



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.



Campus Ministry and Meals: Campus Ministry meets on Tuesday evenings at **6 PM at SOTH** or on the **UMD Campus**. If you are interested in providing a meal for students, scan the QR code, or visit www.dulutheran.org/campus-ministry for dates and meet locations. Please speak with Peter Moeri if you have any questions.

Midweek Bible Study: This Wednesday we will be resuming Midweek Bible Studies at **6:30 pm**. We will be studying selected Psalms under the theme: "Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks". In this study, we will focus on nine popular psalms and discover how their message relates to our faith and present-day lives.

Midweek Worship: Starting on **Wednesday, September 11th**, Midweek worship start time will move to **7:30 pm**.

Youth Confirmation Class: Youth Confirmation Classes will resume on **Sunday, September 15th**. This class is for students in 6th-8th grade and we will meet in the fellowship hall after Bible Study and Sunday School. In Youth Confirmation, students learn the main teachings of the Bible and Luther's Catechism to prepare them for making their public confession of faith and receiving the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Denney.

Director for Church Choir: Our church is looking for a volunteer to serve as the director of the Adult Church Choir for this fall. If you are interested in serving in this role or have any questions, please speak with Pastor Denney for more information.

Family Hike: Sunday, **September 22nd at 3pm** at the Kingsbury Creek trail. Park in the Lake Superior Zoo parking lot near the playground. This will take us through a wooded dirt and rocky trail with pretty views of Kingsbury Creek. We hope you can join us as we explore God's beautiful creation and enjoy fellowship together! Please speak with Kiersten with any questions.

UMD Football game

Join us for a fellowship event on **Saturday, September 28th** for UMD football game! Tickets are \$5 per person for general admission. Game time is 12 pm, and there will be tailgating before the game! Please sign up by **September 18th** on the bulletin board outside Pastor's office to secure your tickets!

- P: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
- C: **Let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.**
- P: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving,
- C: **And praise Him with music and song;**
- P: Come let us bow down in worship;
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;
- C: **For He is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

OPENING HYMN

"Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul"

CW 238

1 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
 2 Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let his mer - cies lie
 3 'Tis he for - gives my sins; 'Tis he re - lieves my pain;
 4 He fills the poor with good; He gives the suf - f'ers rest;
 5 His won - drous works and ways He made by Mo - ses known,

And aid my tongue to bless his name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
 For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die.
 'Tis he that heals my sick - ness - es And makes me young a - gain.
 The Lord has judg - ments for the proud And jus - tice for th' op - pressed.
 But sent the world his truth and grace By his be - lov - ed Son.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a repentant heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all of our heart, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy; may the power of your forgiveness give peace to our hearts, strength to our will, and rest to our souls.**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Our Lord promises to us, "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 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: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
(1 Corinthians 15:57)

P: Therefore, go bear fruit in every good work. Live because Jesus has lived for you. For God will give you what is necessary to accomplish what he desires. For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us in his presence.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

- 4 Say to those with fearful hearts,
 “Be strong, do not fear;
 your God will come,
 he will come with vengeance;
 with divine retribution
 he will come to save you.”
- 5 Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
- 6 Then will the lame leap like a deer,
 and the mute tongue shout for joy.
 Water will gush forth in the wilderness
 and streams in the desert.
- 7 The burning sand will become a pool,
 the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 146

pg. 120 in front of the Hymnal

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Psalm tone



Praise the LORD, Ó my soul.*
 I will sing praise to my God as long ás I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,*
 in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*
 the maker of heavén and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry,*
 the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,*
 the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*
 and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*
 He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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. “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!” Alleluia. (Philippians 4:4)
- 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 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

- ⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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.**

