



MEANINGFUL MINISTRY

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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 John and Lori Yukich in celebration of their 20th anniversary. Happy anniversary!!!

Women's Hikes: You will not want to miss this next one on **Sunday, July 21st at 2:00 PM** at Ely's Peak (2384 Becks Rd Duluth - you'll see a sign for Short Line Park) It's our longest hike, but always a favorite because the views are amazing! This one takes us about 2-2.5 hours. Please add it to your calendar and plan to join us!!

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. 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 to the left or visit dulutheran.org/vbs24 to register.

Summer Celebration: VBS will conclude with our annual Summer Celebration party on **Thursday, July 25th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. First, the children who attended VBS will show us a little of what they learned, followed by food, games, music, and more in the back of church. Everything is free of charge. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors too!

VBS Wish List: If you're looking for a way to help with VBS, we are in need of some items. Scan the QR code to the right to see the list and sign up.



Congregation Quarterly Update Meeting: On **Sunday, July 28th** following service there will be a meeting for the congregation. There will not be Bible study after service, but will resume **August 4th**.

Women's Bible Study: Please join us for fellowship and time in God's Word on **Tuesday, July 30th at 6 pm** at Kiersten Nash's home (3590 Getchell Road Hermantown). We are continuing our study in the book of Ephesians, and all ladies are welcome! Please reach out to Kiersten Nash with any questions.

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- P: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
- C: **Let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.**
- P: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving,
- C: **And praise him with music and song;**
- P: Come let us bow down in worship; Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;
- C: **For He is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**

OPENING HYMN

"To Your Temple I Draw Near"

CW 226 vs.1-5

1 To your tem - ple I draw near; Lord, I love to wor - ship here.
 2 I through Christ am rec - on - ciled; I through Christ be - come your child.
 3 While your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my lips, un - loose my tongue,
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of love, to mine at - tend.

Here are sac - ra - ment and Word; Here be - liev - ers meet their Lord.
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther, give me grace In your courts to seek your face.
 That my joy - ful soul may bless Christ the Lord, my right - eous - ness.
 Hear me, for your Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.

- 5 While I listen to your law,
 Fill my soul with holy awe
 Till your gospel brings to me
 Life and immortality.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a repentant heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all of our heart, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**

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C: Deepen within us sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy; may the power of your forgiveness give peace to our hearts, strength to our will, and rest to our souls.

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Our Lord promises to us, “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Corinthians 15:57)

P: Therefore, go bear fruit in every good work. Live because Jesus has lived for you. For God will give you what is necessary to accomplish what he desires. For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us in his presence.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

Sing after a brief introduction...

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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

Amos 7:10-15

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words.

¹¹ For this is what Amos is saying: “Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.” ¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³ Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor a prophet’s son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51b

pg. 87 in front of the Hymnal

Refrain

Psalm tone

O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

**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. “The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.”
Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14)
- 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.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-13

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸ that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹ And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

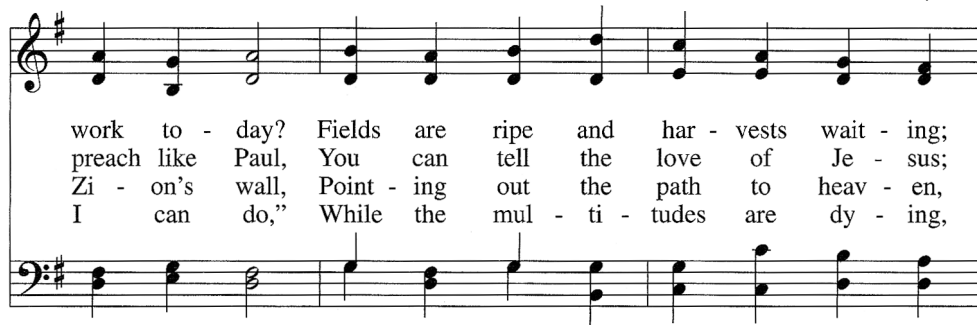
HYMN

"Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"

