



MEANINGFUL MINISTRY

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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.

No Midweek Service this Wednesday, July 24th. Midweek service will resume on Wednesday, July 31st at 7:00 PM.

Altar Flowers: This morning's flowers were given to the glory of God by Pat and Lorene Fleming in celebration of their anniversary. Happy anniversary!!!

Women's Hikes: You will not want to miss this one today at **2:00 PM** at Ely's Peak (2384 Becks Rd Duluth - you'll see a sign for Short Line Park) It's our longest hike, but always a favorite because the views are amazing! This one takes us about 2-2.5 hours. Please add it to your calendar and plan to join us!!

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 this week that God's rock solid truth in a world of shifting sands.

Summer Celebration: VBS will conclude with our annual Summer Celebration party on **Thursday, July 25th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. First, the children who attended VBS will show us a little of what they learned, followed by food, games, music, and more in the back of church. Everything is free of charge. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors too!

Women's Bible Study: Please join us for fellowship and time in God's Word on **Tuesday, July 30th at 6 pm** at Kiersten Nash's home (3590 Getchell Road Hermantown). We are continuing our study in the book of Ephesians, and all ladies are welcome! Please reach out to Kiersten Nash with any questions.

Congregation Quarterly Update Meeting: On **Sunday, July 28th** following service there will be a meeting for the congregation. There will not be Bible study after service, but will resume **August 4th**.

Summer Child Supervision: Sundays after service. Sign up by scanning this QR code or speak with Kiersten Nash.



Flower Bed Weeding Needed: We are looking for volunteers to help the landscaping mowers and trimmers weed the front and back flower beds. If you are interested please come on Thursday mornings around 9 am or speak with Dave Hedin.

OPENING HYMN

“O Splendor of God of God’s Glory Bright”

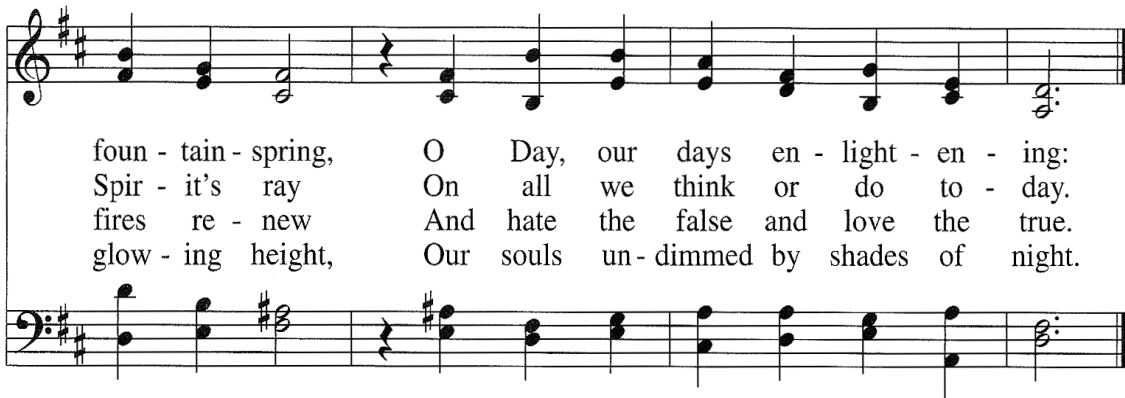
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1 O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, You dai - ly
2 Come, ver - y Sun of truth and love, Come in your
3 Teach us to work with all our pow'r To con - quer
4 Oh, joy - ful be the live - long day, Our thoughts as



bring forth light from light. O Light from Light, light's
ra - diance from a - bove, And shed the Ho - ly
in temp - ta - tion's hour. Let faith her ea - ger
pure as morn - ing ray, Our faith like noon - day's



foun - tain - spring, O Day, our days en - light - en - ing:
Spir - it's ray On all we think or do to - day.
fires re - new And hate the false and love the true.
glow - ing height, Our souls un - dimmed by shades of night.

5 All praise to God the Father be,
All praise to Christ eternally,
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore.