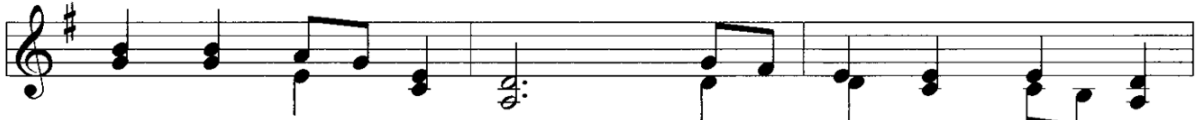
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor 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 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, Gave
 3 Oh, be our great de - liv - 'rer still, The



strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o'er dis -
 speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ease and death, All dark - ness and the grave. To
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed you, Lord of light. And
 soothe and bless, With your life - giv - ing breath. To



you they came, the blind, the dumb, The par - a -
 now, O Lord, be near to bless, Al - might - y
 hands that work and eyes that see Give wis - dom's



lyzed and lame, The lep - ers in their
 as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise you ev - er - more.

† THE MESSAGE †

DISCIPLESHIP - A LIFE OF FOLLOWING JESUS

“Trust in His Mercy and Compassion”

Mark 7:31-37

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man.

³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means, “Be opened!”). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Jesus cares about the _____ that we are _____ in our life.

⇒ Mark 7:31-37; Hebrews 2:14; Isaiah 30:18, 49:13

⇒ Jesus knew this man's suffering and his heart moved him to do something.

⇒ Our Savior not only understands our burdens, but he wants to help us.

#2 Jesus will graciously _____ what we need and he will do so _____.

⇒ Mark 7:31-37; Revelation 21:4; 2 Timothy 1:10; John 3:14-15

⇒ Jesus' hand of healing restored this man's hearing and enabled him to speak.

⇒ Jesus provides for troubles now, but more importantly he provides spiritual healing.

#3 Amazed by our Savior's merciful power, we given him our _____ and _____.

⇒ Mark 7:31-37; Matthew 20:28; Isaiah 12:2; Psalm 86:5; Isaiah 35:6; Psalm 146:2

⇒ Many were amazed by Jesus, unfortunately they didn't see him as their Savior.

⇒ Jesus' gift of salvation for us, moves us to joyfully respond in faith and action.

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.duluth Lutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER INSTALLATION

Kely Dunsmoor (Pre-K and Kindergarten)

Kiersten Nash (Pre-K and Kindergarten)

Hannah Black (1st and 2nd Grade)

Dave Schlossin (1st and 2nd Grade)

Diane Schlossin (1st and 2nd Grade)

Kim Kirkland (3rd and 4th Grade)

Brandon Benzer (3rd and 4th Grade)

Lisa Dunsmoor (5th and 6th Grade)

Joeleen Hacker (5th and 6th Grade)

Jolene Shult (Substitute)

Jesse Dunsmoor (Youth Group)

Alison Moeri (Youth Group)

Laura Metcalf (Music Director)

Miriam Hokanson (Music)

Lisa Sanders (Music)

† PRAYERS †

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord Jesus, you grew up in the home of Joseph and Mary and, as a twelve-year-old boy, sat among the teachers in the temple courts, listening to them and asking them questions. We give thanks for the fathers and mothers, teachers and pastors who taught us to know and love you. Bless our Sunday School and Youth Group teachers as they lead the youth to trust you as their gracious Savior and to follow you as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Lord Jesus, although you have ascended into heaven, you still guide your Church and give us servants to proclaim the good news. We give thanks for the blessings we enjoy through the public ministry of the Church. Continue to stir the hearts of young men and women to consider service in the Church's ministry a great joy and privilege. Be with us and our young people, O Lord, as you have been with those who have gone before us. Bless our ministry and Christian education to the glory of your name and the salvation of souls. In Jesus' name, we pray:

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.

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our
 4 Word that speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with him be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
 life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
 mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;
 yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
 cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
 loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in
 God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
 world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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

"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

CW 446 vs.1-4

1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust - ing on - ly you,
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; At your feet I bow,
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing In the crim - son flood,
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; You a - lone shall lead,

Trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, Free and true.
For your grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.
Trust - ing you who made me ho - ly By your blood.
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

