

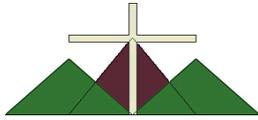


**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4th, 2021 ❖ 9:30 am
Indoor Worship Service
ZOOM 706 565 767, Passcode 767**

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

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: Christine Wells

Reader: Sonya Reynolds

Children's Message: Gene Myers

Ushers & Greeters: Bernard Troncale, Ron Wooster, Bart Jones, Gene Myers

Zoomster: Carrie Peters

Audio: Susan Pritchett

Music: Ann Jones

Please check out our new and improved website: <https://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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4th, 2021

PRELUDE

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Arr: Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spanish Prayer Ministry

Join Pastor Cortes for worship during the monthly Spanish ministry service, **today at 1 p.m.**

Adult Forum, Resilience

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

Head start on Back-to-School Season

As part of 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

expo markers

glue sticks

1-inch binders and dividers

Scissors

10 count markers

LOTS of plastic folders with brads/prongs

#2 pencils or mechanical pencils

100-ct sheets filler paper/1 subject notebooks

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

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 **July 11th** at the Alabaster Beneful Dream Dog Park at 2:00 p.m. (7305 Highway 119 Alabaster, AL)

Undies Sunday

Inverness Elementary is in need! Their faculty has requested underwear sizes 6-8 for boys and girls as well as pants. Please bring your donations to the Worship service for Undies Sunday which will be July 25th.

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>.

Sharing Memories

Meet in the Fellowship Hall Saturday, July 24th at 10 a.m. and bond with shared memories amongst SOTH church families and friends. This is an opportunity to share and be supported by people who care.

AA and Al-Anon are back!

New AA and Al-Anon meetings will be hosted at SOTH in July. The first scheduled meeting for AA will be Saturday July 17th at 6:30 p.m. and will be held on Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. The first Al-Anon meetings will be held on Mondays July 19th at 7 p.m. and will be held on Mondays at SOTH at 7p.m.

Meditation

How Firm a Foundation ELW 796

Arr: Edie Linneweber

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

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.

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

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST READING Ezek 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD."⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Read Psalm 123 responsively.

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the**

hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:1-13

Glory to you, O Lord.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY *Spirit of Gentleness ELW 396 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

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

Arr: Aaron David Miller

Dismissal will occur to individual pods after communion.

Next Week's Lessons

THE FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15
PSALM: Ps 85:8-13
THE SECOND READING: Eph 1:3-14
THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

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 11

Worship Assistant:	Marie Prine	Zoomster:	Carrie Peters
Reader:	Dorothy McMullin	Audio:	Susan Pritchett
Children's Message:	Gene Myers	Music:	Ann Jones
Ushers & Greeters:	Bob Oster, Bob Peters, Bart Jones		

THIS WEEK AT SOTH

Sunday	9:30 am	Indoor & E-Worship	Meeting ID 706 565 767, Pass code 767
7/04	1:00 pm	Spanish Prayer Ministry	Meeting ID 882 9598 6939
	2:00 pm	Adult Forum	Meeting ID 706 565 767, Pass code 767
Monday	7:00 pm	AA – New Hope	
	7:00 pm	Worship AV Team	Meeting ID 706 565 767, Pass code 767
Tuesday	7:00pm	Night Zoom Social	Meeting ID 997 505 114
Wednesday	9:30 am	Wednesday Bible Study	Meeting ID 175 995 438
	9:30 am	Lydia Circle	
	6:30 pm	Prayer, Meditation and Conversation	Meeting ID 706 565 767, Pass code 767
Thursday			
Friday			

Saturday

MY YOUNG FRIENDS, today's Bible story is about "Deborah" on page 106 in your *Spark's Story Bible*. If you don't have a *Spark's Story Bible* you can read the story in Judges 4:1 - 5:31 in any Bible.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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



Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth

Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." Mark 6:4 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 6:1-6.

Match the word in the box with the correct definition.

- _____ One who is a spokesman for God to man
- _____ The town or city where a person was born or grew up
- _____ A person whose job is making and repairing things made from wood
- _____ A man or boy with the same parents as another person
- _____ The ability to judge what is true or right
- _____ An event that can only be done through the power of God
- _____ To have great trust or belief in something or someone
- _____ The mother of Jesus

HOMETOWN
MARY

BROTHER
WISDOM

PROPHET
CARPENTER

MIRACLE
FAITH

REJECTION AT NAZARETH (MARK 6:1-6)



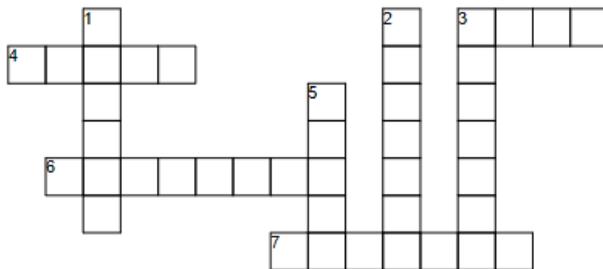
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HORIZONTAL

3. The mother of Jesus
4. To have great trust or belief in something or someone
6. The town or city where a person was born or grew up
7. A man or boy with the same parents as another person

VERTICAL

1. The ability to judge what is true or right
2. One who is a spokesman for God to man
3. An event that can only be done through the power of God
5. To treat with great respect

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MARY

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MIRACLE

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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.