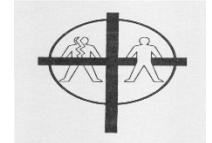




SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS Lutheran Church

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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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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 7, 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: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB #711



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



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 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.



**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**  
*as of Thursday Morning, May 4, 2017*

**MEMBERS:**

Phyllis Swartzlander, battling kidney cancer and is having chemo treatments.  
Rich Ziembra, is home and recovering from surgery.  
Yvette Dolan – eyesight problems.  
MaryLou Towers – still in a lot of pain from her surgery.

**OUR RELATIVES:**

Family & Friends of Richard Garand (deceased 4/30/17), brother & brother-in-law of Ron & Joanne Garand  
Family & Friends of Ansel Beck (deceased 4/30/17), father & father-in-law of John & Mary Beck.

**OUR FRIENDS:**

Verda Hopkins, Doris A. Smith’s friend, has been diagnosed with Ovarian cancer at Vanderbilt.  
Marlene Wilson, having some medical issues.

*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.

**INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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.

*(Pause for silent reflection)*

O almighty God and merciful Father, 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 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. Amen.

*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.*

Amen.

**Gloria Patri**



**Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;**



**as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.**

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

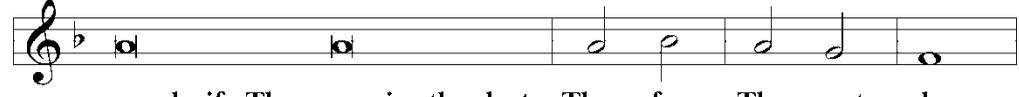
## Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



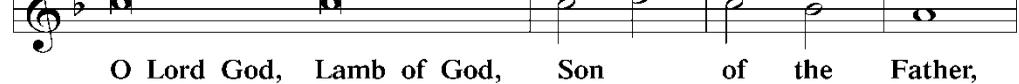
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

## PASTOR ANDREW'S FOLLOW-UP CORRESPONDANCE WITH PASTOR STEVE MAHLBURG

Steve,

Do you know yet?

It was wonderful having you with us at Shepherd of the Hills in Crossville. Please tell me about what is happening so I can update the folks here. We are very anxious to pray for you and support your work.

Andrew

Andrew,

Yes, I found out last Tuesday. I announced it on Facebook and Twitter last week. I am preparing to send out a newsletter this week announcing it. But no need to wait. We have been assigned to Sri Lanka. I will be working with the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church to provide support and guidance for the pastors and congregations which are primarily Tamil which the largest of the ethnic minorities in Sri Lanka. Also, I will assist in pre-seminary training. Currently, they have 3 pastors, 7 vicars, and 4 pre-seminary students for 13 congregations. 1 congregation is in the largest city, Colombo. 1 is on a rubber plantation. The rest on tea plantations. Finally, I will be a pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Colombo in charge of English services and pastoral care. This includes serving expatriates and Sri Lankans who wish to come to English services. I will be learning to speak Tamil at first. Later, I will learn Sinhalese, the majority language in Sri Lanka in order to more effectively reach out to Sri Lankans with the Gospel.

Thank you so much for you warm welcome and hospitality, as well as, your partnership in God's mission work.

In Jesus' peace,  
Steve

**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).

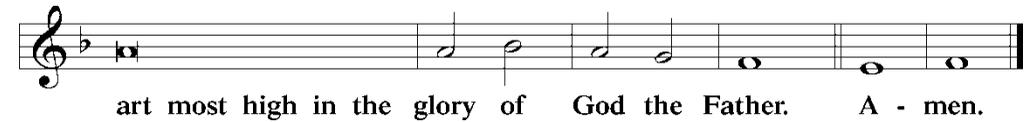
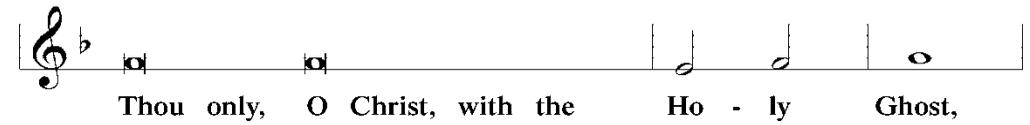
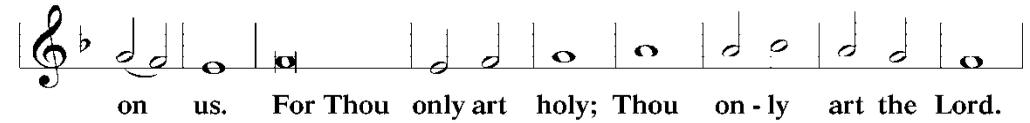
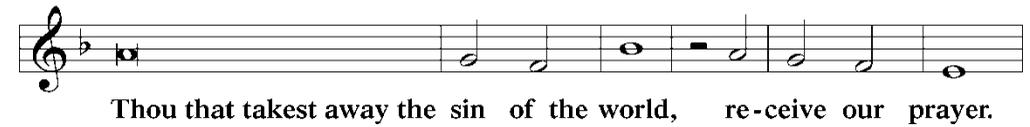
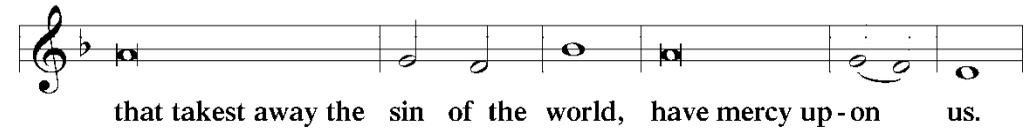
**Dishes:** There is a bunch of dishes on the cart in the kitchen that belongs to members. Please pick them up. Thank you, Becky Quick

**FINALLY... It's Tea Time!!** Pastor Andrew is happy to announce the formal start of his new, long-awaited "Tea Ministry." He will be hosting small gatherings of SOTH members in his office for highfalutin and sophisticated banter and hyper cogitational thought-bombs that are sure to create immense merriment, *but in highly proper ways*. If you would like to assemble for yourself a gathering of three or four friends to sign-up for a tea-time with the pastor as a group, that will score you extra lumps of sugar in your cups. Tea times, as a general rule, will be around ten in the morning on Mondays or Tuesdays. Please be mindful that prayers and discussions around selections of Holy Scripture and some classical poetical works are likely to occur. So begin practicing now the extension of your pinky finger, which is part of the cup-holding method most preferred by the pastor. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering Place.

