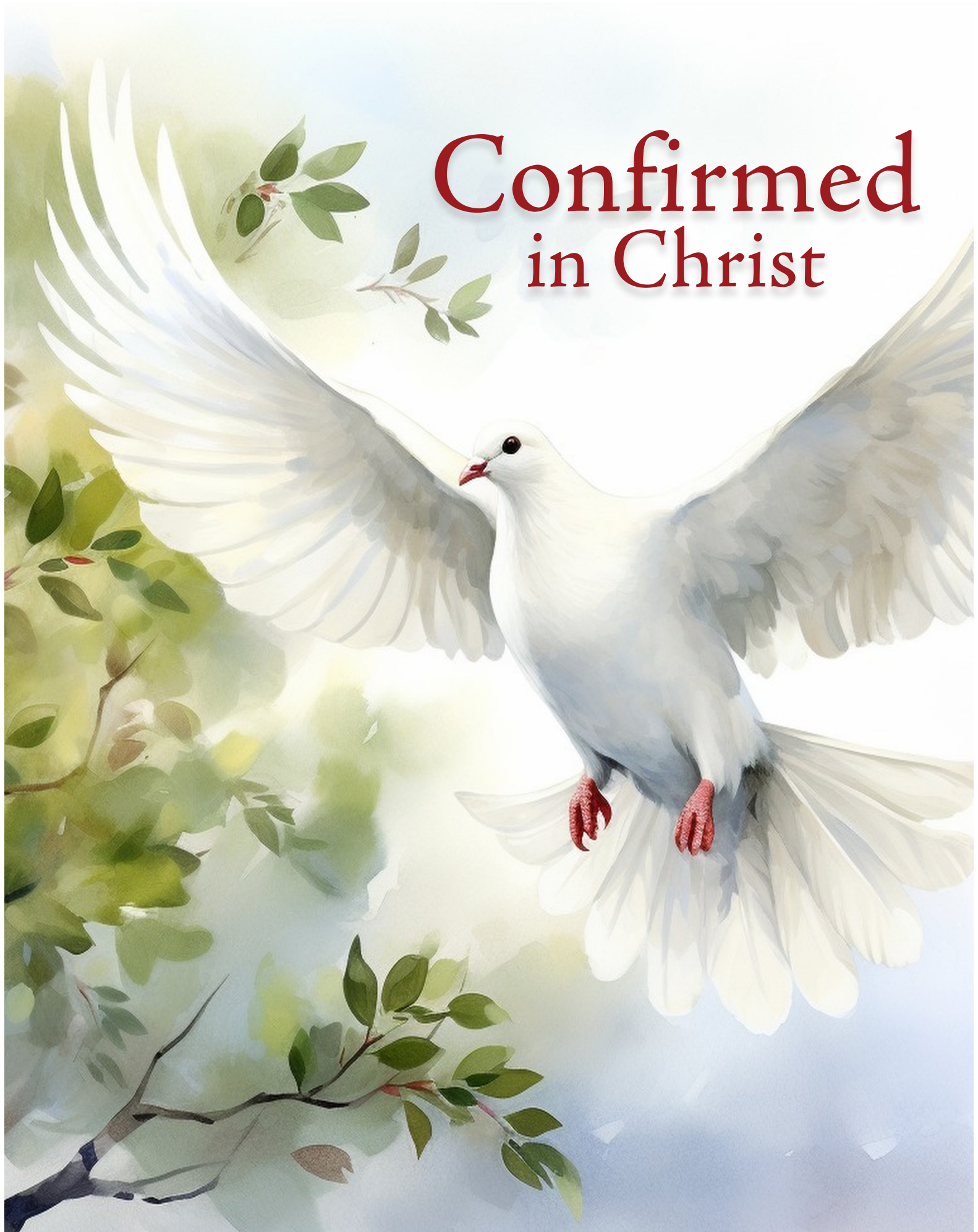


# Confirmed in Christ



May 5, 2024

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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 a complete list of 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).

In our worship service this morning, we will be blessed to have six students being confirmed. Layla Frigaard, Jack Foster IV, Wyatt Hacker, Peter Johnson, Henry Pooler, and Katie Ray will make their confession of faith and also receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We ask for God to grant his blessings to these students as they continue in their journey of faith and service to our Savior.

