

Discipleship

A life of following Jesus

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, 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 Charley Thompson in honor of his sister, Terri.

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

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".

WLC Instrumental Ensemble Tour: On **Saturday, October 12th at 6:30 pm**, students of Wisconsin Lutheran College will be performing a concert at Shepherd of the Hills as part of their Fall Ensemble Tour. The concert is free of charge. The ensemble will be performing a recital for your enjoyment as well as having a hymn sing. Following the concert, there will be some light snacks and refreshments.



WLC Member Meal: We're seeking your help to provide food for the WI Lutheran College Ensemble's "Make-Your-Own Sub Sandwich" meal! We are needing enough sandwich fixings for 24 people. Please check the available slots by scanning the QR code and click the button to sign up. Kindly have all food at the church by Friday evening, **10/11/24**. Thank you!

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ABAF28ABF94-51521254-meal#/>

Young Professionals Bonfire: Adults in their 20's and early 30's are invited to join us for a cozy bonfire at Church on **Oct 4th at 6 p.m.** We'll have great conversations, s'mores, and plenty of fun! Bring a chair and we'll see you there! Any questions contact Becky Miller.

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 Bol's home. 5906 Castle Road. Text Donna at 218-575-2518 or Diane at 218-393-7335 if you have 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.

CLOSING HYMN

"If God Himself Be for Me"

CW 419 vs.1-4

1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
 2 This I be - lieve, yea rath - er, Of this I make my boast,
 3 I build on this foun - da - tion: That Je - sus and his blood
 4 He can - celed my of - fen - ses, De - liv - ered me from death;

For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.
 That God is my dear Fa - ther, My friend who loves me most,
 A - lone are my sal - va - tion, My true, e - ter - nal good.
 He is the Lord who clean - ses My soul from sin through faith.

If Christ, my head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,
 And that, what - e'er be - tide me, My Sav - ior is at hand
 With - out him all that pleas - es Is val - ue - less on earth;
 In him I can be cheer - ful, Cou - ra - geous on my way;

What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from his love?
 Through storm - y seas to guide me And bring me safe to land.
 The gifts I have from Je - sus A - lone have price - less worth.
 In him I am not fear - ful Of God's great Judg - ment Day.

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, And
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A
 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands — 'Tis

keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God would
 make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no do -
 strict - er watch to keep; And should I e'er for -
 a de - light - ful road — Nor let my head or

grant me grace To know and do his will!
 min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
 get your way, Re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
 heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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.

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

Con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,
 And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
 Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
 When I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
 That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion

Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze,
 He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 And there pro - claim: “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, “How great thou
 art! How great thou art!” Then sings my soul, my
 Sav - ior - God to thee, “How great thou art! How great thou art!”

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: Brothers and sisters in Christ: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: Who made heaven and earth.**
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
- C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: O most merciful God, who has given your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and lead us in true obedience to your Word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life.**
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives the power to become children of God and promised them his Holy Spirit. Grant this Lord, to us all.
- C: Amen.**

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 Hymnal

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

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, scan the QR code here or visit our website: www.duluth-lutheran.com and click on the "GIVE" tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P: Lord of our lives, by sending your Son to live and die as our perfect substitute, you provided forgiveness and salvation for a world of sinners.
- C: We praise you for your generous saving love.**
- P: We thank you for reaching out to each of us personally with your Word and the water of Baptism. You have set us apart as people who belong to you.
- C: We are people whose purpose is to receive your love and live to your glory.**
- P: Gracious Father, you have called us to live for you and not for ourselves or according to the standards of the world. Help us devote our time, our talents, our energy, and whatever you have placed into our hands to those things that will be of value for eternity.
- C: May our hearts belong to you completely and help us to use our gifts and resources as you desire.**
- P: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let our trust be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful.
- C: Lead us to look to you as our source of comfort and strength.**
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- A moment for personal prayer and reflection.*
- P: As we pray together, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.
- 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.

DISCIPLESHIP – A Life of Following Jesus

“Aligned with Christ”

Mark 9:42-50

⁴²“And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. ⁴³If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where “their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.”

