



*Shout Aloud and  
Sing for Joy!*



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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. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

### 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

**Alter Flowers:** Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Becky Foster, in memory of her brother, Michael Baur.

**Senior Fellowship Luncheon:** Please join us for our next fellowship luncheon on **Tuesday, April 8th at 11:30am**. We will meet in the small room at Vallentini's, 4960 Miller Trunk Highway. RSVP by texting Kathy Hedin, 651-332-1374. We would love to have any and all seniors join us!

**Women's Book Club:** We will meet at church on **Monday, March 31st at 6pm** to share a meal and review the book "Elijah: Faith and Fire" by Priscilla Shirer. Our next book starts on April 7th; please see the bulletin board closest to the Fellowship Hall for more information.

**Camp Croix's Barn Raising Day:** Barn Raising Day is almost here! Next **Sunday, April 6**, everyone who loves Camp Croix is invited to give together toward their new building project. Just like a barn raising, when many come together, something incredible can be built! Visit [campcroix.org/barn-raising](http://campcroix.org/barn-raising) to learn how you can be part of this shared effort.

**Hymnal Giveaway:** There is a table set up by the mailboxes with our old hymnals. Please help yourself to any that you can make use of for at-home worship, study, etc. There are plenty for all!

**New Hymnal Practice:** We are still meeting at 1:00 on Sundays to practice the liturgy from the new hymnals.

*For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at [www.dulutheran.org/events](http://www.dulutheran.org/events) or sign up for our weekly email at [www.dulutheran.org/subscribe](http://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe). You can also view the church calendar at [www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar](http://www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar).*



1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;  
 2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were made;  
 3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less years;  
 4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,



not un - to us but to your name be praise;  
 a - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;  
 for - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;  
 for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n  
 a - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous - ness  
 un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn— from you  
 A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and done,



for match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.  
 and taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.  
 but sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.  
 and pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION

CW 154

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your

punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## ABSOLUTION

CW 154

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



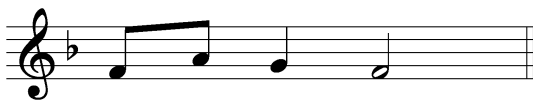
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



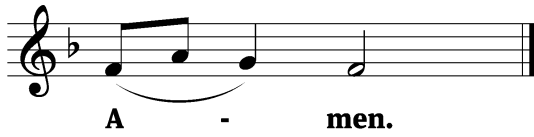
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## ✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

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### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 12:1-6*

#### A Song of Salvation

<sup>1</sup>In that day you will say:

I will give thanks to you, LORD, for though you were angry with me,  
your anger has turned away, and you comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation.

I will trust him and will not be afraid, because Yah, the LORD, is my strength and song,  
and he has become my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>In that day you will say:

Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name. Declare among the peoples what he has done.  
Proclaim that his name is exalted!

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD, for he has done amazing things!

Let this be known in all the earth!

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, daughter of Zion, for the Holy One of Israel is great among you!

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**God Placed Our Judgment on Christ**

<sup>1</sup>So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For in Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

**Living in Harmony With the Spiritual Nature**

<sup>5</sup>To be sure, those who are in harmony with the sinful flesh think about things the way the sinful flesh does, and those in harmony with the spirit think about things the way the spirit does. <sup>6</sup>Now, the way the sinful flesh thinks results in death, but the way the spirit thinks results in life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind-set of the sinful flesh is hostile to God, since it does not submit to God's law, and in fact, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the sinful flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the sinful flesh but in the spirit, if indeed God's Spirit lives in you. And if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, that person does not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Luke 15:10*

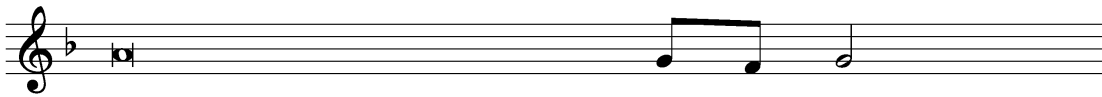


Refrain



Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Tone



There is rejoicing in the presence of the an - gels of God



over one sinner who re - pents.

*Refrain*

**GOSPEL**

*Luke 15:1–3,11–32*

**The Lost Sheep**

<sup>1</sup>All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>He told them this parable:

## The Lost Son

<sup>11</sup>Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living. <sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup>He got up and went to his father.

"While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

<sup>22</sup>"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup>because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.' Then they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"His older son was in the field. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>The servant told him, 'Your brother is here! Your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>The older brother was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

<sup>29</sup>"He answered his father, 'Look, these many years I've been serving you, and I never disobeyed your command, but you never gave me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours arrived after wasting your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'

<sup>31</sup>"The father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

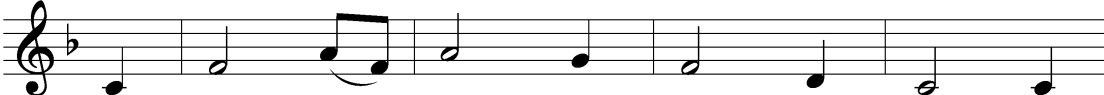
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*Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Warskow. This service segment is intended to engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.*

**HYMN: Amazing Grace**

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**CW 576**



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



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



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.

✘ THE MESSAGE ✘

Shout Aloud and Sing for Joy!

Isaiah 12:1-6

Stand

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

*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.**

*Be seated*

## **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, scan the QR code here or visit our website: [www.duluthernan.org](http://www.duluthernan.org) and click on the "GIVE" tab.*

*Stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**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 and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**C:** **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

**P:** Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**C:** **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

**P:** Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**C:** **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

**P:** Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**C:** **Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

**P:** Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**C:** **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

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

*Silent prayer*

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors.  
Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## HYMN: Baptismal Waters Cover Me

CW 657



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me as I ap -  
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, his bod - y  
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part your heal - ing  
4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; your shep - herd  
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; my Fa - ther's mer - cy  
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore him  
to my bro - ken heart; your love a - lone can  
speaks, but you are heard; through him your hand now  
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, for griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
all my sin, my dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
form in me a heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.  
stretch - es out, for - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
strong em - brace, with joy I praise him for his grace.

*Stand*

## PRAYER

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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.

## 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.

## HYMN: How Deep the Father's Love For Us

CW 523



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all  
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his  
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to  
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call  
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.  
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there  
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the  
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has  
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.  
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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