**Midweek Bible Study and Worship:** On Wednesday evenings, we have Midweek Bible Study starting at **6:30 PM**. Following study, we have Midweek Worship at **7:30 PM**. This is a repeat of the service from Sunday morning. If you are working or out of town on the weekend, these are great opportunities to stay connected to the Word and our church.

On **Friday May 10th**, there will be a **men's Bonfire & Bible study** fellowship opportunity with Shepherd of the Hills church hosting a bonfire and Bible Study. Bonfire will be on the church grounds behind the playground. Bible Study starts at **7 pm**. Bring snacks and beverages to share. Any questions please reach out to Bill Dunsmoor or Peter Moeri.

**Take me out to the ball game!** Grab the family and head to Wade Stadium for an afternoon of baseball with the Huskies!! On **Sunday, June 16th at 3:05 PM** the Duluth Huskies play the Eau Claire Express at Wade Stadium, in Duluth. The best part, it's Free! Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board outside of Pastor's office by **Sunday May 12th** and be sure to mark the number of tickets you will need so we can get an accurate count. Please reach out to Kiersten Nash if you have any questions or need to sign up via email at [eckar011@gmail.com](mailto:eckar011@gmail.com).

**The Youth Music Ministry will be enhancing our worship service on May 19<sup>th</sup>.** The youth will be singing songs and playing tone chimes throughout the service. Invite all your loved ones to come see and sing with the outstanding youth God has given to SOTH! A picnic lunch for the congregation and any visitors will be held after Sunday School and Bible Study. Please speak with Laura Metcalf or Miriam Hokanson if you have any questions.

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OPENING HYMN

“Like the Golden Sun Ascending”

CW 147 vs. 1-4

1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, Break - ing through the  
 2 Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to you, O  
 3 You have died for my trans - gres - sion; All my sins on  
 4 Grant me grace, O bless - ed Sav - ior, And your Ho - ly

gloom of night, On the earth its glo - ry spend - ing  
 Lord of life! Death has now no pow - er o'er us,  
 you were laid. You have won for me sal - va - tion;  
 Spir - it send That my life and my be - hav - ior

So that dark - ness takes to flight, Thus my Je - sus  
 You have con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause you  
 On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I  
 May be pleas - ing to the end, That I may not

from the grave And death's dis - mal, dread - ful cave Rose tri -  
 did a - rise And have o - pened par - a - dise! None can  
 shall a - rise And shall meet you in the skies. Death it -  
 fall a - gain In - to death's grim pit and pain, Whence by

um - phant Eas - ter morn - ing At the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.  
 ful - ly sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
 self is tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
 grace you have re - trieved me And from which you have re - lieved me.

## INVOCATION

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**P:** This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. We gather together for worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  $\Phi$  and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

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**P:** Merciful God, we come to you this morning filled with joy from the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Yet in human weakness, our sinful behavior in the past week has proven that we need your mercy desperately. Like David, we confess our sins with the words of Psalm 51:

**C:** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 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. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

**P:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Jesus Christ lived a perfect life, died an innocent death, and rose from the grave to remove your sin and guilt forever. God's Word declares to you today: your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

**P:** Indeed "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ not counting men's sins against them." (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

## RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

**"O Lord, Our Lord"**

p. 28 in the front of Hymnal

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

**O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.  
Almight-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life with your love.  
You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;  
You make us pure and ho-ly in your sight.  
You did not spare your on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all.  
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther,  
You came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known;  
You washed us from our sins in your own blood.  
You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!  
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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**P:** O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## ✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

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### FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-37

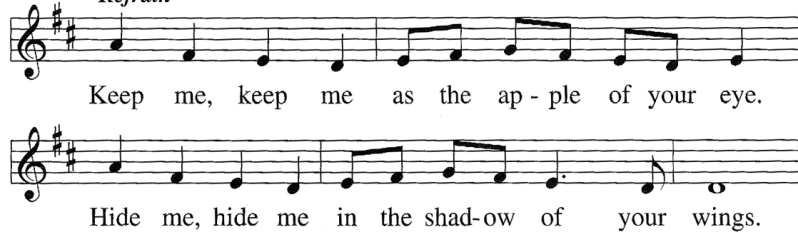
<sup>32</sup> All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. <sup>36</sup> Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), <sup>37</sup> sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

### PSALM OF THE DAY


Psalm 121

p. 112 in the front of the Hymnal

*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



I lift up my eyes to the hills.\*  
Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip,\*  
he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel\*  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

*Refrain*

The LORD watches over you,\*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all harm,\*  
he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going\*  
both now and forevermore.

