

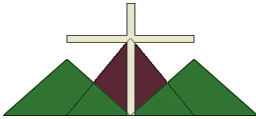


**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 11th, 2021 ❖ 9:30 am
Indoor Worship Service
ZOOM 706 565 767, Passcode 767**

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: Marie Prine

Reader: Dorothy McMullin

Children's Message: Gene Myers

Ushers & Greeters: Bob Oster, Bob Peters, Bart Jones, John Boettner

Please check out our new and improved website: www.sothl.org.

Zoomster: Carrie Peters

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 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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11th, 2021

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sharing Memories

Meet in the Fellowship Hall next 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.

Undies Sunday

Inverness Elementary is in need! Their faculty has requested underwear sizes 6-8 for boys and girls as well as pants/shorts for boys. 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.

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.

Meditation

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.

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.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also, that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST READING Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

THE PSALM

Read Psalm 85:8-13 responsively.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND READING Eph 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his

daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

THE SERMON

THE HYMN OF THE DAY Let Justice Flow Like Streams ELW 717 *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: Jer 23:1-6
PSALM: Ps 23
THE SECOND READING: Eph 2:11-22
THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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 18

Worship Assistant: Bob Oster **Zoomster:** Peggy Huckabaa
Reader: John Boettner **Audio:** Susan Pritchett
Children's Message: Kim Boettner **Music:** Ann Jones
Ushers & Greeters: Will Breland, Mike Huckabaa, Tracy Teague

THIS WEEK AT SOTH

Sunday	9:30 am	Indoor & E-Worship	Meeting ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
7/11	11:00 pm	Worship Committee meeting	
	2:00pm	Dog Park Small Group	Alabaster Beneful Dream Park
	2:00 pm	Adult Forum	
Monday	7:00 pm	AA – New Hope	
	7:00 pm	Worship AV Team	Meeting ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
	7:00 pm	AL-Anon meeting	
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Night Zoom Social	Meeting ID 997 505 114
Wednesday	9:30 am	Wednesday Bible Study	Meeting ID 175 995 438
	6:30 pm	Prayer, Meditation and Conversation	Meeting ID 706 565 767 , Pass code 767
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday			

MY YOUNG FRIENDS: This week's Bible story is "The Battle of Jericho" on page 110 in your *Spark's Story Bible*. If you don't have a *Sparks Story Bible* you can read the story in Joshua 6:1-20 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

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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

He Has Chosen Us Jumble

He Has Chosen Us!
Ephesians 1:3-14



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PUZZLE CLUES

1. He _____ us before the creation of the world. (vs. 4)
 2. God makes everything work our according to his _____. (vs. 11)
 3. God has given us _____ and understanding. (vs. 8)
 4. We become God's children through _____ in Jesus Christ. (vs. 12)
- Answer: Because of his love, God chose to _____ us. (vs. 5)

Check your answers in Ephesians:3-14 (NLT)

He Has Chosen Us

Word Search

He Has chosen Us

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Based on Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)



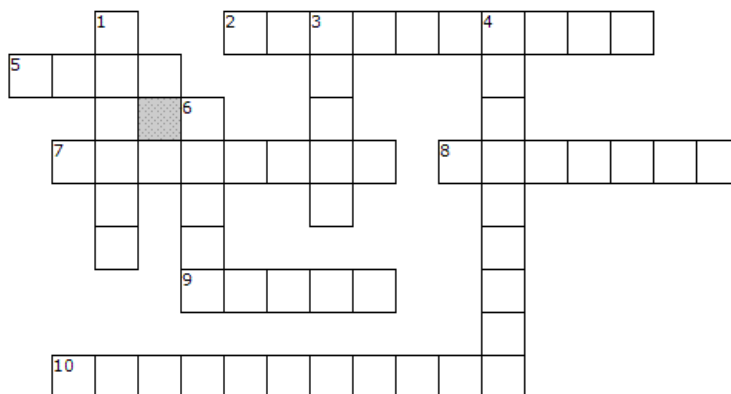
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ACROSS

2. Remaining the same
5. A proposed course of action
7. A considerate and thoughtful act
8. The ability to go wherever one chooses without restriction
9. To have confidence in someone or something; to depend on
10. Money or property left to children by their parents

DOWN

1. A group of persons consisting of one or two parents and their children
3. To have selected something from several possibilities
4. Assurance that something will be done as promised; to make certain
6. To take into one's family and raise as one's own child

GUARANTEE
INHERITANCE

FAMILY
PLAN

TRUST
CHOSE

FREEDOM
ADOPT

UNCHANGING
KINDNESS

2021 Council Members & Chairs

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Dennis Steul, Stewardship Committee Chair

Bob Peters, Council member

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.