INVOCATION

P: 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: 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: **Almighty God, I confess that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. In what I have done and left undone, I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I have fallen short of your holy standard. When I think of this past week, I am deeply sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them.**
- P: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.
- C: **Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen my faith and my love for you.**
- P: God our Heavenly Father, saw you when you were born sinful and loved you so much that he sent his one and only Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Jesus' death has paid for your sins past, present, and future. God's Word promises you: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"Glory to God"
p.16 in front of Hymnal

Sing at the beginning of music...

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you,
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther al-mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD.

² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people:

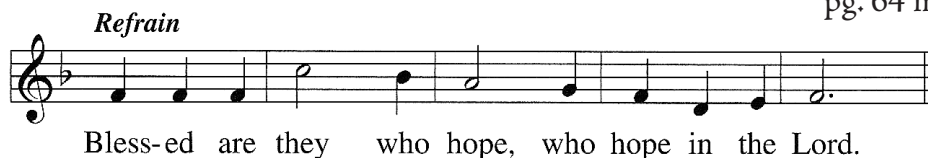
“Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³ “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 1

pg. 64 in front of the Hymnal



Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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

P: Alleluia. “My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” Alleluia. (Isaiah 55:11)

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

Ephesians 2:13-20

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

(THE NICENE CREED)

**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

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 Take my life and let it be Con - se -
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a

cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -

and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart — it is thine own;
 It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for thee.

† THE MESSAGE †

MEANINGFUL MINISTRY “Imitating the Heart of Christ”

Mark 6:30-34

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

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 †

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Prayer and petitions offered on behalf of the Church

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 †

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 good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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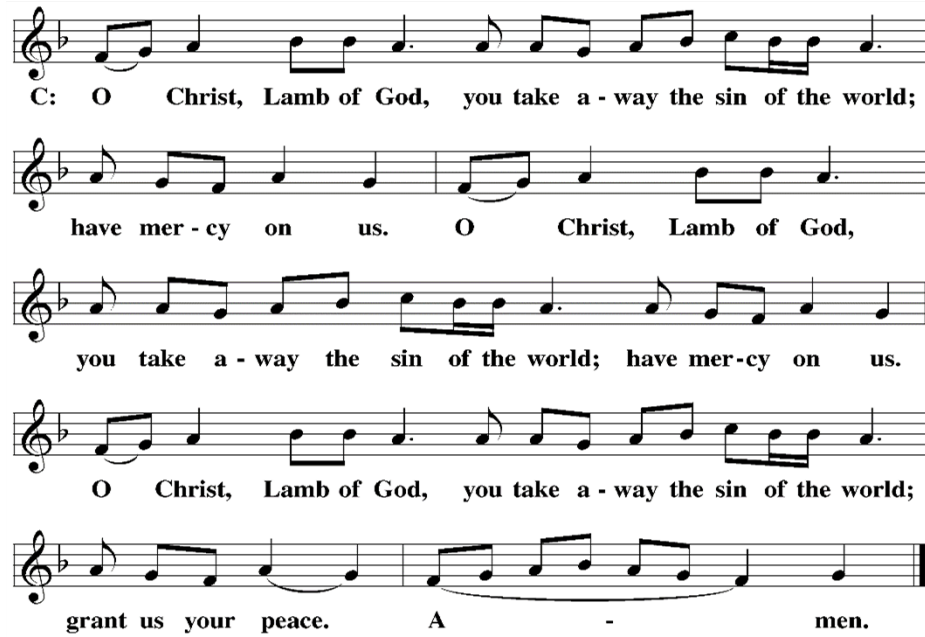
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

"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.

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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

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

CW 397

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SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Song of Simeon”

After a brief introduction, please sing...



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

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.

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

“O Master of the Loving Heart”

CW 491

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1 O Mas - ter of the lov - ing heart, The
 2 Your days were full of kind - ly acts; Your
 3 Your face was warm with sym - pa - thy; Your
 4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So

friend of all in need, We pray that we may
 speech was true and plain; Of those who ev - er
 hand God's strength re - vealed; Who saw your face or
 joy - ous, free, and true, That all your chil - dren,

be like you In thought and word and deed.
 sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.
 felt your touch Were com - fort - ed and healed.
 ev - 'ry - where, Be drawn by us to you.