⁴⁹Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 We have been given a responsibility to _____ for others’ _____ well-being.

- ⇒ Mark 9:42-48; Galatians 6:1; 1 Timothy 2:3-4; Matthew 5:14; Ephesians 5:1-2
- ⇒ Jesus urges us to be on guard, so that we do not lead someone else into sin.
- ⇒ Aligned with Jesus, we see the importance of reflecting his truth and grace around us.

#2 Jesus shows us the real _____ that are at _____ with sin.

- ⇒ Mark 9:42-48; Romans 8:3; 1 Timothy 1:15; Romans 6:1-2; Genesis 39:9
- ⇒ Jesus uses vivid language to show how dangerous sin is to us and our faith.
- ⇒ The grace of Christ changes us, so that we hate sin and seek to honor him in our life.

#3 The salt of God’s Word _____ us and _____ us to put our faith in action.

- ⇒ Mark 9:49-50; Matthew 5:13; Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16
- ⇒ The Word preserves us in our faith through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- ⇒ Spending time in the Word will always be a benefit and help us carry out Christ’s work.

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:16, 24-29

¹⁶The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

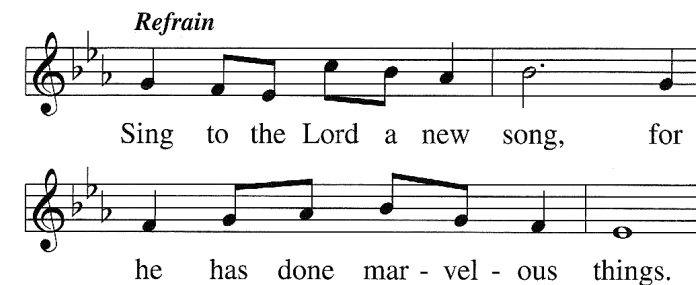
²⁶However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 111

pg. 106 in front of the Hymnal



Great are the works óf the LORD;*
they are pondered by all who delíght in them.

Glorious and majestic áre his deeds,*
and his righteousness endures foréver.

He has caused his wonders to be rémembered;*
the LORD is gracious and compássionate.

Refrain

The works of his hands are faithfúl and just;*
all his precepts are trustwóthy.

He provided redemption for his péople;*
he ordained his covenant foréver.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wísdóm;*
all who follow his precepts have good understáding.

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

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. "At the name of Jesus every knee should, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10-11)
- 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

James 4:7-12

- ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.
- ¹¹ Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

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.

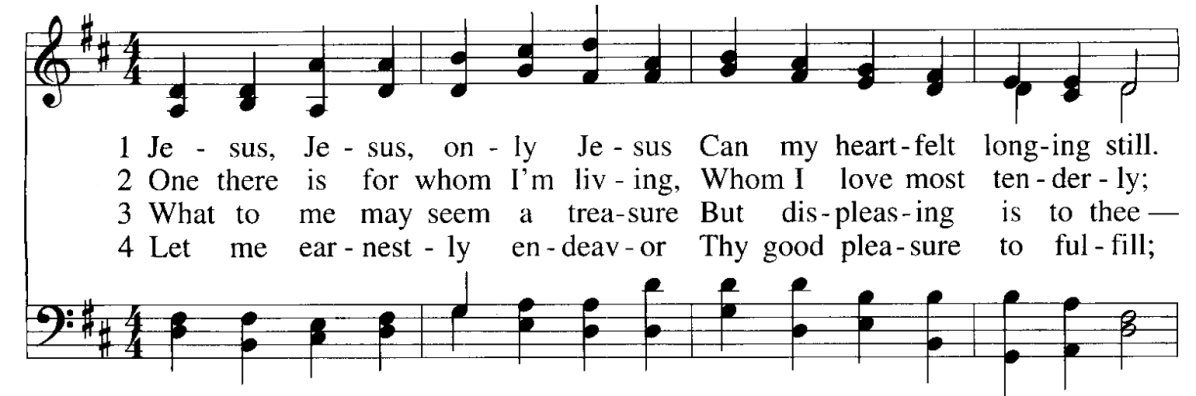
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

