



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 "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.

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".

Director for Church Choir: Our church is looking for a volunteer to serve as the director of the Adult Choir for this fall. If you are interested in serving in this role or have any questions, please speak with Pastor Denney for more information.

Family Hike: Today at **3 pm** at the **Kingsbury Creek trail**. Park in the Lake Superior Zoo parking lot near the playground. This will take us through a wooded dirt and rocky trail with pretty views of Kingsbury Creek. We hope you can join us as we explore God's beautiful creation and enjoy fellowship together! Please speak with Kiersten Nash with any questions.

Camp Croix Women's Retreat: The Women's Retreat will be on **October 4th-6th**, you can visit their website: campcroix.org/womens-retreat for more information. **Registration closes today!** Enjoy the beautiful Northwoods for a weekend of seeking Jesus through Bible Study, nature, worship, fellowship, and the amazing teaching of Amber Albee Swenson.

Women's Bible study: All ladies are invited to join us for time in God's Word and fellowship together on **Tuesday, September 24th**. We will meet at the **church at 6 pm** and close our study on the book of Ephesians. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kiersten Nash.

UMD Football Game: Join us for a fellowship event on **Saturday, September 28th** for UMD football game! Tickets are \$5 per person for general admission. Game time is 12 pm, and there will be tailgating before the game!

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. rehomiller@gmail.com

OPENING HYMN

“Glory Be to God the Father”

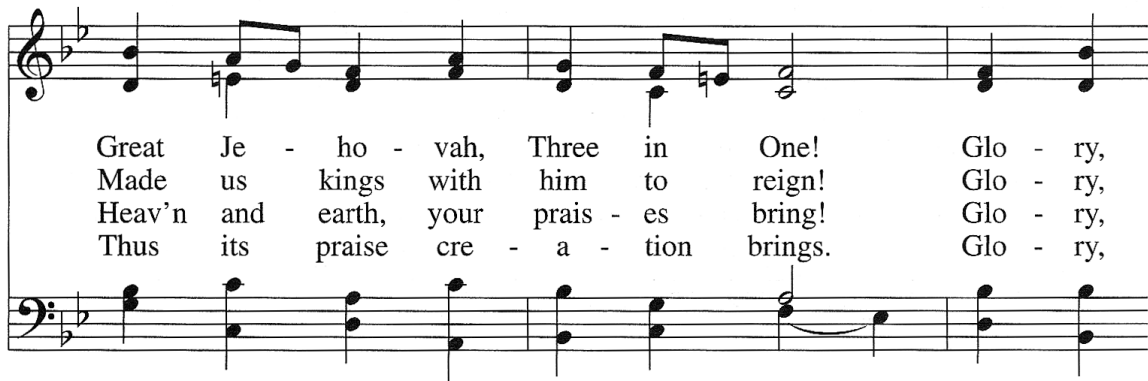
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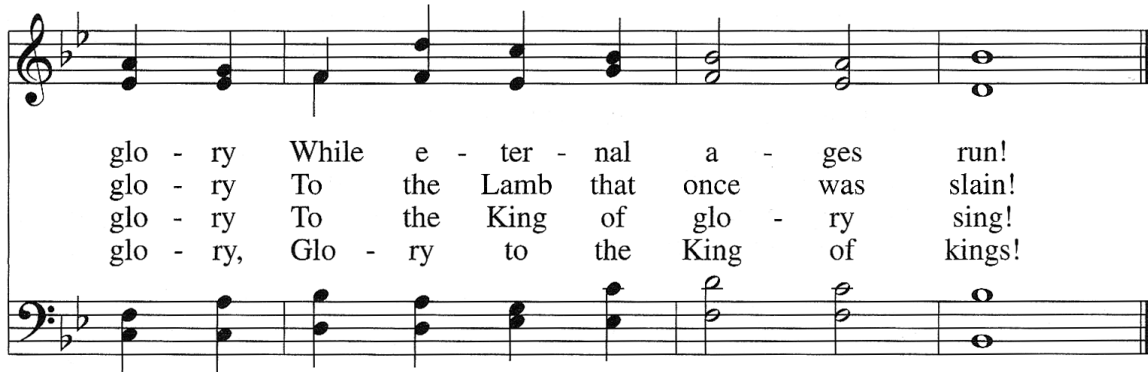
1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! — Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it,
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion! —



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

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: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Bible tells us that, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 6:23) The Bible also shows us that, "the wages of sin is death". (Romans 3:23) Sin carries serious consequences between us and God.

We cannot hide our sins from a holy and almighty God. As Scripture teaches, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13) Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Cleanse me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51)**

P: God has heard your prayer for mercy, and his Word promises you, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just; he will forgive us all of our sins." (1 John 1:9) This is because: "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and he was raised to life for our justification." (Romans 4:25) By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your sin and guilt forever. Go, then in the peace of God's forgiveness.

