



# Discipleship

A life of following Jesus

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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](http://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](http://www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar).*

**Altar Flowers:** This morning's flowers were given to the glory of God by Charley Thompson in honor of his sister, Denise.

**Midweek Bible Study:** We hope you can join us for Wednesday evening Bible Studies at **6:30 PM**. This fall we will be studying selected Psalms under the theme: "Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks".

**Family Campfire:** Everyone is welcome to join us for a campfire and s'mores **Friday, October 18** from **6-8 PM**. S'mores supplies will be provided. Please bring a chair and your own beverage! If you have any questions, please reach out to Kiersten Nash at 218-341-1991.

**Annual Meeting:** The meeting will be held **Sunday, October 20th** following service.

**Farewell Potluck:** We are having a special potluck to thank Pastor for his years of service at SOTH. It will be on **October 20th**, following the Annual meeting. Bring your family – and a favorite dish to share. Please speak with Robert Doblak if you have any questions.

**Special song for Pastor's last Sunday:** Please join members of the choir in singing a special song on **October 20th** for Pastor and Dawn's last service at SOTH. You do NOT have to be in choir to sing this song! If you are interested in singing, we will be having our last practice today, **Sunday, October 13** after service. Talk to Becky Miller if you have any questions.

**Women's Bible study:** Have you ever questioned "the Words" we say and sing in our weekly worship service? Plan to attend the Women's Bible study of "History of our Liturgy" in two Tuesday sessions, **October 22nd** and **November 19th** at **6 PM**. Hosted by Diane Schlossin at Donna Bolfs home, 5906 Castle Road. Text Donna at 218-576-2518 or Diane at 218-393-7335 if you have any questions.

**Women's Paint Night:** Please save the date for a Women's Paint Night on **Thursday, November 14th** at **6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Come for a fun evening of painting and to enjoy some snacks and conversation. Watch for a link coming soon to order your project. Feel free to invite a friend! Please contact Kely Dunsmoor at 218-750-0225 with any questions.

**Silent Auction and Pie Social:** Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 23rd** from **2-4 PM**. We will have a fun afternoon of fellowship enjoying delicious pies, holiday crafts, a raffle prize, and a silent auction to raise money for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Please consider joining us and donating an item to be auctioned. Contact Kely Dunsmoor for questions.

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for  
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an  
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when  
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and  
 dore him! All that has life and breath,

he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.  
 mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw  
 Have you not seen All that is need - ful has  
 What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -  
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can  
 Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -

near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.  
 do As with his love he be - friends you.  
 gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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

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- P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. Almighty Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance, so we may rise to new life in him. We confess to you:
- C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. In what I have done and left undone, I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I have fallen short of your holy standard. When I think of this past week, I am deeply sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them.
- P: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.
- C: Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen my faith and my love for you.
- P: God our Heavenly Father, saw you when you were born sinful and loved you so much that he sent his one and only Son, Jesus to remove sin's hold on your life. Jesus' death has paid for your sins past, present, and future. Through faith in him, you have freedom from the guilt that sin brings. God's Word promises you: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

## RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

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

*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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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- P: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

- 6 Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it.
- 7 You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground.
- 10 You hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth.
- 11 You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.
- 12 For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts.
- 13 Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil.
- 14 Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.
- 15 Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 30


pg. 77 in front of the Hymnal

*Refrain*



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Psalm tone*



Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;\*  
praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,\*  
but his favor lasts a lifetime;  
weeping may remain for a night,\*  
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

*Refrain*

To you, O LORD, I called;\*  
to the Lord I cried for mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;\*  
O LORD, be my help.

You turned my wailing into dancing,\*  
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**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

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- P: Alleluia. "This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation." Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9)
- 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

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### Hebrews 4:12-16

- <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup>Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
- <sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.
- <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

(THE APOSTLES' CREED)

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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

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*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 What is the world to me With all its vaunt-ed plea - sure  
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y,  
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey of - fers,  
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,

When you, and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.  
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,

You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;  
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is he,  
 I have a high - er good; Con - tent with it I'll be;  
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
 My Je - sus, he a - lone. What is the world to me!  
 My Je - sus is my wealth — What is the world to me!  
 Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

## ✘ THE MESSAGE ✘

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### DISCIPLESHIP – A Life of Following Jesus

#### *“Maintaining the Right Priorities”*

##### Mark 10:17-27

- <sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”
- <sup>18</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.’”
- <sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”
- <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”
- <sup>22</sup> At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.
- <sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”
- <sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”
- <sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”
- <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

## WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*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, scan the QR code here or visit our website: [www.duluthlutheran.org](http://www.duluthlutheran.org) and click on the “GIVE” tab.*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH & WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP

Sophie Husby

## ✘ PRAYERS ✘

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### RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P:** Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.
- C:** Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.
- P:** Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to souls throughout the world.



- C:** Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and hope.
- P:** Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy and blessings to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.
- C:** Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.
- P:** Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome doubt and unbelief by the power of your gospel, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.
- C:** Fill us with joy over every soul that comes to faith and trust in you.
- P:** Hear us, Lord, as we pray to you in silence.
- A moment for personal prayer and reflection.*
- P:** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will answer them in your wisdom and grace.
- C:** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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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

“Take the World, but Give Me Jesus”

CW 355

Printed on the next page.

1 Take the world, but give me Je-sus! All its joys are but a  
 2 Take the world, but give me Je-sus, Sweet-est com - fort of my  
 3 Take the world, but give me Je-sus! In his cross my trust shall

name. But his love a - bides for - ev - er, Through e -  
 soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing o'er me, I can  
 be Till with clear - er, bright - er vi - sion Face to

*Refrain*

ter - nal years the same.  
 sing, though thun - ders roll. Oh, the height and depth of  
 face my Lord I see.

mer - cy; Oh, the length and breadth of love! Oh, the

full - ness of re - demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

## CLOSING PRAYER

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**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

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**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

“May the Peace of God”  
New Hymnal  
Printed on the back page.

I May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -  
 peace which pass - es un - der - stand -  
 ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en  
 ing, And this grace which makes us what we  
 Son, are, And the fel - low-ship of God the  
 And this fel - low-ship of his Com -  
 Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his  
 mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in  
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 love. heart. And to him be praise for his  
 glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the  
 heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the  
 Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of  
 kings.  
 2 May this kings.