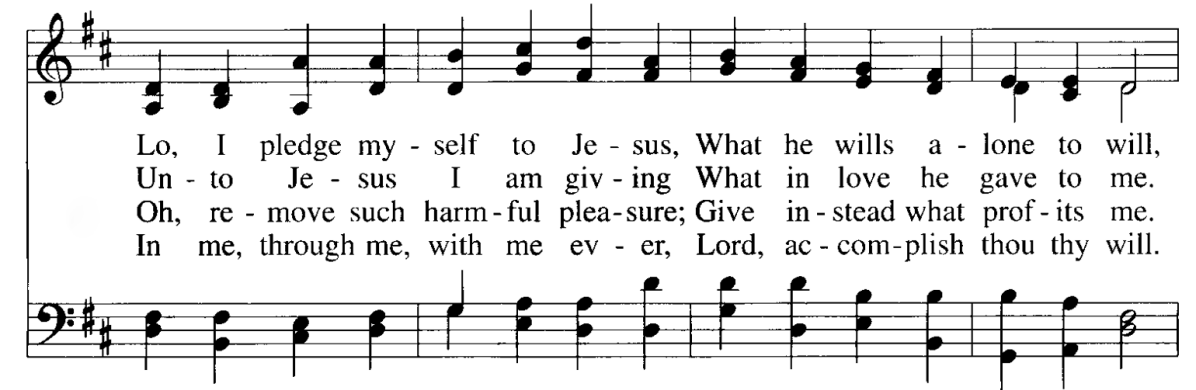
HYMN

"Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus"

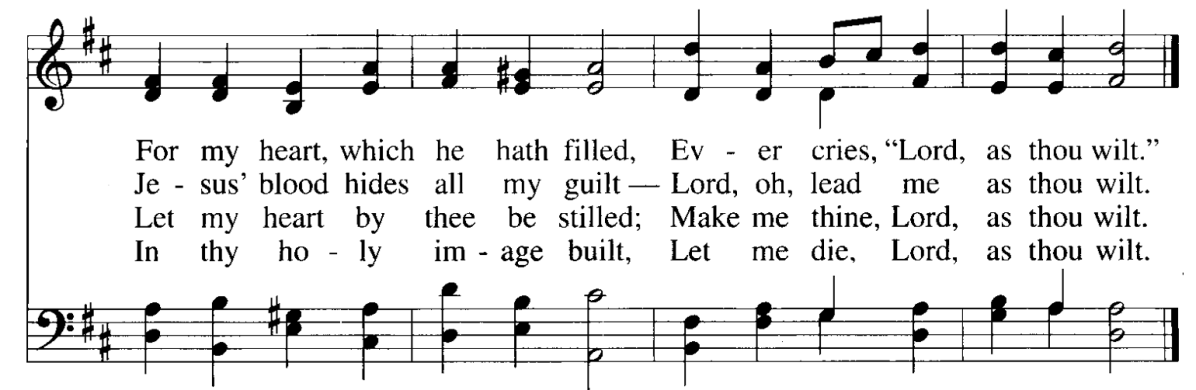
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1 Je - sus, Je - sus, on - ly Je - sus Can my heart-felt long-ing still.
2 One there is for whom I'm liv - ing, Whom I love most ten - der - ly;
3 What to me may seem a trea - sure But dis - pleas - ing is to thee—
4 Let me ear - nest - ly en - deav - or Thy good plea - sure to ful - fill;



Lo, I pledge my - self to Je - sus, What he wills a - lone to will,
Un - to Je - sus I am giv - ing What in love he gave to me.
Oh, re - move such harm - ful plea - sure; Give in - stead what prof - its me.
In me, through me, with me ev - er, Lord, ac - com - plish thou thy will.



For my heart, which he hath filled, Ev - er cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."
Je - sus' blood hides all my guilt— Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.
Let my heart by thee be stilled; Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.
In thy ho - ly im - age built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.

- 5 Jesus, constant be my praises,
For thou unto me didst bring
Thine own self and all thy graces
That I joyfully may sing:
Be it unto me, my Shield,
As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.