



1 Blessings from  
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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 "worshipping 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 Jerry and Marcia Stavang in honor of Marcia's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Happy Birthday Marcia!

**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](http://www.dulutheran.org/connect), for the full hike schedule.



**Women's Fellowship Painting Event: June 7th @ 6:00 p.m.** Deadline for ordering your sign to paint is today! Order by scanning the QR code or visiting this link: <https://forms.gle/BWiDPfYVqMvFQ6Aw8>

**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.

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

1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my  
 2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der For soul and  
 3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion Has brought you  
 4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing, Be yours, O  
 5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness? Shall I not

God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 bod - y, no - bly joined; I praise you, Guard - ian kind and  
 down to ran - som me. Your pit - ying heart sought my sal -  
 Spir - it of all grace, Whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful  
 praise you ev - er - more And tri - umph o - ver fear and

joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -  
 ten - der, For all the dai - ly joys I find So rich - ly  
 va - tion; You bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly, Brought me from  
 teach - ing Give me a - mong your saints a place. What - ev - er  
 sad - ness, Al - though my cup of woe runs o'er? Though heav'n and

ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.  
 spread on ev - 'ry side And free - ly for my use sup - plied.  
 bond - age full re - lease, Made me your own, and gave me peace.  
 good by me is done Is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.  
 earth shall dis - ap - pear, Your end - less love is ev - er near.

## INVOCATION

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- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

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- P: Dear God, our heavenly Father, nothing is hidden from you. You have searched us and you know us. You perceive our thoughts from afar. You are familiar with our ways. (Psalm 139) Therefore, Lord, hear our prayer. Listen to our cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness come to our relief. We confess our sins to you:
- 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. 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 your forgiveness give peace to our hearts, strength to our will, and rest to our souls.**
- P: God, in his great mercy, has given his only Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Jesus promises, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Friends in Christ, our Savior has brought you freedom from guilt and given you peace. Through his death and resurrection, all your sins are completely forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

## HOLY BAPTISM

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Harlee Elaine Hutkowski  
Colton Jon Hutkowski

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"**  
CW 299

*After a brief introduction, please sing.*

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| 1. All who be-lieve and are bap-tized<br>Shall see the Lord's sal-va-tion;<br>Bap-tized in-to the death of Christ,<br>They are a new cre-a-tion.<br>Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand<br>A-mong the glo-rious, heav'n-ly band<br>Of ev-'ry tribe and na-tion. | 2. With one ac-cord, O God, we pray:<br>Grant us your Ho-ly Spir-it.<br>Help us in our in-firm-i-ty<br>Through Je-sus' blood and mer-it.<br>Grant us to grow in grace each day<br>That by this sac-ra-ment we may<br>E-ter-nal life in-her-it. |
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# PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**P:** O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; 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 ✠

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### FIRST READING

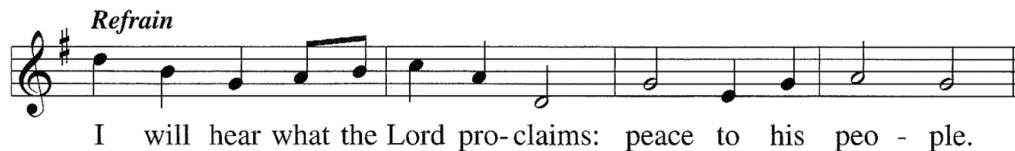
Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup>“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor the alien within your gates, so that your manservant and maidservant may rest, as you do. <sup>15</sup> Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore, the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 85

pg. 97 in front of the Hymnal



You showed favor to your land, O LORD;\*  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people\*  
and covered all their sins.

Show us your unfailing love, O LORD,\*  
and grant us your salvation.

*Refrain*

I will listen to what God the LORD will say;\*  
he promises peace to his people, his saints.

Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,\*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

Love and faithfulness meet together;\*  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**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. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Alleluia. (Psalm 119:105)
- 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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Colossians 2:13-17

- <sup>13</sup> When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.
- <sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

- P: The Word of the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For  
us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and  
the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will  
come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy  
Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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 "Come un - to me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."  
 2 "Come un - to me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."  
 3 "Come un - to me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."  
 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."