C: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant a willing spirit to sustain me.**

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: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:1-9

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. ² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 66

pg. 90 in front of the Hymnal

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

Shout with joy to God, *á*ll the earth!*
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise *g*lorious!

Praise our God, O *p*éoples,*
let the sound of his *p*raise be heard.

He has *p*re*s*erved our lives*
and kept our feet from *s*lipping.

Refrain

Come and listen, all you who *f*éar God;*
let me tell you what he has *d*one for me.

If I had cherished sin *i*n my heart,*
the Lord would not have *l*istened;

but God has surely *l*istened*
and heard my *v*oice in prayer.

**Glory be to the Father and *t*o the Son*
and to the Holy *S*pirit,
as it was in the *b*eginning,*
is now, and will be forever. *A*men.**

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Alleluia.
(2 Corinthians 12:9)

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 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

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.



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus. His death from the
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en



am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us And to
 e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us, Sun - shine
 sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us, Quick - ens
 from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus,



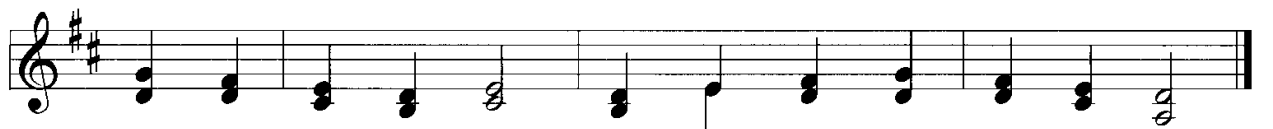
sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing,
 fol - low on the storm. Though we sow in tears of sor - row,
 us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti - fy, while liv - ing,
 thou art now our head. We are tru - ly thine own mem - bers;



Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove, Full of faith and
 We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy, And the fears that
 Flesh and blood and die to sin, And the grave that
 Where thou liv - est, there live we. Take and own us



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
 now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter on the mor - row. Christ, I
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus,



Lord, a - bide with me. Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.
 suf - fer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.
 here I die to thee, There to live e - ter - nal - ly.
 here I live to thee, Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

† THE MESSAGE †

DISCIPLESHIP – A LIFE OF FOLLOWING JESUS

“Becoming a Humble Servant”

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶ He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them,

³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Christ came in _____ to be the ultimate _____ of the world.

⇒ Mark 9:30-37; Matthew 16:16-20; Galatians 4:4; 1 John 4:10

⇒ Although he is true God, Jesus lowered himself and took on human flesh to be our Savior.

⇒ Jesus selflessly took up his cross, so he could bring you forgiveness and salvation.

#2 Our sinful nature clings to _____ and _____, but rejects humility.

⇒ Mark 9:30-37; Mark 7:22-23; Psalm 10:4; James 4:6

⇒ The twelve argued about which one could hold claim as the greatest disciple.

⇒ The world and our sinful nature will tempt us with ambitions of pride and arrogance.

#3 Christ gives a different meaning for _____ as he calls us to _____.

⇒ Mark 9:30-37; Philippians 2:3-4; Colossians 3:17; Matthew 25:40

⇒ Life in Jesus’ kingdom is very different than the goals and ideas of this world.

⇒ Serving others in Jesus’ name will always bring honor and glory to our Lord.

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.dulutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P:** Lord God, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day. You have given us your precious Word, to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C:** **We thank you for those who proclaim your saving truth at this place and everywhere.**
- P:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C:** **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are suffering.**
- P:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C:** **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is danger or disaster, come with your power to help and restore.**
- P:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent Prayer.*
- P:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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 Sav - ior, thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est me;
 2 O'er the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for me,
 3 Give me a faith - ful heart, Like - ness to thee,
 4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,

Nor should I aught with - hold, Dear Lord, from thee.
 My fee - ble faith looks up, Je - sus, to thee.
 That each de - part - ing day Hence - forth may see
 In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for thee!

In love my soul would bow, My heart ful - fill its vow,
 Help me the cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,
 Some work of love be - gun, Some deed of kind - ness done,
 And when thy face I see, My ran - somed soul shall be

Some of - f'ring bring thee now, Some - thing for thee.
 Some song to raise or prayer, Some - thing for thee.
 Some wan - d'rer sought and won, Some - thing for thee.
 Through all e - ter - ni - ty Some - thing for thee.

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

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CLOSING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

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1 A - maz - ing grace — how sweet the sound — That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

Dm F C7 Am C F

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; 'Tis grace has brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

Bb F C Dm F C7 F

now am found, Was blind but now I see.
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.