

WHAT IS A Christian

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Lives as Salt and Light

Loves God Above All

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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 this morning or watching online, we are happy you have joined us today.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience this morning 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

Summer Bible Study Childcare: On Sunday mornings, we are looking for volunteers to watch children during the Adult Bible study time. We hope this will allow parents to attend Bible study during the summer. We are looking for 1-2 adults and teens each week to supervise and read a devotion to the kids. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849abaf28abf94-sunday2#>

Men's Fellowship: This Thursday, August 17th at 6 PM will be the Men's fellowship night. Below are the dates for the upcoming Men's fellowship nights for this summer at the Dunsmoor's. All men from the congregation are welcome. We will be grilling and having a short bible study each time. There will be yard games and a campfire, weather permitting. For more details speak with Jesse or Bill Dunsmoor, or read the full description in the weekly News and Notes from the weekly emails. Upcoming Dates: Thursday, August 17th at 6 PM | Thursday, September 14th at 6 PM.

Altar Flowers for Service: To give glory to God and beautify our sanctuary, we will add fresh flowers to the altar area. Members are encouraged to sign-up for a Sunday to donate. Our flower volunteer, Renee Graen, will purchase and place the flowers on the altar. You can sign-up on the flower chart by the office. Please indicate if the flowers are in memory of someone or a special occasion. Please donate and contact Renee Graen at 763-607-4498 or sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board adjacent to member mailboxes.

Women's Hiking Group: Please consider joining us for a hike this summer! It's a great way to connect with one another and enjoy Duluth's beautiful trails, rivers, and waterfalls. Please contact Kely to RSVP at 218-750-0225. The next hike is scheduled for August 27th at 2:00 PM at Lester Park

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P: We begin our worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, ✠ 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

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

CW 230

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to
3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho - san - na
4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly

true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -
to the Lord most high." Then in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.
crease our light That we may know your name a - right
that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

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: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**
- P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I announce to you: forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.)
- C: **I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)**
- P: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement, give us a spirit of unity among ourselves as we follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5,6)

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"Oh Taste and See"

P. 39 in the front of the Hymnal

After a brief introduction please sing...

**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: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

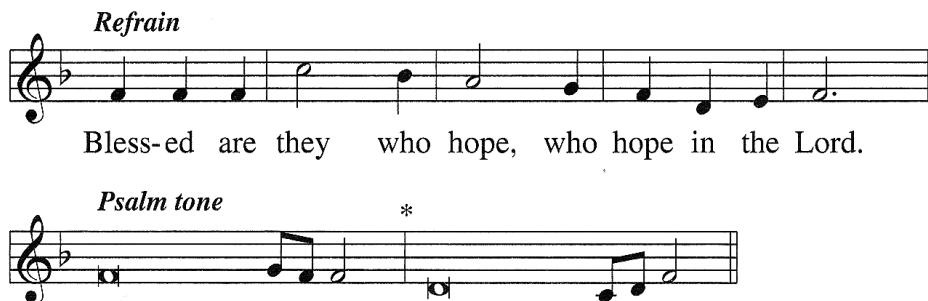
Isaiah 44:6-11

⁶“This is what the LORD says— Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. ⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let him foretell what will come. ⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”
⁹ All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame. ¹⁰ Who shapes a god and casts an idol, which can profit him nothing? ¹¹ He and his kind will be put to shame; craftsmen are nothing but men. Let them all come together and take their stand; they will be brought down to terror and infamy.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 42-43

Pg. 82 in front of the Hymnal



As the deer pants for streams of water,*
 so my soul pants for you, O God.

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;*
 let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.*
 Where can I go and meet with God?

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.*
 I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you downcast, Ó my soul?*

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.

Put your hope in God,*
 for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Refrain

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VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia. (John 14:23)
- 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

Romans 6:15-22

- ¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey— whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.
- ¹⁹ I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

- 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.

