



IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK
as of Thursday Morning, May 11, 2017

MEMBERS:

Phyllis Swartzlander, battling kidney cancer and is having chemo treatments.
Wilhelm Heilmeier, broke rotator cuff
MaryLou Towers, still having pain from surgery.

OUR RELATIVES:

Kelly, Sue Moosekian’s daughter – the sciatica she has been treated for 9 months is still an issue. She will be seeing her doctor and therapist and see if they can come up with something to ease her pain and discomfort.
Breana, Sue Moosekian’s granddaughter – Her liver disease at the moment is responding to medications. She is scheduled to have her annual endoscopy test checking for any damage to blood vessels.

Please pray for individuals on this list in addition to those that are in need of our prayers.

If you know of anyone who could use help with meals or transportation, please contact our “Helping Hands” ministry coordinators ...

Marianne Langeland (484-2728)

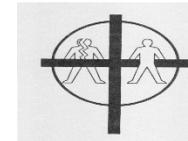
VISITING FRIENDS UPDATE - We would like to remind everyone to let us know if someone needs a card, call or visit. If we are praying for your friend or relative and you would like them to receive a card from us, please contact Toni and give her their address. Our mission is to make sure everyone knows that, as a congregation, we care about each other! Please contact me, Toni McCarty, my phone number is 931-337-0143 or e-mail me at tonimccarty8@msn.com.



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
Lutheran Church

OUR MISSION STATEMENT ... *Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we are a family of Christians dedicated to serving Christ and sharing God’s promise of salvation.*

A Stephen Ministry
Congregation



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Crossville, TN 38572
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Phone: (931) 484-3461
Church Office Hours:
Mon. – Fri. 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Communion
Every Sunday

Bible Classes & Sunday School
9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m.

Assisted hearing devices
are available.
Please ask an usher
for assistance.

Rev. Andrew J. Abraham, Pastor

Rick Weyhrich, Music Director

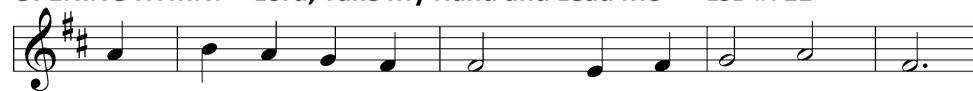
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 14, 2017

As we prepare to worship today, we ask that each one be respectful of others as they pray silently and meditate on the great gifts God has both given and promised to all His faithful children.

PRESERVICE MUSIC
RINGING OF THE CHIME and WELCOME

(It is our custom here at Shepherd of the Hills to remain seated for the first part of the opening hymn and then stand for the final verse).

OPENING HYMN: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LSB #722



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Silent pause for self-examination.)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily

Service of Anointing- July 9

Pastor Andrew is planning to use the services on Sunday, July 9th, as a special time of prayer for healing. We will be focusing on those things deep inside of us that hurt and will make new appeals to Jesus for increased strength, endurance and healing. During the service, Pastor Andrew will invite forward any who would like to be anointed in the way of the Apostolic Tradition. In the weeks preceding the service, all are invited to pray about those things that trouble their souls and areas of their lives that are in need of God's healing graces.

Christian Eschatology

Pastor Andrew is planning the next Sunday morning Bible study to begin when we have completed our review of Dr. Luther's *Large Catechism*. The course will concern those things pertaining to death, life after death, heaven, hell, the End Times, the Resurrection of the Dead, the Second Coming and the Last Day. These things matter greatly to us, and they need to be explored and discussed. All are invited.

Summer Bible Studies in the Community

This summer, Pastor Andrew will be offering the Fairfield Glade community and the downtown area of Crossville a course on the mysteries of Jesus- HUMAN and DIVINE, and the saving implications of His INCARNATION. All are invited. Please help us spread the word.

Elders Sunday- July 30th

On July 30th, we will be emphasizing the role and ministry of our elders in the services, and will be using the Bible study hour to discuss Biblical notions of Elder Ministry and how they are applied in the *Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod*, and, more specifically, here at Shepherd of the Hills. SOTH elders will be telling us more about themselves and what it means to them that there serve us in this way. There will be a potluck after the 10:30 service.