**Crossville Christian School:** is a non-denominational, classical school whose goal is to help students reach their full potential in the context of sound Biblical teaching and academic excellence. To learn more about the school, classical education or their Statement of Faith, visit their website at [crossvillechristian.org](http://crossvillechristian.org). You may also call the school office at (931) 484-0026 to arrange an appointment for a visit. Thank you and God bless.

**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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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** . . . Got bow tie? June 18th is Bow Tie Sunday. Don't be the only male in church without one.



#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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.)*

**READINGS FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE**

**A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, the Thirty-fourth Chapter**

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> *I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep*, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, *and I will bind up the injured*, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

**HANDBELLS: “Simple Gifts”**

**A Reading from the First Letter of Peter, the Second Chapter**

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup> He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. *By his wounds you have been healed.* <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**GOSPEL PRELUDE [Ode to Joy]**

***Now we rise to hear the Gospel,  
Words of life as sin departs,  
Christ our Lord among His people  
Speaks to sinners’ wounded hearts.***

**+ WEEKLY SCHEDULE +**

|           |                                                   |                                     |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | Holy Communion<br>KICK Youth Group                | 12:00 noon                          |
| Monday    | Christian Brother’s Men’s Golf<br>Visiting Friend | 9:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.             |
| Tuesday   | Property Maintenance<br>Lydia Sisters<br>Council  | 8:00 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.<br>3:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | Handbells<br>Adult Choir                          | 4:30 p.m.<br>6:00 p.m.              |
| Thursday  | Stewardship Meeting<br>Foster Parent Training     | 2:00 p.m.<br>5:00 p.m.              |
| Saturday  | Men’s Breakfast                                   | 8:30 a.m.                           |
| Sunday    | Holy Communion<br>KICK Youth Group                | 12:00 noon                          |

| <b>Offering Results</b> |               |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>April 23rd</b>       | <u>Weekly</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> |
| Tithes Needed           | \$6,474.65    | \$126,543.69        |
| Tithes Received         | \$6,183.63    | \$126,529.25        |
| <b>Building Fund</b>    | \$64,037.50   |                     |

**+ NOTES AND NEWS +**

**Thank You:** The Youth Rummage Sale went well and raised \$687.00. Thanks to all who donated and special thanks to Mae Pleinis and Ed & Sharon Leese for their help.

**ADULT SUNDAY MORNING  
BIBLE CLASS**

**Luther's Large Catechism**  
Rev. Andrew J. Abraham Fellowship Hall



**Worship Attendance Sunday, April 30, 2017**  
Church: Early 61 - Late 96 = 157

*The flowers today are the gift of Wayne & Carla Croy  
In loving memory of our daughter Lynnett Rogers.*

Sunday May 14th ..... Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 6:1-9: 7:2a, 51-60 +++ 1 Peter 2:2-10 +++ John 14:1-14

**Serving Worship**

**Elder:** Tom Baldwin

**Communion Assistants:** 8:00 a.m. Lloyd Miller  
10:30 a.m. Terry Woodley

**Altar Guild:** Ruth Worshik, Kathy Buchtrup, Emmarie Reed

*How His healing makes for saving  
As His gifts for all sustains  
That we might forever love Him,  
Living, dwelling where He reigns.*

**The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the Tenth Chapter**

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

[Jesus said] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, *and he calls his own sheep by name* and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. *I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*"

**APOSTLES CREED**

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.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" LSB #709**



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

**SERMON:** Pastor Andrew

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: "Return of the Wayward and Erring" (LSB 306)**

Almighty and most gracious God and Father, we implore You to turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith once delivered to Your Church, especially those who have wandered from it or are in doubt through the corruption of Your truth. Mercifully visit and restore them that in gladness of heart they may take pleasure in Your Word and be made wise to salvation through faith in Your Son, 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.*

constantly to serve You; 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" LSB #649**



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

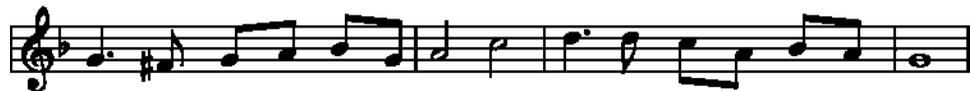
**DISMISSAL**

Let us go in the peace of the Lord!

**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.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” LSB #710



1 The Lord’s my shep - herd, I’ll not want; He makes me  
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I  
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
 walk doth make With - in the paths of  
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
 fol - low me; And in God’s house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, E’en for His own name’s sake.  
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled

*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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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.**

In the holy name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His perfect and eternal testament:

## 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."

## SANCTUS (LSB 961)

*Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,  
the Lord of all in Spirit did behold  
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
with robes that filled the Temple courts with light.  
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;  
six wings had they, the messengers of Him.  
With two they veiled their faces as was right,  
with two they humbly hid their feet from sight,  
And with the other two aloft they soared;  
One to the other called and praised the Lord:  
"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"  
The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,  
and clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.*

## 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

### "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB #770



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.