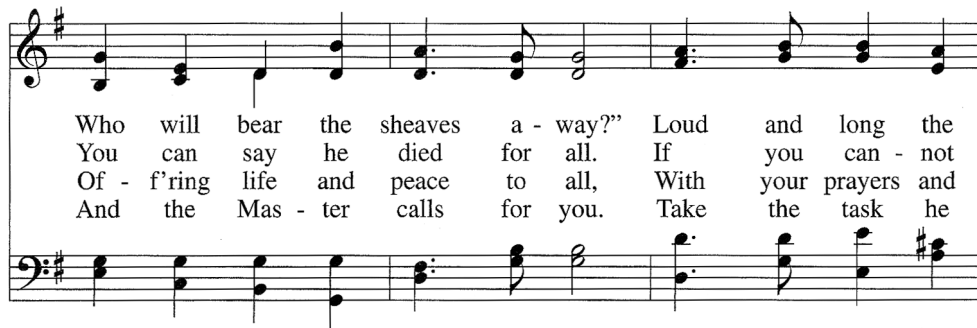
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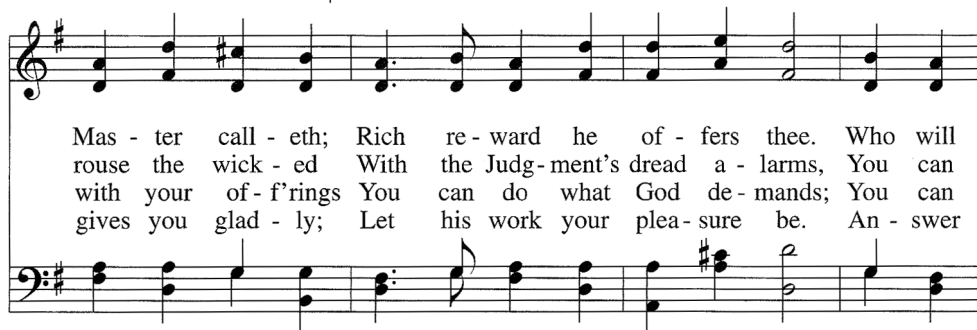
1 Hark! The voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing



work to - day? Fields are ripe and har - vests wait - ing;
preach like Paul, You can tell the love of Je - sus;
Zi - on's wall, Point - ing out the path to heav - en,
I can do," While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing,



Who will bear the sheaves a - way?" Loud and long the
You can say he died for all. If you can - not
Of - f'ring life and peace to all, With your prayers and
And the Mas - ter calls for you. Take the task he



Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward he of - fers thee. Who will
rouse the wick - ed With the Judg - ment's dread a - larms, You can
with your of - f'nings You can do what God de - mands; You can
gives you glad - ly; Let his work your plea - sure be. An - swer



an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I— send me, send me"?
lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
quick - ly when he call - eth, "Here am I— send me, send me!"

† THE MESSAGE †

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“Sent with God’s Authority”

Mark 6:7-13

⁷ Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.

⁸ These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹ Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. ¹⁰ Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹ And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them.”

¹² They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³ They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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, you can scan the QR code or visit our website: www.dulutheran.org and click on the “Give” tab.

† PRAYERS †

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P:** Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served.
- C:** **Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**
- P:** Jesus Christ, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. Help us to serve others as we would serve you.
- C:** **Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**
- P:** Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.
- C:** **Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**
- P:** Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. Bless the preaching of the gospel everywhere, and continue to let your kingdom come to us and to many others.

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C: Move us to support them with our prayers and offerings.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Sanctify us in body, mind, and spirit to glorify our Father in heaven and to serve our neighbor here on earth with love and good works through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

CW 367



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.
Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.
Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;
Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can



Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
Doubt can - not daunt me— in Je - sus I stand!
touch my sal - va - tion— with Je - sus I reign!

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, 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

"We All Are One in Mission"

CW 566

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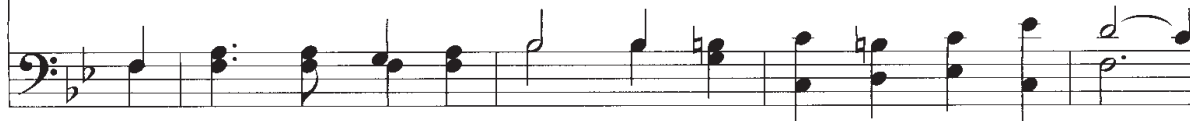
1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in call,
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be heard;



Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion Com - pels us from a - bove
 To touch the lives of oth - ers With God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in call,



To plan and work to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
 So ev - 'ry folk and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
 Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.



