



**Be the Ultimate Prepper**



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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/events](http://www.dulutheran.org/events) or sign up for our weekly email at [www.dulutheran.org/subscribe](http://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe). You can also view the church calendar at [www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar](http://www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar).*

**Offertory Music:** Thank you to our 7th-12 Grade Choir for beautifying our service with their vocal talents!

**Christmas For Kids:** Children ages 3 to 11 are invited to join us on **Saturday, December 7th from 8:30-11:00 AM** for a Birthday Breakfast for Jesus! We will celebrate the birth of our Savior with breakfast, games, and a movie. Anyone interested in helping to host the event should speak with Ryan Bogart; a sign-up will be available soon.

**Advent Services:** To accommodate the vacancy schedule, this year's Advent services will be held on **Thursdays, starting December 5th at 7:00 PM**. A potluck meal will be held prior to the service, starting at **6:00 PM**.

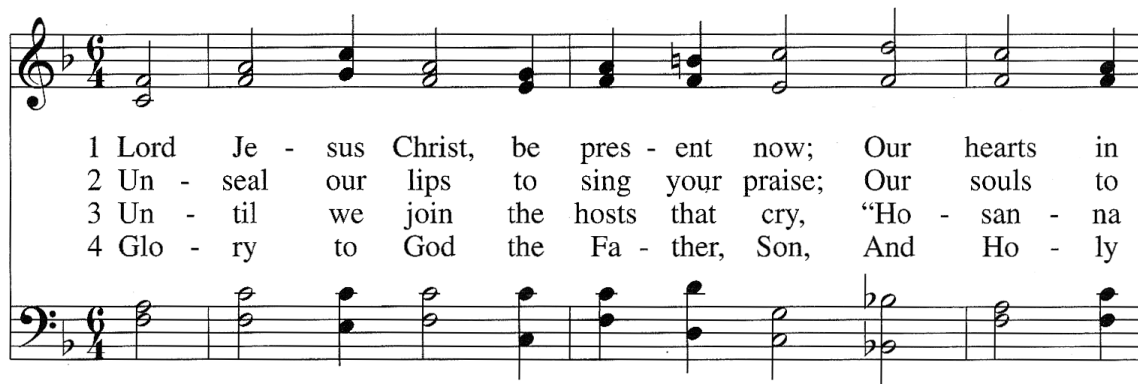
**Christmas Dates:** Please save these dates and plan to join us for:

- ◆ Sunday School Christmas Service: Sunday, December 15th during the 2PM service
- ◆ Preschool Christmas Program: Wednesday, December 18th at 6PM
- ◆ Christmas Eve Worship: Tuesday, December 24th at 6PM
- ◆ Christmas Day Worship: Wednesday, December 25th at 9AM

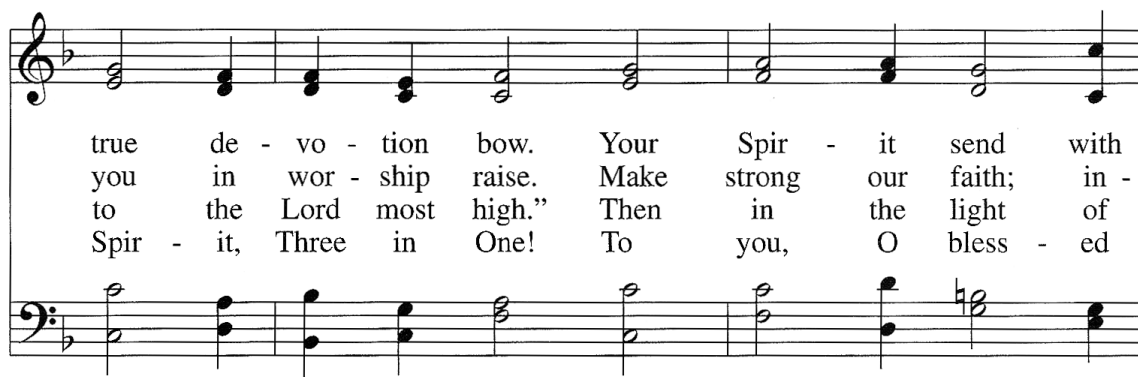
**Lunches for Called Workers/Preschool Staff:** Our Care Committee has been providing a monthly lunch to the preschool called workers and staff. They would like to invite the congregation to help with this by taking turns providing a 2nd monthly lunch! You can sign up for which month you'd like to provide lunch here: <https://bit.ly/4eGYxYL>

Questions? Speak with Diane Schlossin or any member of the Care Committee.


