



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 "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).

**Oh Baby!** Ladies, join us on **July 6th at 10:30 am** to celebrate Alison Moeri and Kaytlin Richie at a joint baby shower held at Shepherd of the Hills. We'll be enjoying a potluck-style brunch, so if you are able to please bring a dish to share. Please keep in mind that Kaytlin has dietary restrictions (gluten-free, egg-free, and dairy-free). Looking forward to celebrating these upcoming blessings with you! Alison is registered at Amazon & Target. We sincerely hope you can make it! Any questions reach out to Kim Kirkland or Shawna Doblal. **Please RSVP to Kim Kirkland at 218-206-1219 or email Shawna Doblal at [shawna.r33@gmail.com](mailto:shawna.r33@gmail.com).**

**Men's Summer Fellowship Bonfires:** On **July 11th at 6 PM** there is a Men's Fellowship Bonfires at Bill Dunsmoor's home (3980 Willow Place). These bonfire events feature a devotion and discussion, bonfire, grills for cooking, food and drinks, yard games. Men are welcome to bring their own meat for cooking and their own preferred beverages.



**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 or Pastor Denney.

**Women's Hikes:** Please mark your calendars and join us for some beautiful summer hikes in the Duluth area. The next hike date is **Thursday, July 11th at 6:00 PM at Kingsbury Creek**. It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors and connect. Please contact Kely Dunsmoor (218-750-0225) with any questions.

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

We're headed to the beach, Breaker Rock Beach! Children ages 3-11 will learn God's rock solid truth in a world of shifting sands. Kids will be challenged as they discover that God's truth never changes, everyone needs Jesus, and learn to speak the truth in love. Adventure awaits each day as kids explore tide pools, spot orcas, fly kites, and watch the mighty waves crash up against the immovable Breaker Rock! Scan the QR code on the right or visit <https://www.dulutheran.org/vbs24> to register today.



**We are still in need for a few volunteers for VBS.** This is such an important event that emboldens and sometimes even starts a child's walk with Christ before a new school year begins. We need people of all talents to help out. Your time and passion would be very appreciated if you have it to spare. Please see the opportunities available to see where you can help make an impact this summer! Scan the QR code below to see if you'd like to help.



## CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Jesus promises us, "Wherever two or three come together in my name, there I am with them".

C: **Be with us Lord, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

P: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

C: **May the words of our mouth and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

## OPENING HYMN

"This Day at Your Creating Word"

CW 229

1 This day at your cre - a - ting word First o'er the  
2 This day the Lord for sin - ners slain In might vic -  
3 This day the Ho - ly Spir - it came With fi - ery  
4 This day of light and life and grace We gath - er

earth the light was poured: O Lord, this day up -  
to - rious rose a - gain: O Je - sus, raise your  
tongues of clo - ven flame: O Spir - it, fill our  
in our wor - ship - place: This ho - ly hour, blest

on us shine, And fill our souls with light di - vine.  
peo - ple, too, From death of sin to life in you.  
hearts this day With grace to hear and grace to pray.  
gift of love, Give we a - gain to God a - bove.

5 All praise to God the Father be,  
To Christ, who set his people free,  
Whom with the Spirit we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

## 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: **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. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I announce to you: forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)**
- P: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement, give us a spirit of unity among ourselves as we follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5,6)

## 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: O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Lamentations 3:22-33

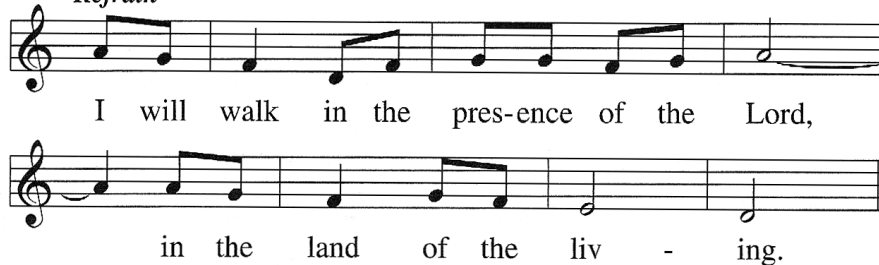
- 22 Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.  
 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.  
 24 I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”  
 25 The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;  
 26 it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.  
 27 It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young.  
 28 Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him.  
 29 Let him bury his face in the dust— there may yet be hope.  
 30 Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace.  
 31 For men are not cast off by the Lord forever.  
 32 Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love.  
 33 For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

PSALM OF THE DAY


Psalm 116

pg. 107 in front of the Hymnal

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;\*  
 he heard my cry for mercy.

