

Discipleship

A life of following Jesus

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.

Please join the choir in singing a special song on **10/20** for Pastor and Dawn's last service at SOTH. You do NOT have to be in choir to sing this song! If you are interested in singing that special song, we will be practicing at 5:30 pm the Wednesdays before (10/9 and 10/16) and will be able to practice after church the Sundays before (10/6 and 10/13) if that works better for folks. Talk to Becky Miller if you have any questions or would like to be included on any emails going forward.

Midweek Bible Study: We hope you can join us for Wednesday evening Bible Studies at **6:30 pm**. This fall we will be studying selected Psalms under the theme: "Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks".

WLC Instrumental Ensemble Tour: On **Saturday, October 12th at 6:30 pm**, students of Wisconsin Lutheran College will be performing a concert at Shepherd of the Hills as part of their Fall Ensemble Tour. The concert is free of charge. The ensemble will be performing a recital for your enjoyment as well as having a hymn sing. Following the concert, there will be some light snacks and refreshments.



WLC Member Meal: We're seeking your help to provide food for the WI Lutheran College Ensemble's "Make-Your-Own Sub Sandwich" meal! We are needing enough sandwich fixings for 24 people. Please check the available slots by scanning the QR code and click the button to sign up. Kindly have all food at the church by Friday evening, **10/11/24**. Thank you!

Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ABAF28ABF94-51521254-meal#/>

Young Professionals Bonfire: Adults in their 20's and early 30's are invited to join us for a cozy bonfire at Church on **Oct 4th at 6 p.m.** We'll have great conversations, s'mores, and plenty of fun! Bring a chair and we'll see you there! Any questions contact Becky Miller.

Women's Bible study: Have you ever questioned "the Words" we say and sing in our weekly worship service? Plan to attend the Women's Bible study of "History of our Liturgy" in two Tuesday sessions. **October 22nd** and **November 19th at 6 PM**. Hosted by Diane Schlossin at Donna Bolf's home. 5906 Castle Road. Text Donna at 218-576-2515 or Diane at 218-393-7335 if you have any questions.

Silent Auction and Pie Social: Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 23rd from 2-4 PM**. We will have a fun afternoon of fellowship enjoying delicious pies, holiday crafts, a raffle prize, and a silent auction to raise money for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Please consider joining us and donating an item to be auctioned. Contact Kely Dunsmoor for questions.

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CLOSING HYMN

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

CW 329

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For the gos - pel's
 3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en Us from earth to

joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 call a - way, Borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us,
 In our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad the sum - mons to o - bey, May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with Christ in end - less day.

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

"O God of Mercy, God of Might"

CW 499

Printed on the back of the Message Notes

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.

INVOCATION

P: Jesus promises us, "Wherever two or three come together in my name, there I am with them".

C: Be with us Lord, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

P: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

C: May the words of our mouth and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.

OPENING HYMN

"See This Wonder in the Making"

CW 300

1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we
self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in his
door to heav - en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be -
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to your arms we
take a new - born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or
keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"
place him, With your love and peace em - brace him.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said, "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true faith in God and condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. 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 both now and in eternity. 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: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOLY BAPTISM

Theodore Frigaard
Son of Dan and Kristina Frigaard

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"All Who Believe and Are Baptized"
p. 299 vs. 1

Sing after a brief introduction...

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

☩ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ☩

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

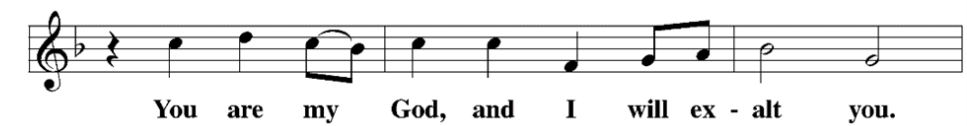
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

DISCIPLESHIP – A Life of Following Jesus

“Having a Christ-Centered Family”

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

²²Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” ⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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, scan the QR code here or visit our website: www.duluth-lutheran.com and click on the “GIVE” tab.

PRAYER 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.

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” ²⁴For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

²⁵The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 47

pg. 85 in front of the Hymnal

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



Clap your hands, all you nátions;*
shout to God with cries of joy.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,*
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,*
the great King over all the earth!

Sing praises to God, sing praises;*
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

God reigns over the nátions;*
God is seated on his holy throne.

For God is the King of all the earth;*
sing to him a psalm of praise.

Refrain

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. "I will proclaim your name to my people; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." Alleluia. (Hebrews 2:12)
- 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

Mark 10:2-9, 13-16

- ²Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³"What did Moses command you?" he replied. ⁴They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."
- ⁵"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. ⁶"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."
- ¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.
- P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- C:** Praise be to you, O Christ.

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.

HYMN

"For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray"
CW 500

1 For Chris - tian homes, O Lord, we pray, That you might
2 We are the chil - dren of your grace; Our homes are
3 U - nit - ed in a bond of love, We lift our
4 Pro - tect us and our loved ones dear From pain and
dwell with us each day. Make ours a place where
now your dwell - ing - place. In you we trust and
eyes to you a - bove. From you we gain the
sor - row, want and fear; Yet when we must our
you are Lord, Where all is gov - erned by your Word.
dai - ly live; Teach us to serve and to for - give.
strength to live, The wish to share, the joy to give.
bur - dens bear, "Your will be done" shall be our prayer.

- 5 And when you call us all to rest,
Then will we have a home more blest,
See all our care and sorrow cease,
And find with Christ eternal peace.