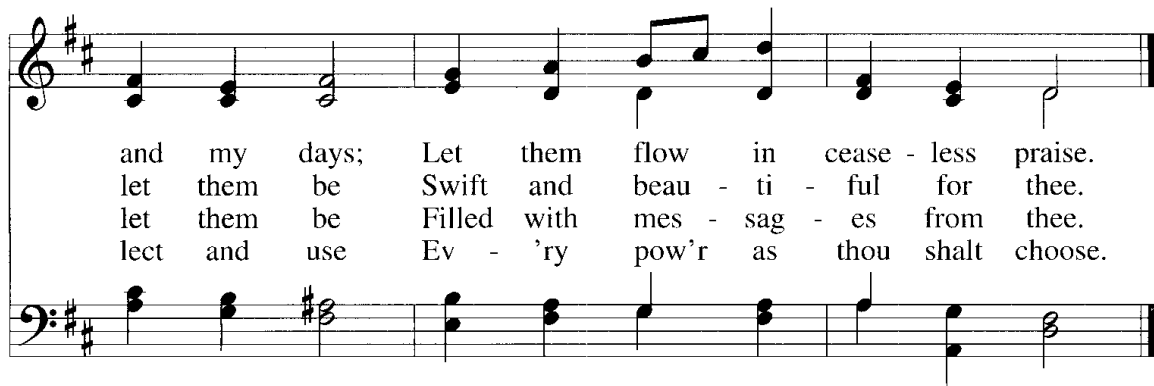
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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 ✠

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN? “Lives as Salt and Light”

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Jesus emphasizes that he has made _____ for a _____.

⇒ Matthew 5:13-16; Psalm 139:13; Galatians 3:26

⇒ Jesus isn't just talking to the apostles or certain people, he is speaking to YOU.

⇒ God has created us, redeemed us, sanctified us, and set us apart for his glory.

#2 In this world, we are salt acting as a _____ and _____.

⇒ Matthew 5:13; Joshua 24:15; Colossians 4:6

⇒ We are preserving the truths of God's Word and holding out his promises.

⇒ We are dispensers of God's grace for a world that needs his love and mercy.

#3 As the light of the world, our faith is _____ and _____ others to Jesus.

⇒ Matthew 5:14-16; John 8:12; 2 Corinthians 4:6; Psalm 119:105

⇒ Jesus has made you to be a beacon of the gospel to the world around us.

⇒ As people take notice of our words and actions, we can lead them to their Savior.

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, visit our website: www.dulutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

† PRAYERS †

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- P: You have given us your precious Word, to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C: **We thank you for those who proclaim your saving truth at this place and everywhere.**
- P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are suffering.**
- P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent Prayer.*
- P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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 of the Living Harvest"

CW 559

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1 Lord of the liv - ing har - vest That rip - ens o'er the plain,
 2 As la - b'ers in your vine - yard, Lord, give us work to do,
 3 Be with us, God the Fa - ther; Be with us, God the Son

Where an - gels soon will gath - er Their sheaves of gold - en grain,
 Con - tent to bear the bur - den Of wea - ry days for you,
 And God the Ho - ly Spir - it, Most bless - ed Three in One.

Ac - cept our hands to la - bor, Our hearts to trust and love,
 To ask no oth - er wa - ges When you will call us home
 Make us your faith - ful ser - vants You right - ly to a - dore,

And be with us to has - ten Your king - dom from a - bove.
 Than to have shared the la - bor That makes your king - dom come.
 And fill us with your bless - ing Both now and ev - er - more.

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

“Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

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CLOSING HYMN

“Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

CW 462

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, And
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A
 4 Make me to walk in your com - mands — 'Tis

keep his stat - utes still! Oh, that my God would
 make my heart sin - cere; Let sin have no do -
 strict - er watch to keep; And should I e'er for -
 a de - light - ful road — Nor let my head or

grant me grace To know and do his will!
 min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
 get your way, Re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
 heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.