**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. "I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord." Alleluia. (John 14:6)

C: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

## SECOND READING

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1 John 3:18-24

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. <sup>19</sup> This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God <sup>22</sup> and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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**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

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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 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 ✠

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### RESURRECTION REALITY

#### “Jesus Will Remain With You”

John 15:1-8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

### MESSAGE NOTES

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**#1** By God’s grace, we have a connection to the \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ John 15:1-8; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:12; Titus 3:4-5; Romans 1:17

**#2** When we go our own \_\_\_\_\_, we lose our source of \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ John 15:1-8; Matthew 6:21; Matthew 26:69-75; Hebrews 2:18

**#3** Jesus remains with you through his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

⇒ John 15:1-8; Isaiah 40:8; 2 Timothy 3:15; Matthew 11:28; Colossians 3:17

### 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.*



## ✠ CONFIRMATION ✠

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P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

## CONFIRMATION VOWS

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P: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

**Students: I do.**

P: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

**S: I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

**S: 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.**

P: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

**S: I do.**

P: Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

**S: I do.**

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**P:** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**S:** **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**P:** Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

**S:** **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

**P:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on you, we now ask him to give you individually.

**Jack LeRoy Foster IV**, may God, who began a good work in you, bring it to completion at the coming of our Lord Christ Jesus. The confirmation passage you have chosen is: 1 Corinthians 15:58 — “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

**Layla Ann Frigaard**, may the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast. The confirmation passage you have chosen is: Matthew 28:20 — “And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.”

**Wyatt Loren Hacker**, may the name of our Lord Jesus, be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. The confirmation passage you have chosen is: Psalm 51:10 — “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

**Peter Laverne Johnson**, grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. The confirmation passage you have chosen is: 1 Thessalonians 4:7 — “For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.”

**Henry John Pooler**, may you continue to live in the Lord Jesus Christ, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith, and overflowing with thankfulness. The confirmation passage you have chosen is: Isaiah 12:2 — “Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.”

**Katherine Danielle Ray**, may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you. The confirmation passage you have chosen is: Proverbs 31:27— “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”

**P:** Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God. The almighty and merciful God— Father, Son,  $\Phi$  and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

## ✠ PRAYERS ✠

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Since it is God alone who enables us both to will and to do his good pleasure, it is right for us, dear friends in Christ, to call on him for these confirmands that he would graciously complete the good work which he has begun in them. Therefore, we pray for them, and for all others in need. Lord Jesus, in mercy you joined these confirmands to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Transform them by the renewing of their minds so that they will not conform to the pattern of this world. Help all of us live in love and harmony with one another and to work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and 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.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P:** Praise to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and place all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

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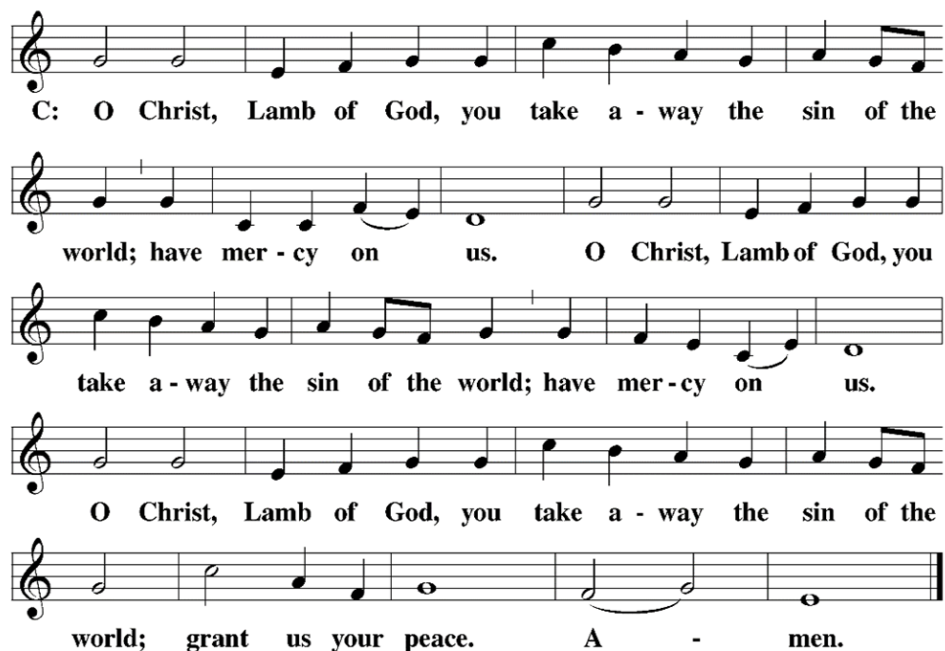
C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.  
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -  
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Christ's true body and blood for our forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith. It is our practice that only those who are members of Shepherd of the Hills or members of another WELS congregation come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are a visitor from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Denney after the service.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