Liturgy Workshop, September 16th

In response to many requests from our members, Pastor Andrew is planning a Saturday morning workshop on September 16, from 9AM to Noon, to discuss the intricacies our Lutheran worship. We will review the basic structure and intentions of the Divine Services in the *Lutheran Service Book*, and discuss freely other liturgical traditions that are critical to our Lutheran manner of worship and pastoral practice. *BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!!* This will be tremendous fun.

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League: is sponsoring a Baby Bottle Drive for Plateau Pregnancy Services (PPS) again this year. The bottles will be available on Mother’s Day, next Sunday, and the collection will wrap up on Father’s Day, June 18th. The coins, cash or checks you put in the bottle will make a positive impact on young families in our community by providing the support that will save and change lives! Your contribution goes a long way in helping PPS to provide the resources for tomorrow so that their clients can CHOOSE LIFE today!

Men and boys of all ages . . . The bow tie originated among Croatian mercenaries during the Thirty Year war of the 17th century: the Croat mercenaries used a scarf around the neck to hold together the opening of their shirts. This was soon adopted (under the name *cravat*, derived from the French for "Croat") by the upper classes in France, then a leader in fashion, and flourished in the 18th and 19th centuries. It is uncertain whether the cravat then evolved into the bow tie and four-in-hand necktie, or whether the cravat gave rise to the bow tie, which in turn led to the four-in-hand necktie. Men and boys of Shepherd of the Hills will pay homage to this three-hundred year old fashion accessory on Jun 18th of this year when they all wear a bow tie to church.



sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the [✠]Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "THIS IS THE FEAST"

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -**

**blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain***

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

STEWARDSHIP JOURNEY: Cyndi Vickers

MISSION PRESENTATION: Fred Mundt

NEW TESTAMENT: Acts 6:1–7

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

+ WEEKLY SCHEDULE +

Sunday	Holy Communion KICK Youth Group	12:00 noon
Monday	Christian Brother’s Men’s Golf	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Property Maintenance Bling Sorting Deborah Circle @ Janeth Moerdyk’s	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Caregiver’s Coffee Hour Handbells Adult Choir	2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Bling Sorting FFG Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Neff Bible Study	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	Spring Fling	11:00 a.m.
Sunday	Holy Communion KICK Youth Group	12:00 noon

+ NOTES AND NEWS +

Sunday School Hour: Lannie & Cyndi Vickers & family will be providing refreshments during the Sunday school hour on May 21st in honor of Loren's high school graduation.

Also, we will be hosting a party to celebrate her 18th birthday and graduation at our home Saturday, May 13 at 6 o'clock. Congregation is welcome. Light supper will be served. Our address is 405 Camp Drive, Sparta. They may RSVP to Cyndi at [931.267.7495](tel:931.267.7495).

Dishes: There is a bunch of dishes on the cart in the kitchen that belongs to members. Please pick them up. Thank you, Becky Quick

Worship Attendance Sunday, May 7, 2017
Church: Early 79- Late 99 = 178

*The flowers today are the gift of Kathy & John Partain
One beautiful vase is on celebration of their 25th anniversary and the other
beautiful vase is in honor of mother's everywhere.*

**ADULT SUNDAY MORNING
BIBLE CLASS**



"Shaped for Serving God"

Rev. Andrew J. Abraham Fellowship Hall

Sunday May 21st Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:16-31 +++ 1 Peter 3:13-22 +++ John 14:15-21

Serving Worship

Elder: Fred Mundt

Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m. Tom Baldwin
10:30 a.m. Keith Moerdyk

Lectors: 8:00 a.m. Floyd Quick
10:30 a.m. Joseph Pleinis

Altar Guild: Ruth Worshik, Kathy Buchtrup, Emmarie Reed

Offering Results

May 7th	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Tithes Needed	\$6,474.65	\$133,018.34
Tithes Received	\$6,916.00	\$134,633.25
Building Fund	\$64,495.50	

GOSPEL PRELUDE *(Please rise as you are able.)*

*Now we rise to hear the Gospel,
Words of life as sin departs,
Christ our Lord among His people
Speaks to sinners' wounded hearts.
How His healing makes for saving
As His gifts for all sustains
That we might forever love Him,
Living, dwelling where's He reigns.*

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

Pastor: Let us now together profess the faith of the apostles themselves.

