



RESURRECTION
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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 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 a complete list of 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.

Youth Confirmation Sunday: Next Sunday, May 5th, will be Youth Confirmation Sunday. This year we have six confirmands: Jack Foster IV, Layla Frigaard, Wyatt Hacker, Peter Johnson, Henry Pooler, and Katie Ray. We hope you can join us as our confirmands make their confession of faith before the congregation and then receive the Lord's Supper.

Midweek Bible Study and Worship: On Wednesday evenings, we have Midweek Bible Study starting at **6:30 PM**. Following study, we have Midweek Worship at **7:30 PM**. This is a repeat of the service from Sunday morning. If you are working or out of town on the weekend, these are great opportunities to stay connected to the Word and our church.

Save The Date: Sunday, May 19th will be a "Song Service." The youth will be singing songs and playing tone chimes throughout the service. Invite all your loved ones to come see and sing with the outstanding youth God has given to SOTH! A picnic lunch for the congregation and any visitors will be held after Sunday School and Bible Study. More details to come!"

Huskies Game

"Take me out to the ball game!" Grab the family and head to Wade Stadium for an afternoon of baseball!

Who: Duluth Huskies vs. Eau Claire Express

When: Sunday, June 16

Where: Wade Stadium, Duluth

Time: 3:05 pm

Cost: \$0. Tickets will be purchased by the church.

Please sign up on the sheet outside Pastor's office, and be sure to mark the number of tickets you will need so we can get an accurate count. **Sign up by Sunday May 12.**

Please reach out to Kiersten Nash if you have any questions or need to sign up via email.

OPENING HYMN

“Beautiful Savior”

CW 369

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion

Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
 He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

C: **And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will, and lead us in true obedience to your Word, so that by your grace we may come to everlasting life.**

P: Our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives the power to become children of God and promised them his Holy Spirit. Grant this Lord, to us all.

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

“Oh, Taste and See”
p. 39 in front of Hymnal

Sing after a brief introduction...

**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: Father of light, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-42

- ³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (which, when translated, is Dorcas), who was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"
- ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.
- ⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called the believers and the widows and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

SONG

"Christ is the World's Light"
Sung by Adult Choir

Christ is the world's Light, he and no other;
born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's Peace, he and no other;
no man can serve him and despise his brother
who else unites us, one in God the Father?
Glory to God on high.

Christ is the world's Life, he and no other;
sold once for silver, murdered here, our Brother -
he who redeems us, reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high.

Give God the glory, God and no other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God in man my brother:
glory to God on high.

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: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-12,19-21

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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 Love is the gra - cious gift of your good - ness; Love is the
 2 You loved me first, Lord, send - ing me Je - sus. Then I re -
 3 Love means for - give - ness, pa - tience, and kind - ness; Love is not
 4 Love in a mar - riage, love free - ly giv - en, Love of a



pa - tient fruit of your care; Love is the gen - tle work of your
 spond - ed, trust - ing your Son. Now you in - vite me to love my
 jeal - ous, boast - ful, or rude. Love en - dures all things, bear - ing, be -
 hus - band, love of a wife — Made to con - tin - ue, blos - som, and



Spir - it, Who is the source of love ev - 'ry - where.
 neigh - bor, Show - ing your true love to ev - 'ry - one.
 liev - ing; Love hopes for - ev - er, re - joic - es in truth.
 flour - ish, Grow ev - er deep - er through - out this life.

5 Love among Christians, love in the fam'ly,
 Love for the Savior, whose blood was shed,
 Love and submission one to another
 As unto Christ, who reigns as our head.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

RESURRECTION REALITY

“Christ’s Love Changes Us”

John 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Our _____ is found in the sacrificial and _____ love of Jesus.

⇒ John 15:9-17; Ephesians 2:1,3; 1 John 2:2; Romans 6:4

⇒ Because we are sinful we can often be driven or persuaded by self-interest.

⇒ In love, Jesus gave up everything so that we could have forgiveness and salvation.

#2 Jesus gives us _____ that is not dependent on our _____.