O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op - pressed!  
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
 O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,

It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,  
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
 The foe is stern and ea - ger; The fight is fierce and long;  
 Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,

Of joy that has no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
 But thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
 But thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than, the strong.  
 In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to thee!

## † THE MESSAGE †

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### RESURRECTION REALITY

#### “The Gift of Rest”

Mark 2:23-3:6

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”

<sup>25</sup> He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? <sup>26</sup> In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Another time he went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. <sup>2</sup> Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent. <sup>5</sup> He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. <sup>6</sup> Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

## 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, visit our website: [www.dulutheran.org](http://www.dulutheran.org) and click on the “Give” tab.*

## † PRAYERS †

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Prayer and petitions offered on behalf of the Church*

### 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.**



† SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



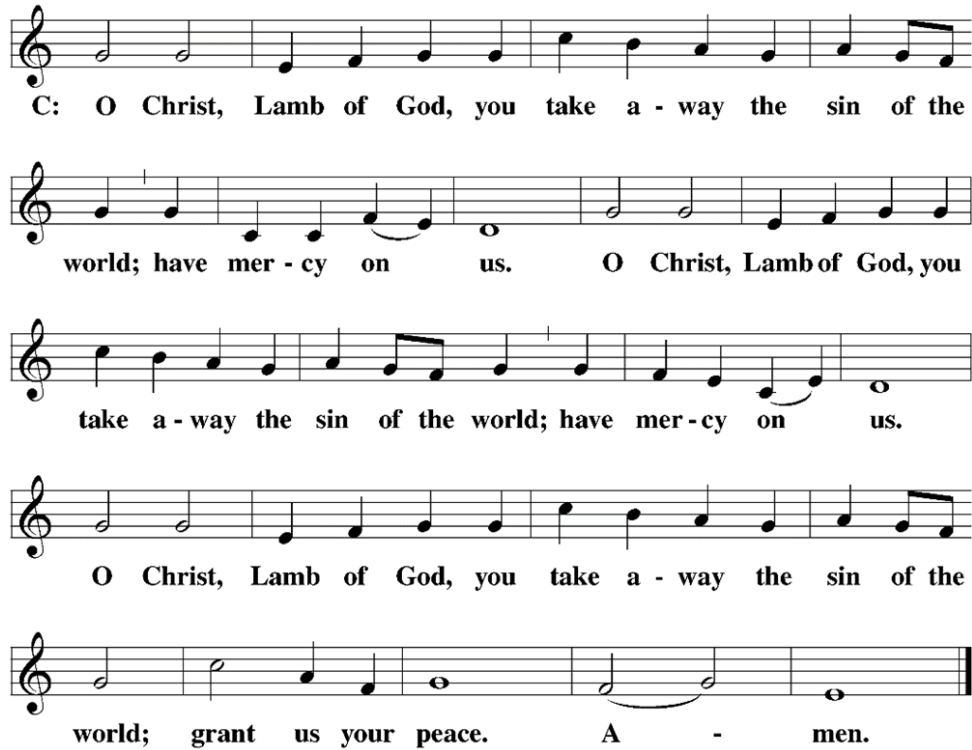
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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

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C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

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*The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Christ's true body and blood for our forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith. It is our practice that only those who are members of Shepherd of the Hills or members of another WELS congregation come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are a visitor from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Denney after the service.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

**"Jesus Sinners Does Receive"**

CW 304

Printed on the back of the Message Notes

# SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Thank the Lord”

*After a brief introduction, please sing...*



**C:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

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**P:** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**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

“Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go”

CW 456

Printed on the back page.

1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly  
 2 Oh, let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill The task your  
 3 May I find you at my right hand; Your eyes see  
 4 Give me to bear your eas - y yoke And ev - 'ry

la - bor to pur - sue, De - ter - mined on - ly  
 wis - dom has as - signed And do your good and  
 tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at  
 mo - ment watch and pray And still to things e -

you to know In all I think or speak or do.  
 per - fect will — In all my works your pres - ence find!  
 your com - mand And of - fer all my works to you.  
 ter - nal look And has - ten to your glo - rious day.

5 For you I joyously employ  
 Whatever you in grace have giv'n;  
 I run my daily course with joy  
 And closely walk with you to heav'n.