



1 Blessings from
Above

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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, 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.

Thank you Pastor Dallas Miller for guest preaching and leading Bible Study this morning. We appreciate your willing service to the Lord, and sharing God's grace and truth with us.

Pastor Vacation: This week Pastor Denney is on vacation and will be returning on Thursday, June 27th.

Save the Date: Join us July 6th at 10:30 a.m. for a Joint Baby Shower for Alison Moeri and Kaytlin Richie. Formal invitation to follow.



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.

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.



OPENING HYMN

“We Sing the Almighty Power of God”

CW 261

1 We sing th' al - might - y pow'r of God, Who
2 We sing the wis - dom that or - dained The
3 We sing the good - ness of the Lord, Who
4 Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played Each

made the moun - tains rise, Who spread the flow - ing
sun to rule the day; The moon shines, too, at
fills the earth with food, Who formed the crea - tures
time we turn our eyes To view the ground on

seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
his com - mand, And all the stars o - bey.
by a word And then pro - nounced them good.
which we tread Or gaze up - on the skies.

5 There's not a plant or flow'r below
But makes your glories known,
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from your throne.

6 On you each moment we depend;
If you withdraw, we die.
Oh, may we never God offend,
Who is forever nigh!

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: Brothers and sisters in Christ: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: **Who made heaven and earth.**
- P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
- C: **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: **O most merciful God, who has given your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and lead us in true obedience to your Word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life.**
- P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives the power to become children of God and promised them his Holy Spirit. Grant this Lord, to us all.
- C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"Oh, Taste and See"
p.39 in front of Hymnal

Please 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

- P: O Lord God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; 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

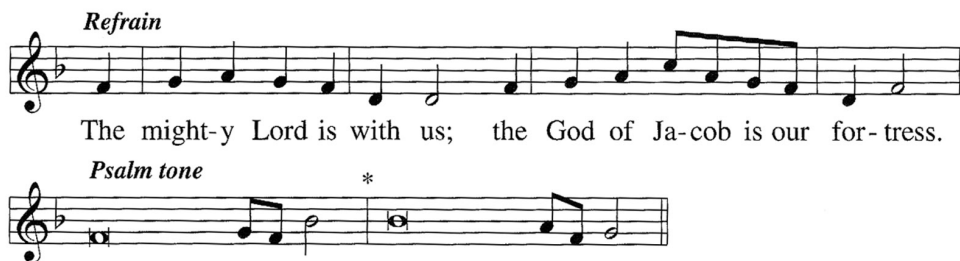
Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: ²“Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? ³ Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— ⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁸“Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹ when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹ when I said, “This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt?”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46

pg. 84 in front of the Hymnal



God is our refúge and streng^h,*
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the éarth give way*
and the mountains fall into the heart óf the sea,

though its waters róar and foam*
and the mountains quake with their súrging.

Refrain

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she wíll not fall;*
God will help her at wíreak of day.

“Be still, and know that Í am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the be^ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. “Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’” Alleluia. (Galatians 4:6)

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

Acts 27:13-26

¹³ When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ¹⁴ Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the “northeaster,” swept down from the island. ¹⁵ The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶ As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure. ¹⁷ When the men had hoisted it aboard, they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. ¹⁸ We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹ On the third day, they threw the ship’s tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰ When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

²¹ After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. ²² But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³ Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴ and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ ²⁵ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. ²⁶ Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

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 Miller. 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 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be -
 2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to
 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise When you are
 4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, In trib - u -
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus'

lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
 earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
by your sins op-pressed, When Sa - tan plagues your trou - bled
 la - tion's fur - nace tried — By grace, de - spite all fear and
 prom - ise I re - joice. For though I know my heart's con -

prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? So then this
 mer - it That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was
con -science, And when your heart is seek - ing rest. What rea - son
 trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I
 di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is

word must true re - main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
 grace, and grace a - lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
can - not com - pre - hend God by his grace to you did send.
 help and strength se - cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
 glad; all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

† THE MESSAGE †

BLESSINGS FROM ABOVE

“Looking for Love in Different Places”

1. Looking in personal surroundings
2. Looking at personal feelings
3. Looking at the person who is love

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

Notes:

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, visit our website: www.dulutheran.org and click on the “Give” tab.

† PRAYERS †

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

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

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to souls throughout the world.

C: **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and hope.**

P: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy and blessings to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C: **Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

P: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome doubt and unbelief by the power of your gospel, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

C: **Fill us with joy over every soul that comes to faith and trusts in you.**

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

Silent Prayer.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will answer them in your wisdom and grace.

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.

HYMN

“O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild”

CW 366

Printed on the next page.

1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For sin - ners
 2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With God we
 3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy fills the

you be - came a child. You came from heav - en
 now are rec - on - ciled. You have for all the
 world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we have be -

to ful - fill Your Fa - ther's just and ho - ly
 ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's right - eous an - ger
 longs to you; Oh, keep us faith - ful, strong, and

will. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
 stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
 true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

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

“Preserve Your Word, O Savior”
CW 289

1. Pre-serve your Word, O Sav-ior, To us this lat-ter day,
And let your king-dom flour-ish; En-large your Church we pray.
Oh, keep our faith from fail-ing; Keep hope’s bright star a-glow.
Let noth-ing turn us from you, While wan-d’ring here be-low.
2. Pre-serve your Word and preach-ing, The truth that makes us whole,
The mir-ror of your glo-ry, The pow’r that saves the soul.
Oh, may this liv-ing wa-ter, This spring of heav’n-ly grace,
Sus-tain us while here liv-ing, Until we see your face.

