



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.

Altar Flowers: This morning's flowers are given to the Glory of God by me, Renee Graen, in memory of my husband Kirk.

Youth Rally Presentation: This morning members of our Youth Group who attended the WELS Youth Rally will be giving a presentation after worship. Please join us in the fellowship hall to hear about their exciting experience in Colorado and how it encouraged them in their faith!

Family Hike: Today at 3 PM at Waabizheshikana Trail (Marten Trail/Western Waterfront Trail). Park at 7009 Pulaski St. This is a nice, wide, flat trail with scenic views of the St. Louis River. Contact Kiersten if you have any questions.

Polling Site: On **Tuesday, August 13th**, church will be a polling site for the primary election. Voting will start in the morning at 7:00 am and conclude at 8:00 pm.

Women's Book Group: We will meet **Thursday, 8/15, at 6:00 PM** at church to share a meal and discuss the book "Whom Shall I Fear" by Anne Clare.

Men's Summer Fellowship Bonfire: On August 15th at 6 PM at Bill Dunsmoor's home (3980 Willow Place). This bonfire events feature a devotion and discussion, bonfire, grills for cooking, food and drinks, yard games. Men are welcome to bring their own meat for cooking and their own preferred beverages.

Campfire Fellowship: All members and their friends are invited to an evening of fun with a campfire, s'mores and snacks, yard games, and more on **Friday, August 16th, at 6 pm**. Meet behind the church, bring your lounge chair and beverage, and enjoy kicking off the weekend with Christian fellowship! Please reach out to Kiersten Nash with any questions.

Church Picnic: Save the date for **September 8th**, after Sunday service. More details to follow. Any questions reach out to Peter Moeri. peterlmoeri@gmail.com.

Family Hikes: Mark your calendars for the upcoming family-friendly hikes. We hope you can join us as we explore God's beautiful creation and enjoy fellowship! Please speak with Kiersten Nash with any questions. (view the News and Notes for details about each hike. Sunday, **September 22nd, at 3 pm** at the Kingsbury Creek trail.

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

“Father, We Praise You”

CW 581

1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver. Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty

watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry,

prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Merciful God, we confess that by nature we are sinful. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve your punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us, so that we may follow your will and walk in your ways.**

P: In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(John 1:12; Philippians 1:6)

C: **Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.**

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

Sing after a brief introduction...

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

**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: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of 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

1 Kings 19:3-8

³ Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day’s journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, LORD,” he said. “Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.” ⁵ Then he lay down under the tree and fell asleep.

All at once an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” ⁶ He looked around, and there by his head was a cake of bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

⁷ The angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you.” ⁸ So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34

pg. 80 in front of the Hymnal



Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**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. “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Alleluia.
(Hebrews 11:1)

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 4:30-5:2, 15-20

³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. ¹⁹ Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

(THE APOSTLES' CREED)

P: In a world where earth's formation is credited to evolution and man's existence to chance, what do you believe?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: In a world where Jesus is portrayed as only a prophet, a good man and teacher or an example to follow; what do you believe?

C: **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.**

P: In a world where life's goals are merely temporary, life's joy is found mainly in the accumulation of materials, and man's end is marked by a tombstone, what do you believe?

C: **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.

They will return to their seats afterward.

1 The gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent his
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
 3 It brings the Sav - ior's right - eous - ness To robe our
 4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and

Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
 ton - ing sac - ri - fice And calls the souls with
 souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it
 Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which

lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
 guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
 brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
 firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad
 And bids their hearts no more be sad;
 The weary, burdened souls it cheers
 And banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

† THE MESSAGE †

MEANINGFUL MINISTRY

“We Have a Clear Purpose”

John 6:41-51

- ⁴¹ At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?”
- ⁴³ “Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. ⁴⁴ “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

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:** Almighty God, we praise and honor your holy name for your numerous acts of love and mercy on behalf of your people. We especially thank you for the gift of your one and only Son, who has ascended into heaven and sits at your right hand.
- C:** **We rejoice in the knowledge that he is our advocate and intercedes for us in all our needs.**
- P:** Lord Jesus, through you we have the full rights of children of God. What boundless love the Father has shown us through our relationship with you! May our spirits be filled with the rest and peace that comes from your forgiveness.
- C:** **We praise you for saving us and giving your life as a ransom for our sin.**
- P:** Father, for giving us life and breath, talent and energy, we thank you. For income and nourishment, for honest work and opportunities to be useful, we look gratefully to you as our provider.
- C:** **We thank you for your gifts of mercy that you pour down on us each day.**

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P: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in your alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful.

