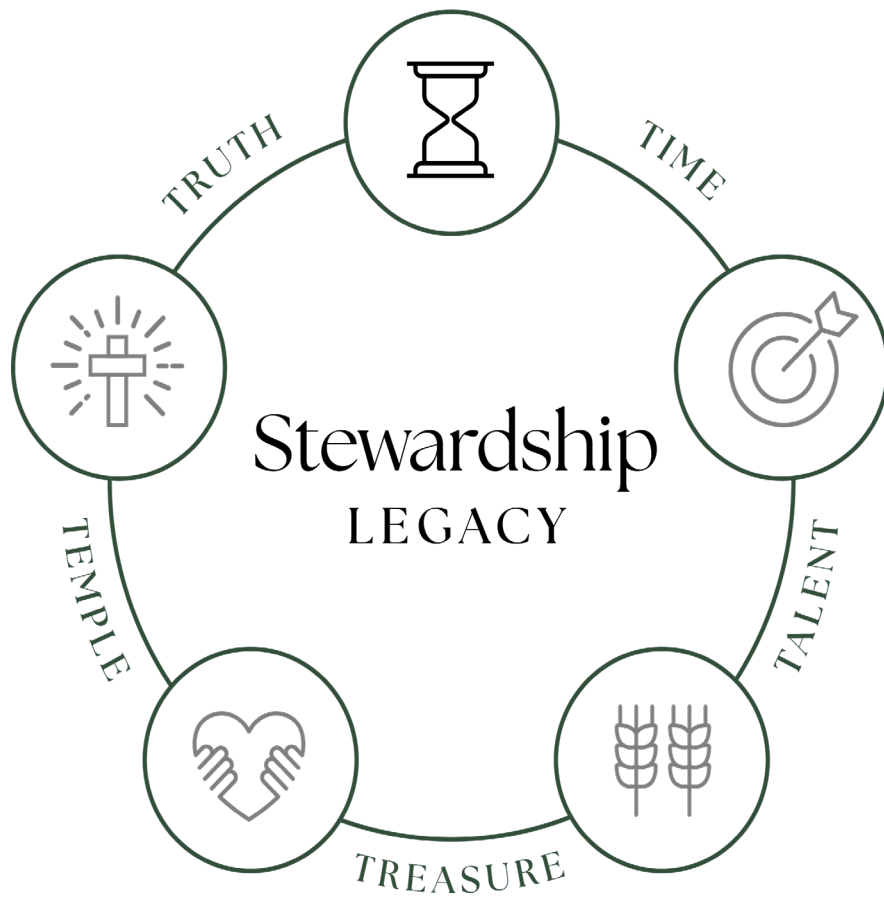


A TIME FOR EVERYTHING
“A Time to Plan”



November 19, 2023

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.

AFTER SERVICE TODAY

Adult Bible Study: Sunday following service and snacks. Bible study is held the fellowship hall.

Sunday School and Youth Group: Sunday at 10:15 AM, for children preschool age and up.

Youth Confirmation Class: Classes are on Sunday at 11:20 AM in the fellowship hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: Paul and Amber Castillo gave the flowers on the altar this morning to the glory of God.

On **Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:00 PM**, we will have our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. In this service, we will reflect on the physical and spiritual blessings that the Lord has given to us in our life. We hope that you can join us as we give thanks to our gracious God!

Next **Sunday, November 26th**, we will not have Bible Study, Sunday School, Youth Group, and Youth Confirmation after worship for Thanksgiving weekend. Our post service ministries will resume next **Sunday, December 3rd**.

Christmas Church Decorating Reminder: Everyone is welcome to come out and help decorate our Christmas tree and the sanctuary on Tuesday evening, **November 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**. We hope this can be a great time for fellowship with music, decorating and maybe some hot chocolate or cider on the side!

Midweek Advent Services: On **Wednesday, December 6th**, we will be starting our Midweek Advent services at 7:00 PM. The theme that we will be following for Midweek Advent is "Promises Kept". We hope that you can join us for these special services as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior.

1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise and ad - o - ra - tion.
 3 With your Sav - ior at your side Foes need not a - larm you;
 4 If your task is thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,

For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
 On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
 In his prom - is - es con - fide And no ill can harm you.
 Safe - ly then your course will run, Naught your soul dis - tress - ing.

Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And, when day is end - ed,
 Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
 All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
 Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;

In his name then close your eyes; Be to him com - mend - ed.
 Save you from the temp - ter's might, With his pres - ence cheer you.
 Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
 You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P:** In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. O Lord, hear our prayer, listen our cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness come to our relief. Show us the way we should go, for to you we lift up our soul.
- C:** **Almighty God, heavenly Father, I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.**
- P:** Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
- C:** **Yes I believe.**
- P:** Because of the death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, all of your sins have been paid for. You are justified before God. Believe his Word and promise: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.
- C:** **O Lord, I called to you for help, and you answered me. Thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior.**
- P:** Go in peace. The Lord be with you.

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"O Lord, Our Lord"
p.28 in front of the Hymnal

Please sing at the beginning of the music...

**O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.
Almight-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life with your love.
You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;
You make us pure and ho-ly in your sight.
You did not spare your on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all.
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther,
You came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known;
You washed us from our sins in your own blood.
You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P:** Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 24:1-4, 42-51

Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the LORD had blessed him in every way.² He said to the chief servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh.³ I want you to swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living,⁴ but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac." ...⁴² "When I came to the spring today, I said, 'O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if you will, please grant success to the journey on which I have come.⁴³ See, I am standing beside this spring; if a maiden comes out to draw water and I say to her, 'Please let me drink a little water from your jar,'⁴⁴ and if she says to me, 'Drink, and I'll draw water for your camels too,' let her be the one the LORD has chosen for my master's son.'⁴⁵ "Before I finished praying in my heart, Rebekah came out, with her jar on her shoulder. She went down to the spring and drew water, and I said to her, 'Please give me a drink.'⁴⁶ "She quickly lowered her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too.' So I drank, and she watered the camels also.

⁴⁷ "I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' "She said, "The daughter of Bethuel son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him." "Then I put the ring in her nose and the bracelets on her arms,⁴⁸ and I bowed down and worshiped the LORD. I praised the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to get the granddaughter of my master's brother for his son.⁴⁹ Now if you will show kindness and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so I may know which way to turn."⁵⁰ Laban and Bethuel answered, "This is from the LORD; we can say nothing to you one way or the other.⁵¹ Here is Rebekah; take her and go, and let her become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has directed."

SONG

"I Will Rise"

Sung by the Adult Choir

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say "It is well".

Refrain

Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead.
And I will rise
When He calls my name
No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise, on eagles' wings
Before my God, fall on my knees,
and rise, I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes.

Refrain

And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb"
And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb"

And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise!

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." Alleluia. (Proverbs 16:9)
- 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

James 4:13-17

¹³ Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.

- P: The Word of the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall be done for -
 2 God is my com - fort and my trust, My hope and life a -
 3 Lord, this I ask; oh, hear my plea — De - ny me not this
 4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am

ev - er. And they who trust in him are blest; He
 bid - ing, And to his coun - sel, wise and just, I
 fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me, Then
 leav - ing, Grant me to say, "Your will be done," Your

will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed In
 yield, in him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, His
 do not let me wa - ver. Keep watch and ward, O
 faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My heav'n - ly Friend, I

time of need; He chas - tens with for - bear - ing. They who de -
 Word de - clares, Up - on my head he num - bers. By night and
 gra - cious Lord; Ful - fill your faith - ful say - ing: All who be -
 now com - mend My soul in - to your keep - ing, O'er sin and

pend On God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.
 day God is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.
 lieve By grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.
 hell And death as well Through you the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

† THE MESSAGE †

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Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. ³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

³⁸ Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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.duluth Lutheran.org and click on the “Give” tab.

† PRAYERS †

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer and petitions offered on behalf 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.

† 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.

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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 protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. 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.



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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.**

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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

"Jesus Sinners Does Receive"

CW 304

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SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Thank the Lord”

After a brief introduction, please sing...



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

CW 367

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1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day,
 2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

Safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.
 Drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.
 Death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care;
 Grant me to trust him, though shift - ing as sand.
 dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain Can

Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 Doubt can - not daunt me — in Je - sus I stand!
 touch my sal - va - tion — with Je - sus I reign!