**Second Harvest Northland Food Drive:** We are still collecting food for the local food drive. Please see the sign on the bulletin board showing which foods are their most needed items. There is a cardboard box in the entryway for any donations. Thank you for your help to support this good cause!



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to  
 3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, “Ho - san - na  
 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
 you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -  
 to the Lord most high.” Then in the light of  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.  
 crease our light That we may know your name a - right  
 that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.  
 Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*Please sing at the beginning of the music...*

**Lord, have mer-cy on us.  
Christ, have mer-cy on us.  
Lord, have mer-cy on us.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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:** Amen.

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

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**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**“Glory be to God”**  
pg. 16 in front of Hymnal

*Please sing at the beginning of the music...*

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you,  
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther al-mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father;  
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
For you on-ly are holy; you only are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray. [*minister says the Prayer of the Day*]

**C:** Amen.

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:4-6

<sup>4</sup>“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

## SECOND READING

Jude 20-25

<sup>20</sup> But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. <sup>22</sup> Be merciful to those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. <sup>24</sup> To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— <sup>25</sup> to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

## GOSPEL READING

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Mark 13:26-37

<sup>26</sup>“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. <sup>28</sup>“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. <sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. <sup>34</sup> It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. <sup>35</sup>“Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup> If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup> What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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

*Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Warskow. 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

“Preach You the Word”  
CW 544

<sup>1</sup>Preach you the Word and plant it home  
To those who like or like it not,  
The Word that shall en-dure and stand  
When flow'rs and mor-tals are for-got.

<sup>2</sup>We know how hard, O Lord, the task  
Your ser-vant bids us un-der-take:  
To preach your Word and nev-er ask  
What pride-ful prof-it it may make.

<sup>3</sup>The sow-er sows; his reck-less love  
Scat-ters abroad the good-ly seed,  
In-tent a-lone that there may be  
The whole-some loaves that peo-ple need.

<sup>4</sup>Though some be snatched and some be scorched  
And some be choked and mat-ted flat,  
The sow-er sows; his heart cries out,  
“Oh, what of that, and what of that?”

<sup>5</sup>Preach you the Word and plant it home  
And never faint; the Harvest-Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow  
Will watch and tend his planted Word.

✘ THE MESSAGE ✘

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Jude 20-25

**“Create In Me A Clean Heart”**

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*Please sing after a brief introduction...*

**Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir-it with-in me.  
Cast me not away from your pres-ence,  
and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me.  
Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-vation,  
and up-hold me with your free Spirit. A-men.**

**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.*

**OFFERTORY**

**“For The Beauty Of The Earth”**

*words by Folliot S. Pierpoint, music by Greg Gilpin  
7-12th Grade Choir*

✘ 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.**

**HYMN**

**“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”**

CW 7

*Printed on the next page.*

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
 And let your lights appear;  
 The evening is advancing,  
 And darker night is near.  
 The Bridegroom is arising  
 And soon is drawing nigh.  
 Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
 At midnight comes the cry.

<sup>2</sup> The watchers on the mountain  
 Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
 Go forth, as he approaches,  
 With alleluias clear.  
 The marriage feast is waiting;  
 The gates wide open stand.  
 Arise, O heirs of glory;  
 The Bridegroom is at hand.

<sup>3</sup> You saints, who here in patience  
 Your cross and sufferings bore,  
 Shall live and reign forever  
 When sorrow is no more.  
 Around the throne of glory  
 The Lamb you shall behold;  
 In triumph lay before him  
 Your shining crowns of gold.

<sup>4</sup> Arise, Desire of nations;  
 O Jesus, now appear,  
 The Hope and Expectation  
 Of ev'ry Christian here.  
 With hearts and hands uplifted  
 We plead, O Lord, to see  
 The day of earth's redemption  
 That sets your people free.

## CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

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**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.

**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

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

CW 206

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