C: **Lead them to look to you as their source of hope and strength.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: For these and all other things you know that we need, we confidently ask in the name of Jesus who gave himself for us that we might live through him.

C: **To him be praise, honor, and glory now and forever. Amen.**

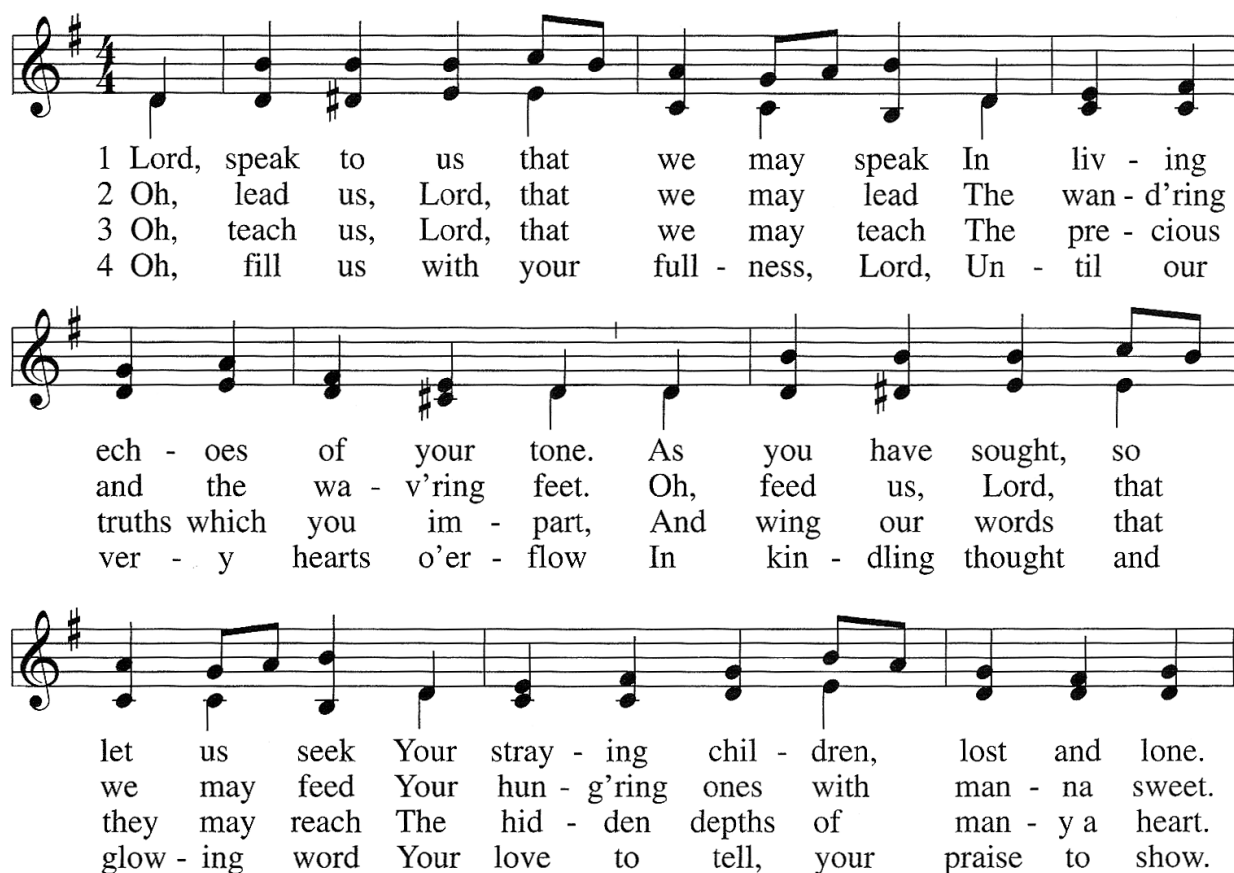
LORD'S PRAYER

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

"Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak"

CW 561



1 Lord, speak to us that we may speak In liv - ing
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wan - d'ring
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The pre - cious
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, Un - til our
ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
and the wa - v'ring feet. Oh, feed us, Lord, that
truths which you im - part, And wing our words that
ver - y hearts o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and
let us seek Your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed Your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word Your love to tell, your praise to show.

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

“To God Be the Glory”
CW 399
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1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
 2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
 3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
 To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
 And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
 The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,
 But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



And give him the glo - ry— great things he has done!