⇒ John 15:9-17; Matthew 28:20; Luke 2:10; Philippians 4:4

⇒ At times, our troubles and difficulties may make it hard to find joy in our life.

⇒ As we see the eternal blessings of our Savior, we find satisfaction that only he can give.

#3 The love of Christ leads us to bear _____ of _____ in our lives.

⇒ John 15:9-17; Colossians 1:10; Luke 3:8; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

⇒ As Jesus’ friends, he has called us for a purpose—to serve him with our life.

⇒ Christ’s love motivates us to honor him in our thoughts, words, and actions.

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 PRAYERS

P: We thank you Lord God, heavenly Father, for the privilege we have of listening to your Word.

C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

P: We ask for you continued blessing upon us and for the strength to stand tall in our faith and bold in our confession of Jesus Christ as our Savior.

C: **By the power of the Spirit help us to willingly obey your Word. Help us to be witnesses of your love in every corner of the world.**

P: We ask that you bless our congregation with continued growth, both spiritually as we mature in our faith and numerically that more people would come to know you and worship you with us.

C: **We are the workers in your vineyard, O Lord. Take away the fears that we might have in being witnesses and open our lips to speak of your salvation.**

P: We ask that you take special care for our family, our friends, and members of our church who are going through trials and carrying burdens.

C: **Keep them in your care and lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

P: We know that you know all burdens of our hearts and we bring them to you this day silently.

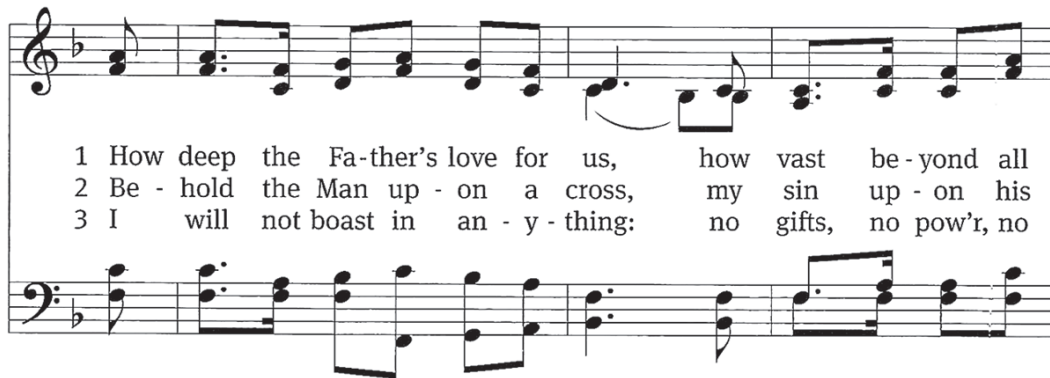
A moment for personal prayer and reflection.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

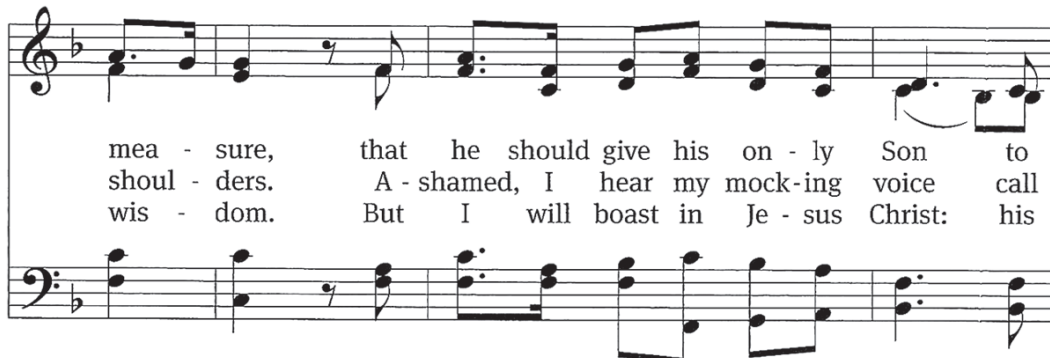
C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

