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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. 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.

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

Church Picnic: All are welcome to join us after church following Sunday School/Bible Study on **Sunday, September 7th** for our annual picnic. Weather permitting, we will meet behind the church to enjoy a meal and fellowship together. There will be bouncy houses for the kids! The church will provide the main meal, but feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

Lost & Found: Please check the table under the mailboxes for some Lost & Found items that have been in the coat room for a while. There is also a new Lost & Found basket on the shelf in the coat room for any future items.

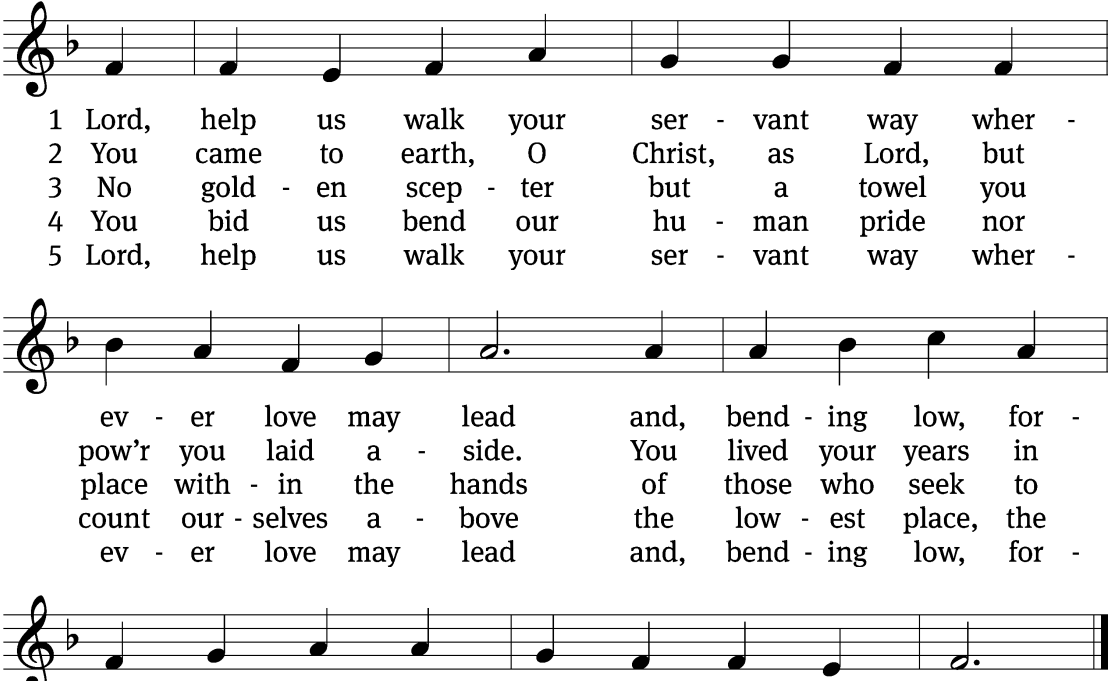
Meals for Campus Ministry: The fall semester is starting and we are in need of meal donations for our Campus Ministry. The group meets on Tuesday evenings at 6pm for Bible Study. If you would like to help support this ministry, you can sign up via the QR code or on our website at dulutheran.org/ways-to-serve. If you have any questions, please speak with Peter Moeri.



Adult Choir Opportunity We are looking for singers to help sing in the SOTH Adult Choir. Practices will be at **1:00 pm on Sundays starting September 7th**, up in the balcony. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board closest to the Fellowship Hall to help give us an idea of the interest. Please contact Laura Metcalf or Becky Miller with any questions.

Camp Croix Cleanup Day: Save the date for Camp Croix's Cleanup Day, which will be **Saturday, October 18th**. This is an easy way to help out at camp! Lunch will be provided, and as a thank-you to everyone who helps, you can stay the weekend for free if you'd like. RSVP at campcroix.org/cleanup.

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 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but
3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel you
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride nor
5 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -

ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
place with - in the hands of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove the low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -

get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.
fol - low you and live by your com - mands.
mean - est task that waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
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

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

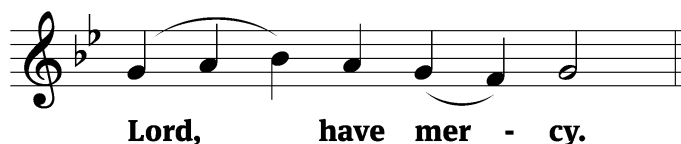
P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



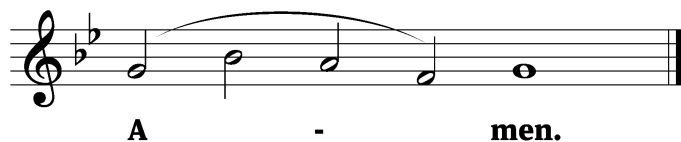
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