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

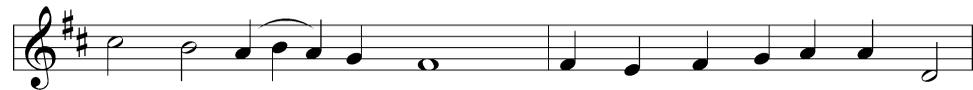
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting Amen.

(Please be seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB #633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di-vine Gives His
3 Where the pas-chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas-chal



our vic-tor-ious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa-cred blood for wine, Gives His bod-y for the feast—
an-gel sheathes the sword; Is-rael's hosts tri-um-phant go
vic-tim, pas-chal bread; With sin-cer-i-ty and love



Flow-ing from His pierc-ed side. Al-le-lu-ia!
Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest. Al-le-lu-ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al-le-lu-ia!
Eat we man-na from a-bove. Al-le-lu-ia!

SERMON: Pastor Andrew

CLOSING HYMN: "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" LSB #660



1 Stand up, stand up for Je-sus, Ye sol-diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je-sus; The trum-pet call o-bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je-sus; Stand in His strength a-lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je-sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy-al ban-ner; It must not suf-fer loss.
Stand forth in might-y con-flict In this His glo-rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat-tle, The next the vic-tor's song.



From vic-t'ry un-to vic-t'ry His ar-my He shall lead
Let all His faith-ful serve Him A-gainst un-num-bered foes;
Put on the Gos-pel ar-mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol-diers, o-ver-com-ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev-'ry foe is van-quished, And Christ is Lord in-deed.
Let cour-age rise with dan-ger And strength to strength op-pose.
Where du-ty calls or dan-ger, Be nev-er want-ing there.
And with the King of Glo-ry Shall reign e-ter-nal-ly.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Following the service, all are invited for coffee and treats in our Fellowship Hall
(across the parking lot as you leave the Narthex).
It is good to gather together in the joy of the Lord.

“Thine Forever, God of Love” LSB #687



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife;
4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep - herd, keep These Thy frail and trem - bling sheep;
5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good - ness share.
All our sins by Thee for - giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (optional)

Now we've had our blest communion,

Christ the Bread of Life we praise;

Flesh and Blood of Him who saves us

Nourishes our flesh to raise.

Once in resurrected glory we shall with the angels sing;

Flesh and blood alive forever, saints of God new praises bring.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Let us bless the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord Look upon with favor and give you ☩ peace.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: “Prayer for Humility”

O God, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Grant us true humility after the likeness of Your only Son that we may never be arrogant and prideful and thus provoke Your wrath but in all lowliness be made partakers of the gifts of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

OFFERING

The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills Church, moved by God's love, to support the ministry. Guests should not feel obligated. However, we do ask at this time that each member and guest kindly complete the attendance folder that is found at the end of each pew.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

PREFACE

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: **Amen.**

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

VERBA TESTAMENTI

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."



In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the ✝ Lord be with you always!
Amen.

AGNUS DEI (LSB 198)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Should you receive Holy Communion today?

Holy Communion is the real and saving Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, mysteriously made present in ordinary bread and wine, according to the promise Christ made at His Last Supper. Through this wondrous gift, we believe that Christ extends to us the promise of salvation, a strengthening of our faith, the forgiveness of our sins and protection from the assaults of the devil. Ultimately, we hope that *everyone* will come to believe and trust in these promises as we do here at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran. However, if you are not at least open to believing in these mysteries concerning Holy Communion, are unwilling to ask God's forgiveness for personal sins or have not yet been baptized (*which ALWAYS precedes one's participation in Holy Communion*) it is best to simply wait. If in faith you genuinely desire encountering the love and forgiveness of Christ in Holy Communion, please be

repentant for sins and open to His saving Presence contained therein. You will not be turned away. (For those who wish to abstain from alcohol, please find **dealcoholized** wine in the center of the communion tray- it is pinkish in color. If you are unsure about which cups have dealcoholized wine, simply ask the elder for assistance when he comes to you.)

DISTRIBUTION AND HYMNS

"Thy Word Is a Lamp" LSB #973

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My

Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; *And Refrain*

Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

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