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,\*  
 my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

Because he turned his ear to me,\*  
 I will call on him as long as I live.

How can I repay the LORD\*  
 for all his goodness to me?

The LORD is gracious and righteous;\*  
 when I was in great need, he saved me.

I will lift up the cup of salvation\*  
 and call on the name of the LORD.

*Refrain*

**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. ““If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Alleluia. (Mark 8:34)

**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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### 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup> We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup> For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. <sup>12</sup> So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

<sup>13</sup> It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. <sup>15</sup> All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

**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 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a -  
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And  
 3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in his shad - ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My  
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your  
 guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"  
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.  
 bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*



And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, Bear you on the



breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And



hold you in the palm of his hand.

† THE MESSAGE †

**BLESSINGS FROM ABOVE**

**"Jesus Changes our Perspective"**

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." <sup>24</sup> So Jesus went with him.

<sup>35</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" <sup>36</sup> Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

<sup>37</sup> He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep."

<sup>40</sup> But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). <sup>42</sup> Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. <sup>43</sup> He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

## MESSAGE NOTES

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**#1 We have a Savior that we can always \_\_\_\_\_ to in times of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ⇒ Mark 5:21-24; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 7:7; 1 Peter 5:7
- ⇒ Jairus came to Jesus hoping that he would be able to help his sick daughter.
- ⇒ No matter the problem we have, Jesus cares and in his compassion he will listen.

**#2 Trust in the Lord even when we don't \_\_\_\_\_ the immediate \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ⇒ Mark 5:35-40; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 15:54; Romans 5:1
- ⇒ Jesus offers words of encouragement to Jairus and invites him to "just believe".
- ⇒ Since Jesus has carried out our salvation, we can trust that he has plan for us now.

**#3 Jesus' power is greater than we can \_\_\_\_\_ and he can give us more than we \_\_\_\_\_.**

- ⇒ Mark 5:40-43; Luke 1:37; Revelation 4:11; Ephesians 3:20
- ⇒ By God's grace, Jairus witnessed that with Jesus nothing is impossible.
- ⇒ Jesus' power and wisdom, changes how we view and approach the troubles in our life.

## 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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### RESPONSIVE PRAYER

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, you delight in making yourself known to us and others. Bring us to recognize and rejoice in your majesty and your ministry. In love you chose to exercise your greatest strength to serve us in our greatest need.

**C:** **You revealed your glory through humble deeds of love.**

**P:** You called ordinary men to extraordinary things as your disciples. You also call us confidently to follow you, diligently to learn from you, and lovingly to imitate you. Empower us to serve you and our neighbor faithfully.

**C:** **Use us as your witnesses to bring many throughout the world to the light of your gospel.**

**P:** You revealed your glory through mighty signs and wonders. Assure us that you still rule all things in the universe and use them to serve our eternal good.

**C:** **In wise compassions exercise your power to help us and your Church on earth.**

**P:** Give us courage and compassion to relieve the distress of the hurting, to pray for all according to their needs, and to be content when in your wisdom you ask us to endure hardship. By the power of the gospel, restore our spirits assuring us that your love endures, your strength overcomes, and your presence remains constant.

**C:** **Help us to turn to you as our unfailing spring of healing and hope.**

**P:** Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer.*

**P:** Preserve your truth among us, and by that truth preserve us until you appear to bring us to glory. Let our anticipation of the heavenly kingdom ennoble our thinking and speaking, enrich our conduct, and increase our joy.

**C:** **In Jesus' name we pray. 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 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;  
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
 When my life is al - most gone,  
 And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.  
 Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.  
 At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

## 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

**“Christ Is the World’s Light”**

CW 343

Printed on the back page.

1 Christ is the world’s light, Christ and none oth - er; Born in our  
 2 Christ is the world’s peace, Christ and none oth - er; No one can  
 3 Christ is the world’s life, Christ and none oth - er; Sold once for  
 4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er; Give God the

dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er. If we have seen him,  
 serve him and de - spise an - oth - er. Who else u - nites us,  
 sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er. He who re - deemed us  
 glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther; Give God the glo - ry,

we have seen the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
 one with God the Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!  
 reigns with God the Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!  
 God with us, my broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!