



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: www.dulutheran.org/subscribe. You can also view the church calendar at www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar.

 **Campus Ministry and Meals:** Starting **Tuesday, August 27th** Campus Ministry will meet at **6 PM at SOTH**. If you are interested in providing a meal for students, scan the QR code, or visit <https://www.dulutheran.org/campus-ministry> for dates and meet locations. Please speak with Peter Moeri if you have any questions.

Women's Bible study: All ladies are welcome to attend this month's gathering as we continue our study on the book of Ephesians! We will meet **Tuesday, August 27th at 6 pm** at Kiersten Nash's home. (3590 Getchell Road in Hermantown) Please reach out to Kiersten with any questions. We hope you can join us!

Bus Tour Group Coming to SOTH: On **Wednesday, September 4th**, a group of about 45 WELS seniors will be coming to our church as part of their North Shore bus tour. They will be attending service that evening and our church will be providing a meal for them around **6:00pm**. We are looking for volunteers to please bring a side salad, fruit, or dessert for their meal. If you would like to help or have any questions, please speak with Pastor Denney.

Sunday School and Youth Group: Mark your calendars, Sunday School (Pre-K to 6th Grade) and Youth Group (7th-12th Grade) will resume on **Sunday, September 8th**, after worship.

Church Picnic: The annual church picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8th** after Sunday School & Bible Study. The church will provide the main course of burgers and hotdogs, and members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We are also seeking volunteers to help make this event go smoothly. Please refer to the sign up to see where you can serve. We look forward to this wonderful time of fellowship! For additional information, please speak to Peter Moeri.



Women's Book Group: Calling all Moms! We would love for you to join us in reading "M is for Mama" by Abbie Halberstadt. Learn more and order your book here: <https://www.amazon.com/Mama-Rebellion-Against-Mediocre-Motherhood/dp/0736983775> We will start the book on **Monday Sept 9th** and read one chapter per week until early January.

Director for Church Choir: Our church is looking for a volunteer to serve as the director of the Adult Church 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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, \dagger and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus.

C: **Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.**

P: I was glad when they said unto me,

C: **“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”**

OPENING HYMN

“Baptized in Water”

CW 297

1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: I tell you truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.
- C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3:5,6)**
- P: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)
- C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)**
- P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.
- 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. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- P: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. As a called servant of Christ, I announce to you: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

HOLY BAPTISM

Ada Richie
Daughter of Zach and Kaytlin Richie

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”
CW 299

After a brief introduction please sing...

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| <p>1. All who be-lieve and are bap-tized,
Shall see the Lord's sal-va-tion;
Bap-tized in-to the death of Christ,
They are a new cre-a-tion.
Through Christ's re-demp-tion they shall stand
A-mong the glo-rious, heav'n-ly band
Of ev-'ry tribe and na-tion.</p> | <p>2. With one ac-cord, O God, we pray:
Grant us your Ho-ly Spir-it.
Help us in our in-firm-i-ty
Through Je-sus' blood and mer-it.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sac-ra-ment we may
E-ter-nal life in-her-it.</p> |
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Hebrews 11:24-28

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

SONG

"Amazing Grace"
Sung by Choir

Choir: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace, my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed
When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. "Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Alleluia. (2 Timothy 1:10)
- 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.**

GOSPEL READING

John 6:60-69

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?"⁶² What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him.⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.⁶⁹ We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in

to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me

To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly

whole life through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your Word, But to
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y night; Yes, they
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my

Word e'er be my plea - sure And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 all who feel sin's bur - den You give peace and words of par - don.
 are my sword pre - vail - ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 high - est praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

† THE MESSAGE †

MEANINGFUL MINISTRY

“Ministry in Your Home”

Joshua 24:1-2,14-18

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ² Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your forefathers, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the River and worshiped other gods.

¹⁴ “Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 We and our children can be _____ or _____ to serve other gods.

⇒ Joshua 24:1-2,14-18; Mark 12:30; Matthew 6:21; 1 Timothy 6:10

⇒ The Israelites were tempted to follow false gods of the unbelieving nations around them.

⇒ The devil will use whatever he can to try and turn our hearts away from God.

#2 Our home’s _____ not only impacts us individually, but also our _____.

⇒ Joshua 24:1-2,14-18; Isaiah 33:16; 2 Timothy 1:5, 3:16

⇒ Joshua’s devotion to the Lord had an affect on his home and the nation of Israel.

⇒ As we make God’s Word an active part of our home, it influences us and our family.

#3 God has proven why he is worthy to be the center of our _____ and _____.

⇒ Joshua 24:1-2,14-18; John 3:16; Colossians 3:12; John 10:27-28

⇒ God’s miracles for the Israelites demonstrated that he will always be faithful to them.

⇒ Christ’s victory over sin, death, and hell guarantee that we will live with him forever.

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: We thank you Lord God, heavenly Father, for the privilege we have of listening to your Word.

C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

P: We ask for you continued blessing upon us and for the strength to stand tall in our faith and bold in our confession of Jesus Christ as our Savior.

C: **By the power of the Holy Spirit help us to willingly obey your Word. Help us to be witnesses of your love in every corner of the world.**

P: We ask that you bless our congregation with continued growth, both spiritually as we mature in our faith and numerically that more people would come to know you and worship you with us.