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 Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6,7a

⁶Do not honor yourself in a king's presence.
Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,

⁷because it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than for you to be humiliated before a ruler
whom your eyes have seen.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

James 2:1–13

¹My brothers, have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ without showing favoritism. ²For example, suppose a man enters your worship assembly wearing gold rings and fine clothing, and a poor man also enters wearing filthy clothing. ³If you look with favor on the man wearing fine clothing and say, "Sit here in this good place," but you tell the poor man, "Stand over there" or "Sit down here at my feet," ⁴have you not made a distinction among yourselves and become judges with evil opinions? ⁵Listen, my dear brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom, which he promised to those who love him? ⁶But you dishonored the poor man. Don't the rich oppress you, and don't they drag you into court? ⁷Aren't they the ones who blaspheme the noble name that was pronounced over you? ⁸However, if you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹But if you show favoritism, you are committing a sin, since you are convicted by this law as transgressors.

¹⁰In fact, whoever keeps the whole law but stumbles in one point has become guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not commit murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law of freedom. ¹³For there will be judgment without mercy on the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 14:11

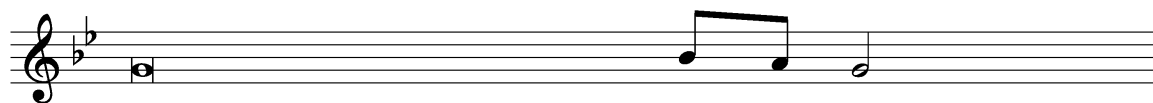


Refrain

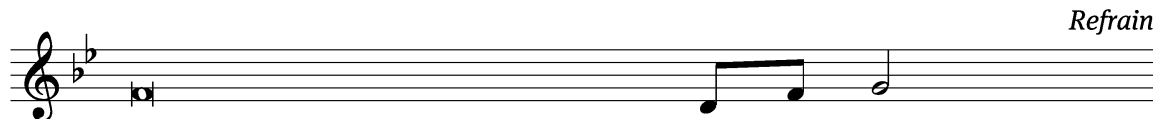


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



For all those who exalt themselves will be hum - bled,



and those who humble themselves will be ex - alt - ed.

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1,7-14

¹One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. ⁹The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man your place.’ Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

¹⁰“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

¹¹“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

¹²He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back.

¹³“But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children in attendance today may 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.



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and
 2 Bind us all as one to - geth - er in your Church's
 3 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us,
 sa - cred fold, weak and health - y, poor and wealth - y,
 oth - ers live. Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed;
 truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



hal - lows all our hu - man race, you our head, who, throned in
 sad and joy - ful, young and old. Is there want or pain or
 free - ly may your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and yours the
 hal - lows all our hu - man race, by your pray - ing, by your



glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead: fill us with your
 sor - row? Make us all the bur - den share. Are there spir - its
 sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stew - ards
 will - ing that your peo - ple should be one, grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, heal our wrongs and help our need.
 crushed and bro - ken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
 of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

Humble Yourself

Proverbs 25:6,7

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

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

C: **Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

P: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

C: **Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

P: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C: **Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

P: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

C: **Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

P: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

C: **Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

P: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

C: **Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C: **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

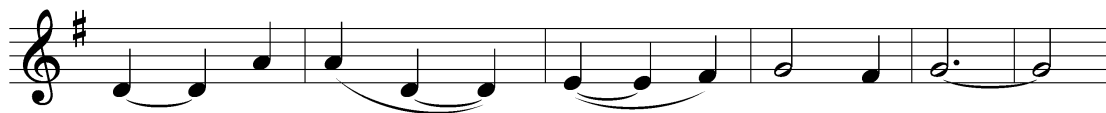
Be seated



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones, — they shall in -
 3 Blest are they — who show mer - cy, mer - cy
 4 Blest are they — who seek peace, — they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate — all — be -



king - dom of God. Blest — are they, —
 her - it the earth. Blest — are they who
 shall — be theirs. Blest — are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest — are they who
 cause — of me. Re - joice and be glad, —



full — of sor - row, they — shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst, — they — shall have their fill.
 pure — of heart, — they — shall see God!
 suf - fer in faith, — the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; — shine — for all to see.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

Stand

P: Lord, we dare not come into your holy presence with our own righteousness. But because your Son lived the perfect life in our place—because his walk was blameless and he always did what was righteous—we will never be shaken. Make our walk be blameless too, so that our lives are a sacrifice of thanksgiving to him for all he has accomplished for us. In his 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.

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: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

CW 766



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of
2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re -
4 Sent from wor - ship as your ser - vants, forth in your dear

hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
veal - ing light in its height and depth and great - ness,
name we go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged,

of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants,
still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your
dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the
love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good -

bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se -
deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the
needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring
will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your

crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
us to tire-less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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