



1 Blessings from
Above

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SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more announcements and event information visit the church website at www.dulutheran.org/connect, or sign up for our weekly email here: <https://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe>. You can also view the church calendar at www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar.

Altar Flowers: This morning's flowers were given to the glory of God by Steve and Jolene Shult in honor of their 45th Anniversary.

Midweek Worship: Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. This is a repeated service from the previous Sunday.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Summer Child Supervision: Sundays after service. Sign up by scanning this QR code or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4EAFAD23A75-49616081-sunday>.

SOTH Lawns and Landscaping. Thursday morning at 9 a.m. for anyone willing to help care for the lawns and gardens.

VBS Volunteers: If you will be available **July 21-July 24th** you can help! Scan the QR code to see the help we need.



FELLOWSHIP

Women's Hikes: Tuesday, June 11th @ 6:00 p.m. at Chester Park. Visit www.dulutheran.org/connect, for the full hike schedule.

Men's Summer Fellowship Bonfires: Food, devotion, and fellowship. **June 20th @ 6:00 p.m.** at Bill Dunsmoor's home.

Women's Book Group: *Whom Shall I Fear?* By Ann Clare. August 15th @ 6 p.m. to share a meal and review the book.

VBS | Mon-Wed July 22nd - 24th 5:30-7:30 p.m. for kids ages 3-11. | Breaker Rock Beach



We're headed to the beach, Breaker Rock Beach! Children ages 3-11 will learn God's rock solid truth in a world of shifting sands. Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! Scan the QR code or visit <https://www.dulutheran.org/vbs24> to register today.

OPENING HYMN

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

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1 Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
 2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence-
 3 My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise
 4 All that I am and love most dear - ly — Re - ceive it

Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and
 forth your child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you
 sure - ly will en - dure. Oh, cast me not a - way for -
 all, O Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin -

low - ly, A - mong your saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with
 let me The fruit of all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly
 ev - er If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy
 cere - ly And help me your own child to be! Let noth - ing

Christ and dead to sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
 Spir - it, com - fort me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.
 when I come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.
 that I am or own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

INVOCATION

- P: Jesus has promised: “Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20) We worship, therefore, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD’S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

- C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

- P: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. As a called servant of Christ, I announce to you: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son ✠ and Holy Spirit.

- C: Amen.

HOLY BAPTISM

June Josephine Castillo
Jonathan Roger Waller

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

Sing after a brief introduction...

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal;
It stands firm in the heav-ens.
Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.**

“Oh, Taste and See”
p. 39 in front of the hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD †

FIRST READING

Revelation 20:1-6

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. ⁴ I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 71

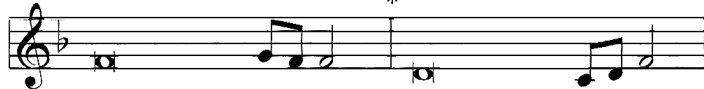
pg. 97 in front of the Hymnal

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;*
let me never be put to shame.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;*
turn your ear to me and save me.

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;*
for you are my rock and my fortress.

Refrain

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,*
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Even when I am old and gray,*
do not forsake me, O God,

till I declare your power to the next generation,*
your might to all who are to come.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P:** Alleluia. “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.” Alleluia. (2 Corinthians 5:19)
- C:** **These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4:31-37

- ³¹ Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. ³² They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.
- ³³ In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, ³⁴ “Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”
- ³⁵ “Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.
- ³⁶ All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!” ³⁷ And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

(THE APOSTLES’ CREED)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Denney. This service segment is intended to be more interactive and engage the children to help them understand today’s message. They will return to their seats afterward.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your saints have
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re -
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are like an

years to come, Our shel - ter from the
 dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
 ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing
 eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that

storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 you are God, To end - less years the same.
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly, forgotten, as a dream
 Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Still be our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

BLESSINGS FROM ABOVE

“Jesus Always Wins”

Genesis 3:8-15

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”
The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 This world's _____ and _____ can be traced back to one source.

⇒ Genesis 3:8-15; Genesis 1:1; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12

⇒ After Adam and Eve gave into temptation, it changed everything in the world.

⇒ We see the effects of sin in our life as we experience guilt, shame, and defeat.

#2 The cross and empty tomb prove that our Savior has _____ the _____.

⇒ Genesis 3:15; Luke 2:11; John 1:29; Hebrews 4:15; Hebrews 2:14; John 5:24

⇒ Despite our disobedience, God sent a Savior to conquer our enemies.

⇒ Jesus leaves no doubt that he has won our forgiveness and salvation.

#3 Through Christ we have _____ in our life now and for _____.

⇒ Genesis 3:8-15; 1 Corinthians 15:57; Hebrews 2:18; Romans 3:27-29

⇒ Jesus continues to fight against and defeat the work of the devil today.

⇒ Through faith in Jesus we will overcome and be given the crown of life.

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, visit our website: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- P: You have given us your precious Word, to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C: **We thank you for those who proclaim your saving truth. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are suffering.**
- P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is danger or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.
- Silent Prayer.*
- P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I then in

right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth - er claim But
 chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale My
 rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop gives way, He
 him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, Fault -

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore his throne.

rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jerusalem the Golden”
New Hymnal
Printed on the back page.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jerusalem the Golden”

New Hymnal



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The



milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the



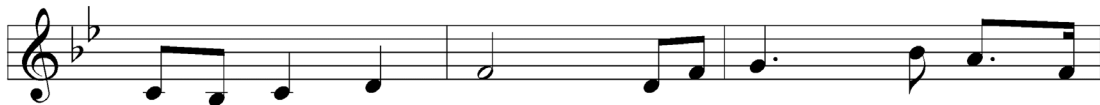
fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There



know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -



there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The



bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in



end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
 bring us To that dear land of rest Where
 glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The



midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound - ing full with song.
 sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
 Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.