CW 312



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared This feast for  
2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel  
3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined To an - y  
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious  
5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, Yet faith this



our sal - va - tion; It is your bod - y  
hosts are dwell - ing, And in your pres - ence  
hab - i - ta - tion, But you are pres - ent  
Word be - liev - ing That your true bod - y  
truth em - brac - es: Your bod - y, Lord, is



and your blood, And at your in - vi - ta - tion  
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,  
ev - 'ry - where And with your con - gre - ga - tion.  
and your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.  
ev - 'ry - where At once in man - y plac - es.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to  
And though your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by  
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, And there is  
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word a -



you for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.  
and your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,  
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.  
naught you can - not do, For you, Lord, are al - might - y.  
lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

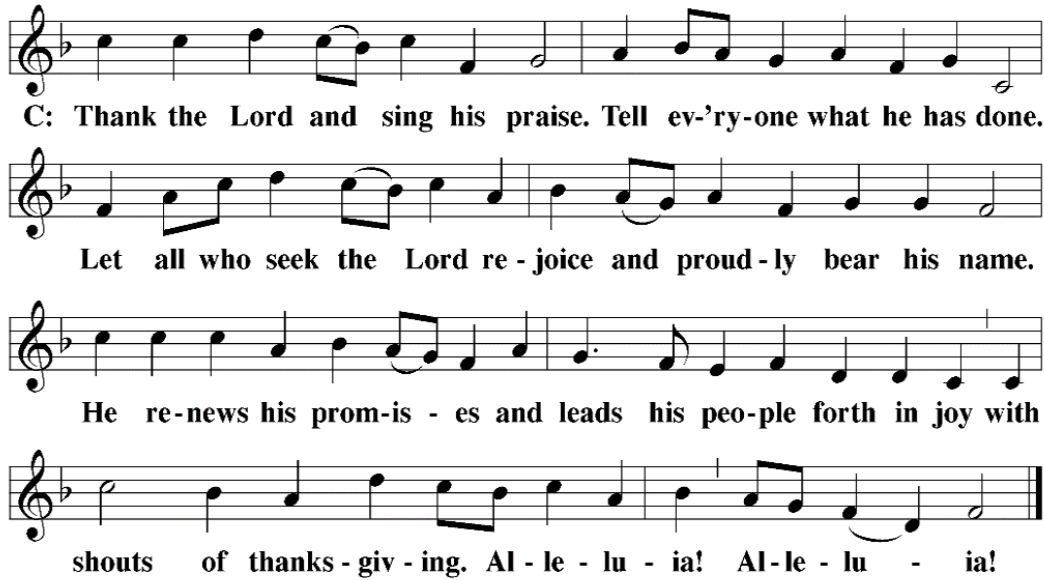
7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

# SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Thank the Lord”

*After a brief introduction, please sing...*



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.  
He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## CLOSING PRAYER

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P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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.

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1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,  
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,  
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you



Nev - er a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,  
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how  
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and  
 And give you peace; I the Lord will



I am with you; You are my own.  
 much I love you, What I can cure.  
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.  
 smile up - on you And give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,  
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,  
 ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,  
 Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;



with my bless - ing— You are my own.  
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 I will keep you And give you peace.

