

# Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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**Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.** We are a faith family made up of regular, imperfect people rejoicing together in God's gracious gifts of reconciliation and forgiveness. We celebrate continuous Holy Communion every Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present beneath the consecrated forms of bread and wine are invited to partake in communion. In this sacramental act you find assurance that your sins are forgiven. If, for health reasons, you cannot consume the consecrated wine (red) there is grape juice (gold) or you may consume the consecrated bread alone. If you feel you cannot commune but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward during communion with your arms crossed over your chest.



**January 25, 2026**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**Rev. Duane Marburger, Interim Pastor**  
**RuthAnne Baumiller, Deacon/ Assisting Minister**  
**Carole McBride, Music Director**

*Altar flowers are donated today by*

***The Order of Service is found in your white binder.***

**Gathering Hymn** ELW #533 *"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

**First Reading** Isaiah 9:1-4

**Psalm 27:1-9** **Read responsively**

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

**2 When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.**

3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;  
though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

**4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;  
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

**6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me.

**8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek.**

9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger;  
you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

**Epistle** 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

**Gospel** Matthew 4:12-25

**Hymn of the Day** ELW #614 *"There Is A Balm In Gilead"*

**Offering**

**Choir Anthem** *"Proclamation of Service"* by William B. Bradbury  
2006 Augsburg Fortress

**Communion**

**Closing Hymn** ELW #542 *"O Living Bread From Heaven"*

## Prayers for our Flock

**Please keep all of these individuals in your prayers this week:** Jeff Boone, the Gilbertsen family, Judy Chapman, Doug Drodge, Nancy McLaughlin, Larry Baumiller, Patrick Ricketts, Compton Cooper, Nancy Drodge, Bea Drodge-Garmer, Cheryl Schlimme, Chase Farber, Kathy Mundth, Mark Powell, Bonnie Nelson, Ann Cox, Russell Harris, Steve Hanson, Marilyn Davis, Sheryl Poulter, and Fred Viebranz.

All of our Military Personnel including: Brock Braun, Jeff Mills and Lawrence Baumiller III.

## Announcements

We have a jar at the back of the sanctuary for individuals to put in extra funds to help pay off the mortgage. Our current balance is just under \$35,000.

## Regular Calendar of Events

Sunday – Please join us for coffee, doughnuts and fellowship in the narthex after the service. Bible Study begins at 11am in Bertschy Hall.

Monday 6pm – Handbell practice

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 2:00pm – Board meeting (Church)

Wednesday 6pm - Choir      Friday 10:00am - Quilters (Bertschy Hall)

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month 11am-1pm – Food pantry (Bertschy Hall)

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday monthly from 2-3pm - Singing at The Gardens of Westbrooke ZH

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



1/24 Judy Chapman    2/3 Cissy Torres    2/9 Juan Torres  
2/10 Marilyn Davis



2/18 Vince & Diane Bardsley

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**  
**welcomes you on this,**  
**the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany.**