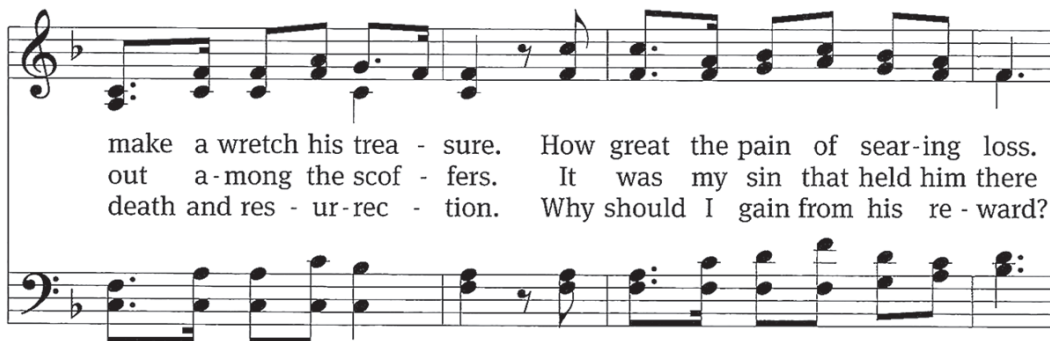
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



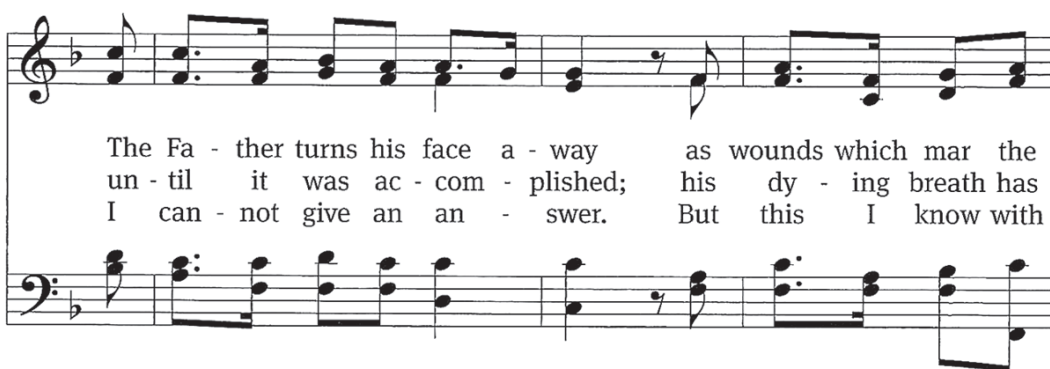
1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all
 2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
 3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



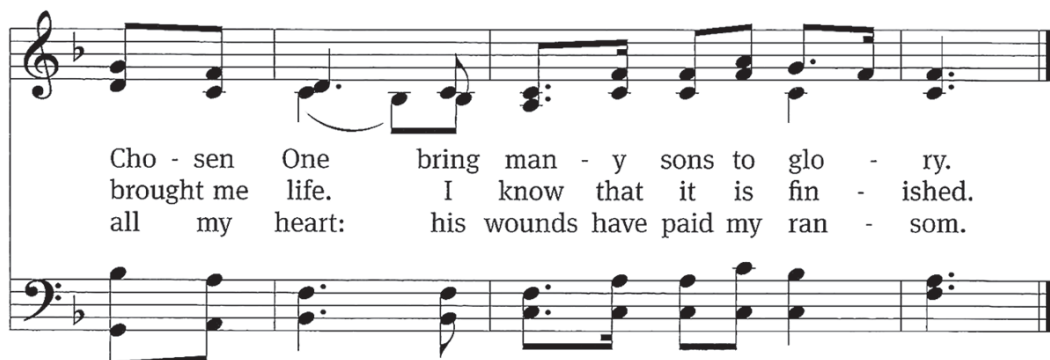
mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
 shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
 wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
 un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
 I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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

“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

CW 490

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“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

CW 490

1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing

faith - ful hearts in one; Love in Christ is
Christ's hu - mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less,
not when ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing

true and giv - ing — May his will in us be done!
kind, and car - ing, Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
and for - giv - en, Shall en - dure un - til life's end.