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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. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands. **Today's order of service follows Setting Two which begins on page 172 in the hymnal.**

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

Altar Flowers: Today's bouquets are given to the glory of God by Paul & Amber Castillo in celebration of their daughter June's 2nd birthday, and by Linda Vogel in celebration of the baptism of her granddaughter, Leni Adeline Van Keulen.

Today's Schedule: Youth Music Ministry, Sunday School, & Youth Group will meet at their regular times after the service today. There will be no Adult Bible Study.

Pastor Call Update: Last Sunday we extended a call to Pastor Todd Engel, who currently serves at St John Lutheran Church in Red Wing, MN. Please keep Pastor Engel in your prayers while he deliberates where to serve.

SOTH Shirts: The shirts that were ordered as part of the Youth Group's fundraiser will be available for pick up after the service.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon: Please join us for food and fellowship on **Tuesday, May 12th at 11:30am** at the Crooked Pint Ale House. RSVP to Kathy Hedin at 651-332-1374. Hope to see you there!

Song Service & Picnic: We will be having our Song Service next **Sunday, May 17th!** Following the service, we will enjoy a picnic together to help close out the Sunday School year. Pulled pork sandwiches & hot dogs will be provided. If you would like to contribute, please sign up via the QR code—there are also spots for set up and clean up—or speak with Miriam Hokanson or Shawna Doblak.



Church Garden Beds: If you would like to rent one of the raised garden beds in the back of church for the season, **today is the deadline.** Please speak with Peter Moeri or scan the QR code to the online form. As a reminder, there is no cost to rent, but it will be expected that each bed be put to good use.



Preschool Graduation: Please save the date for the Little Lambs Learning Center graduation on **Friday, May 29th at 6pm.**

For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at www.dulutheran.org/events or sign up for our weekly email at www.dulutheran.org/subscribe. You can also view the church calendar at www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re-deemed us by his blood."
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"

Remain seated

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

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 fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

P: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Leni Adeline Van Keulen

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When 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. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Leni Adeline Van Keulen, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Leni as your own child and made her a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22–31

²²Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

²⁹“Therefore, since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. ³⁰Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled. ¹⁵But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers.

¹⁷Indeed, it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, ¹⁸because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:15,16



Refrain

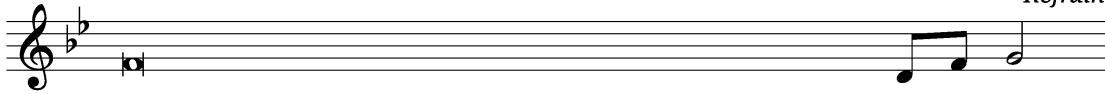


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



If you love me, keep my com - mands.



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you.

GOSPEL

John 14:15–21

¹⁵“If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children up through 5th grade are invited to come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Warskow. This service segment is intended to engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 557 sts. 1–5

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1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
 4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -
 5 He spoke to his be - lov - ed Son: "It's time to have com -



spring-ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
 tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for
 da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for
 pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how
 moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life
 me re - main - ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair left
 my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought
 all sal - va - tion. From sin and sor - row set them free; slay



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
 had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.
 my re - demp-tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear-est trea - sure.
 bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er."

✘ THE MESSAGE ✘

Make Known the Unknown God

Acts 17:22-31

Stand

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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.

Be seated

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.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P:** Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.
- C:** **Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.**
- P:** Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.
- C:** **Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.**
- P:** Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.
- C:** **Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**
- P:** Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

- P:** Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.
- C:** **Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.**

P: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: **Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

P: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: **Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

Be seated

HYMN: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 557 sts. 6-10



6 The Son o - beyed his Fa - ther's will, was born of vir - gin
7 To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and
8 "The foe will shed my pre - cious blood, me of my life be -
9 "Now to my Fa - ther I de - part, the Ho - ly Spir - it
10 "What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and



moth - er, and, God's good plea - sure to ful - fill, he came to
cas - tle. Your ran - som I my - self will be; for you I
reav - ing; all this I suf - fer for your good; be stead - fast
send - ing and, heav'n - ly wis - dom to im - part, my help to
teach - ing; so shall my king - dom's work be wrought and hon - ored



be my broth - er. No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a
strive and wres - tle. For I am yours, your friend di - vine, and
and be - liev - ing. Life will from death the vic - t'ry win; my
you ex - tend - ing. He will a source of com - fort be, teach
in your preach - ing. Take care that no one's man - made laws should



ser - vant's form like mine he bore to lead the dev - il cap - tive.
ev - er - more you shall be mine; the foe shall not di - vide us.
in - no - cence shall bear your sin, and you are blest for - ev - er.
you to know and fol - low me, and in all truth will guide you.
e'er de - stroy the gos - pel's cause; this fi - nal word I leave you."

Stand

PRAYER

P: Lord, we bow down to you in thankful praise. You have made your ways known to both lowly and great on the earth. You have not abandoned the work of your hands, but instead you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

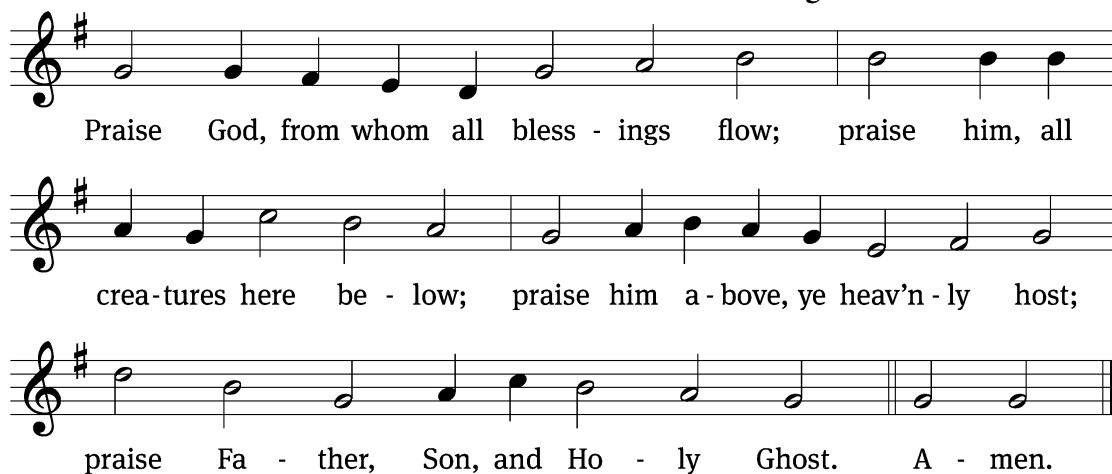
BLESSING

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: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CW 617



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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