



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.

Congregation Quarterly Update: Today, 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.



Summer Child Supervision: We are looking for volunteers to supervise the children during Sunday morning adult Bible study. Please help us by scanning the QR code for more information and to sign up! If you have any questions or wish to have someone sign you up, please speak with Kiersten Nash.

Women's Hikes: The next hike is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 6th at 6:00 PM** at Congdon Park.

Flower Bed Weeding Needed: We are looking for volunteers to help the landscaping mowers and trimmers weed the front and back flower beds. If you are interested please come on Thursday mornings around 9 am or speak with Dave Hedin.

Church Picnic Sept 8th! Save the date for our church picnic, after Sunday service. More details to follow. Any questions reach out to Peter Moeri. peterlmoeri@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

This past week we had our summer VBS program at church. We were blessed to have 56 children and youth attend! Many of the students shared what a great experience they had here with us. Then on Thursday evening, over 150 people came to our VBS Summer Celebration party. It was a week where we have many thanks to give to God. A week that also would not be possible without the many volunteers at our church. Thank you very much to the volunteers who helped with VBS! We appreciate your service to our church and our Savior.

1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours, Au - tumn's rich, o'er -
 3 Peace, pros - per - i - ty, and health, Pri - vate bliss and
 4 As your pros - p'ring hand has blest, May we give you

crowns our days. Boun - teous Source of ev - 'ry joy,
 flow - ing stores, Flocks that whit - en all the plain,
 pub - lic wealth, Knowl - edge with its glad - d'ning streams,
 of our best And by deeds of kind - ly love

Let your praise our tongues em - ploy. All to you, our
 Yel - low sheaves of rip - ened grain — Lord, for these our
 True re - li - gion's ho - lier beams — Lord, for these our
 For your mer - cies grate - ful prove, Sing - ing thus through

God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 all our days: “Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.”

INVOCATION

P: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. We begin our worship 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: May our prayers rise before you like incense;

C: **The lifting up of our hands like the evening sacrifice.**

P: O Lord, I call to you, come quickly to me.

C: **Hear my voice when I call to you.**

P: Heavenly Father, you will not turn away from us, even though you are just and holy, you love those who act unjustly to you. Sin is ever present and the temptations of the world and our sinful flesh never grow weak. Hear us as we come to you in repentance and confess our sins.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do. You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Jesus, your Savior, lived a perfect life, died an innocent death, and rose from death to remove your sin and guilt forever. God's Word declares to you, "your sins are forgiven" in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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 ✠

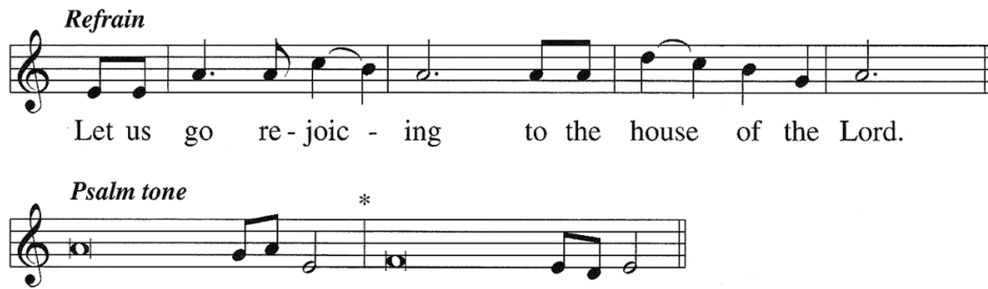
FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-8,11-15

² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" ⁸ Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat."



How lovely is your dwelling place,*
O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,*
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,*
they are ever praising you.

Refrain

Better is one day in your courts*
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,*
blessed are they who trust in 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. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Alleluia. (John 6:68)

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

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

HYMN

"O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made"

CW 481



1 O God, your hand the heav-ens made And all that they con-tain;
2 To us are giv-en gifts di-vine; All tal-ents you have sent.
3 De-liv-er us from self-ish aims; True stew-ards we would be.



The world ap-peared at your com-mand, And in it now you reign.
In-spire us now to use them well Your king-dom to ex-tend.
En-dow us with a deep de-sire To live un-self-ish-ly.



The rest-less sea, the land, the sky Your hand-i-work de-clare;
We hold each gift a trust from you Nor claim it as our own;
A full ac-count-ing we must give And see you face to face;



The touch of your cre-a-tive pow'r Is pres-ent ev-'ry-where.
We grate-ful-ly ac-knowl-edge, Lord, All things are yours a-lone.
Let us ap-proach your throne with joy, Sup-port-ed by your grace.

† THE MESSAGE †

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“God Meets Our Need to Meet Others’ Needs”

Mark 6:35-44

- ³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”
- ³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”
They said to him, “That would take eight months of a man’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”
- ³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”
When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”
- ³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Jesus understands our _____ and in his mercy he provides an _____.

- ⇒ Mark 6:35-38; Hebrews 2:14; Psalm 118:8; Romans 8:28
- ⇒ A crowd came listening to Jesus, but it was later in the night and they had no food.
- ⇒ Instead of trusting in Jesus to provide for us, we can be tempted to rely on ourselves.

#2 What Jesus provides for us is not just _____, he often gives in _____.

- ⇒ Mark 6:39-44; Psalm 145:15-16; Philippians 4:12; John 6:40; John 6:27
- ⇒ That day Jesus gave the crowd a miracle that left everyone satisfied and more.
- ⇒ Jesus provides what we need physically, and generously gives us all we need for eternity.

#3 God gives us blessings and _____ so that we can be a _____ to others.

- ⇒ Mark 6:35-44; 2 Corinthians 9:11; Ephesians 2:10
- ⇒ Our motivation for meeting other’s needs is found in what our Savior has given to us.
- ⇒ Each of us has different gifts and blessings that we can use to serve others and our Savior.

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.duluth Lutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P:** Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly processions of day and night for our work and rest.
- C:** **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the sea, and the gentle breeze.**
- P:** Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank for your work, for projects that are well done, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.
- C:** **Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendship.**
- P:** Thank you for our cities and our country sides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us. Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.
- C:** **Thank you for Christian family and friends, for their affection and their care.**
- P:** Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.
- Silent prayer.*
- P:** Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.
- C:** **Lead us in thankful living today and always. 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 Lord, you love the cheer-ful giv - er Who with o - pen
 2 We are yours — your mer - cy sought us, Found us in death's
 3 Blessed by you with gifts and gra - ces, May we heed your

heart and hand Bless - es free - ly, as a riv - er That re -
 dread-ful way, To the fold in safe - ty brought us, Nev - er -
 Spir - it's call, Glad - ly in all times and pla - ces Give to

fresh - es all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giv - ing
 more from you to stray. Your own life was free - ly giv - en
 you who gives us all. You have bought us; now no long - er

With a spir - it large and true That our life and
 As an of - f'ring on the cross For each sin - ner,
 Can we claim to be our own; Ev - er free and

all our liv - ing We may con - se - crate to you.
 now for - giv - en From e - ter - nal shame and loss.
 ev - er strong - er We shall serve you, Lord, a - lone.

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

“May the Peace of God”
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CLOSING HYMN

“May the Peace of God”

New Hymnal

1 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, And the fel - low-ship of God the

are, 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

Refrain
love. And to him be praise for his

heart. 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

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