C: **We are the workers in your vineyard, O Lord. Take away the fears that we might have in being witnesses and open our lips to speak of your salvation.**

P: We ask that you take special care for our family, our friends, and members of our church who are going through trials and carrying burdens.

C: **Keep them in your care and lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

P: We know that you know all burdens of our hearts and we bring them to you this day silently.

A moment for personal prayer and reflection.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

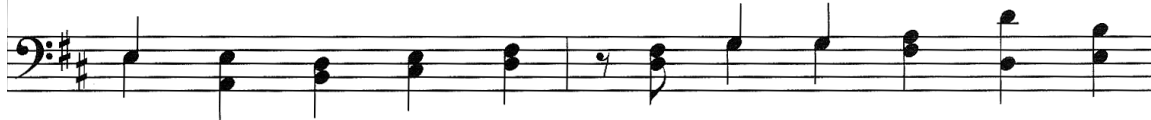
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith you find And all with-
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
 4 Blest such a house; it pros - pers well. In peace and



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol -
 in have set their mind To trust their God and serve
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives



ly his — How sad and poor and dark it is!
 him still And do in all his ho - ly will.
 or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
 is shown How rich - ly God can bless his own.



5 Then here will I and mine today
 A solemn promise make and say:
 Though all the world forsake his Word,
 I and my house will serve the Lord!

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let your Word continue to be 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.

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

“Savior, I Follow On”

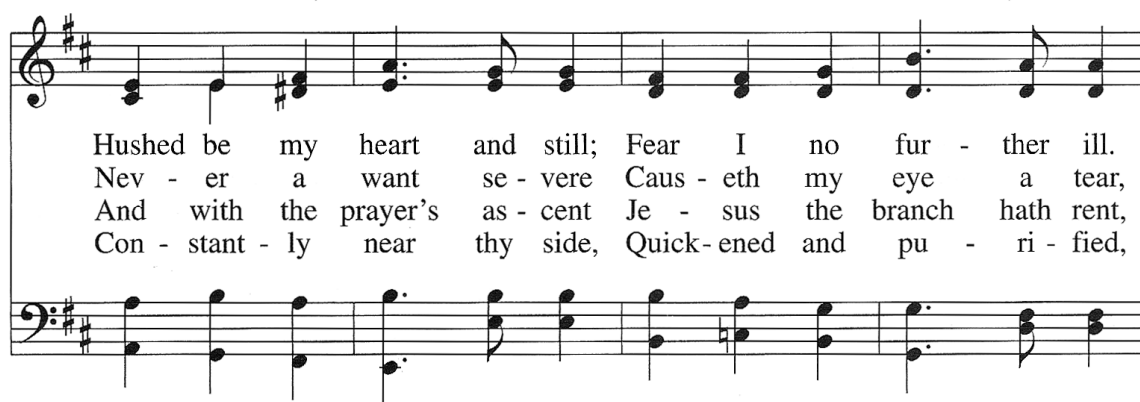
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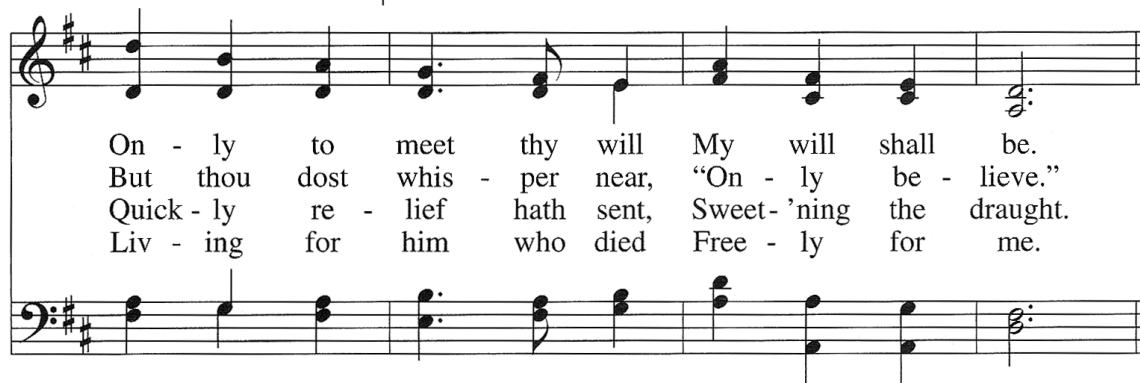
1 Sav - ior, I fol - low on, Guid - ed by thee,
2 Riv - en the rock for me, Thirst to re - lieve,
3 Of - ten to Ma - rah's brink Have I been brought;
4 Sav - ior, I long to walk Clos - er with thee;



See - ing not yet the hand That lead - eth me.
Man - na from heav - en falls Fresh ev - 'ry eve.
Shrink - ing the cup to drink, Help I have sought,
Led by thy guid - ing hand, Ev - er to be



Hushed be my heart and still; Fear I no fur - ther ill.
Nev - er a want se - vere Caus - eth my eye a tear,
And with the prayer's as - cent Je - sus the branch hath rent,
Con - stant - ly near thy side, Quick - ened and pu - ri - fied,



On - ly to meet thy will My will shall be.
But thou dost whis - per near, “On - ly be - lieve.”
Quick - ly re - lief hath sent, Sweet - 'ning the draught.
Liv - ing for him who died Free - ly for me.

