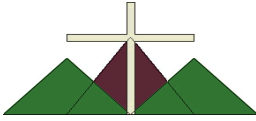




**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 9, 2021 ❖ 9:30 am  
Outdoor Lawn Chair Service  
ZOOM 706 565 767, Passcode 767**

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

**Serving us today in Worship:**

**Worship Assistant:** Kim & John Boettner

**Reader:** Sonya Reynolds

**Children's Message:** Gene Myers

**Ushers:** Gene Myers, Mike Huckabaa, Bernard Troncale, Tracy Teague

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**Presider Communion:** Pastor Cortes

**Zoomster:** Peggy Huckabaa

**Audio:** Susan Pritchett

**Music:** Ann Jones

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**

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 9, 2021

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Carolyn will be on vacation beginning today 5/9 and will be back on 5/16. As a result, there will be no Wednesday Bible Study or Wednesday night Prayer, Meditation or Conversation.

Today, Pastor Cortes will be presiding over Holy Communion. John Boettner will be sharing the sermon from the Southeastern Synod Assistant to Bishop Pastor Karen Boda today along with leading worship with the worship assistant. Special thanks to them both.

### Meditation

### 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*

*Sit/Kneel*

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** “ELW 631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ELW 631 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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10:44-48**

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**

Please read responsively Psalm 98 printed below.

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

## **SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9-17**

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY** My Song Is Love Unknown ELW 343 vrs 1, 2, 6

*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

*Offering Boxes are at entrance / exits. Please place when entering or exiting only.*

## THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together,

**C: Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. 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**

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**

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

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**Next Week's Lessons**

**THE FIRST READING:** Acts 1:1-11  
**PSALM:** 47  
**THE SECOND READING:** Ephesians 1:15-23  
**THE GOSPEL:** Luke 24:44-53

**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 May 16

<b>Worship Assistant:</b>	Susan Pritchett	<b>Zoomster:</b>	Peggy Huckabaa
<b>Reader:</b>	Dorothy McMullin	<b>Audio:</b>	Tom Trammell
<b>Children’s Message:</b>	Gene Myers	<b>Music:</b>	Ann Jones
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Boettner, Will Breland, Bob Oster. Bart Jones		

**THIS WEEK AT SOTH**

<b>Sunday</b> 5/9	9:30 am	Lawn Chair & E-Worship	Meeting ID <b>706 565 767</b> , Pass code <b>767</b>
<b>Monday</b>	7:00pm 7:00 pm	AA – New Hope SOTH Covid Task Force	Meeting ID <b>706 565 767</b> , Pass code <b>767</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00pm 7:00pm	Shepherd’s Bells Rehearsal Covid-19 Q&A	Meeting ID <b>997 505 114</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>			
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00pm	T.M 2.0	Meeting ID <b>982 3058 1708</b>
<b>Friday</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>			

**MY YOUNG FRIENDS!** This week's Bible Story is "The Holy Spirit Comes Down" and can be found in your *Sparks Story Bible* on page 524. If you don't have a *Sparks Story Bible* you can read the story in Acts 10:44-48.

**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).



**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.

### **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 – 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				
<b>5/3/2021</b>				
See Note.				
Goal	Source	Current	Trend	Last Week
Decrease in new daily cases (14 day ave.)	A	Flat		Flat
Disease burden < 3-5 per 100,000	B	7.2		10.9
Sufficient Testing > 7400 tests / day	A	8,487		8,957
Test positivity < 3-5%	B	5.6%		7.8%
<sup>A</sup> Source:	Alabama Department of Public Health Covid 19 Dashboard			
<sup>B</sup> Source:	Covidactnow.org			
<b>NOTE:</b> Numbers are starting to stabilize after a data dump in the Alabama Health Dept. database. The covid task force will continue to monitor closely.				
SOTH is currently in Phase 2 which includes limited small group gatherings and outdoor activities.				
NOTE: When moving to a less restrictive phase, it is recommended to remain in that phase for a period of time before moving to the next less restrictive phase to ensure that the movement is appropriate based on indicators. Also, moving back to a more restrictive phase can occur based on changing indicators. Thus, phased re-opening is a dynamic process with the possibility of returning to more restrictive phase for public health				

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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# Love One Another Word Search



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Love Each Other  
Coloring Page



Love one another as I have loved you.

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**\*\*\*Outdoor Lawn Chair Service 5/6 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!