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**SEEING GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS CHURCH**

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# SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Summer Service Schedule | Sunday 9 AM with a repeated service Wednesday at 7 PM

## 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

**Family Game Day:** This morning, following Bible study we are having an afternoon of fellowship and games. As we get ready for our Twist and Turns, game-themed VBS we hope you can join us. Board games, role-playing-games, video and yard games will be played.

**Women's Hiking Group:** There is a hike planned for today at **Park Point at 2 PM**. 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 **Monday, July 24th at 6 PM at Hawk Ridge**.

**Two Weeks Until VBS! :** From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids ages 3-11 will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. VBS is at SOTH on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, July 31-August 2nd, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. **Register at [www.duluthlutheran.org/vbs23](http://www.duluthlutheran.org/vbs23)** The end of VBS will be commenced with a **Summer Celebration Thursday, August 3rd, from 6 pm to 8 pm**—free fun for the entire family. The children who attended VBS will show us a little of what they learned, followed by games, music, and food. Invite your friends, neighbors, and family too. All are free of charge.

**VBS Volunteers and Donations Needed:** We are currently in need of a few items for VBS, and a few more volunteers for the Summer Celebration even on August 3rd. If you are interested in volunteering, or donating you can view all the sign ups by following the link here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849abaf28abf94-vbs2023> If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Denney.

**Pastor Denney's Vacation:** Pastor and Dawn will be on vacation beginning **Thursday, July 20th** through **Thursday, July 27th**. Pastor Miller has graciously volunteered to fill in for Pastor Denney on Sunday, the 23rd. If you need to reach Pastor Denney, please contact him via cell at 517-392-8494.

**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#>

OPENING HYMN

“Every Morning Mercies New”

CW 580

1 Ev - 'ry morn - ing mer - cies new Fall as fresh as  
 2 Still your kind - ness and your love Ev - 'ry day our  
 3 Let our prayers each morn pre - vail That these gifts may  
 4 As the morn - ing light re - turns, As the sun with

morn - ing dew; Ev - 'ry morn - ing let us pay  
 sins re - move; Dai - ly, far as east from west,  
 nev - er fail. And as we con - fess our sin  
 splen - dor burns, Teach us still to turn to you;

Trib - ute with the ear - ly day. For your mer - cies,  
 Lift the bur - den from the breast; Give un - bought to  
 And the temp - ter's pow'r with - in, Feed us with the  
 With your light our souls re - new. Then shall we our

Lord, are sure; Your com - pas - sion will en - dure.  
 those who pray Strength to live for you each day.  
 bread of life; Fit us for our dai - ly strife.  
 voic - es raise In un - fail - ing prayer and praise.

INVOCATION

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

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- 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: **Almighty God, I confess that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. In what I have done and left undone, I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I have fallen short of your holy standard. When I think of this past week, I am deeply sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them.**
- P: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.
- C: **Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen my faith and my love for you.**
- P: God our Heavenly Father, saw you when you were born sinful and loved you so much that he sent his one and only Son, Jesus to remove sin's hold on your life. Jesus' death has paid for your sins past, present, and future. Through faith in him, you have freedom from the guilt that sin brings. God's Word promises you: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

## RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

**"Glory to God"**  
p.16 in front of Hymnal

*Please sing at the beginning of the music...*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you,  
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
God the Fa-ther al-mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Ephesians 4:29-5:2

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145

pg. 119 in front of the Hymnal



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;\*  
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;\*  
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall\*  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

*Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.\*  
You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,\*  
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;\*  
he hears their cry and saves them.

**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.**

*Refrain*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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- P: Alleluia. "Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." Alleluia. (Luke 8:15)
- 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.**

## GOSPEL READING

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John 21:15-19

- <sup>15</sup> When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."
- <sup>16</sup> Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."
- <sup>17</sup> The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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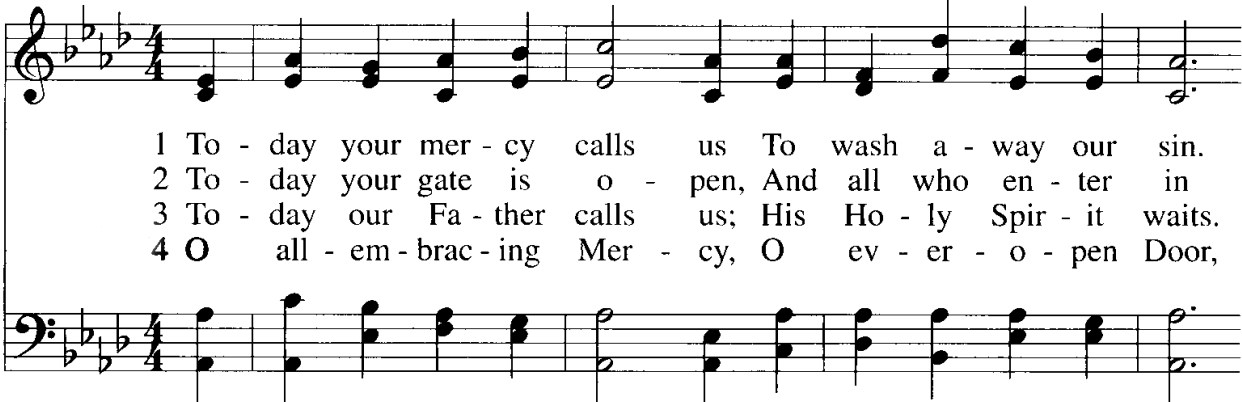
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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

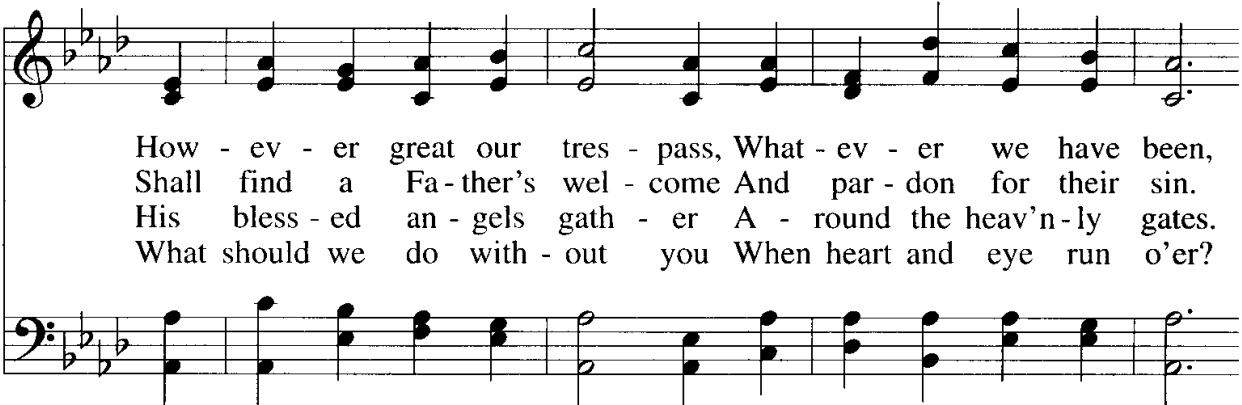
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate 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.**

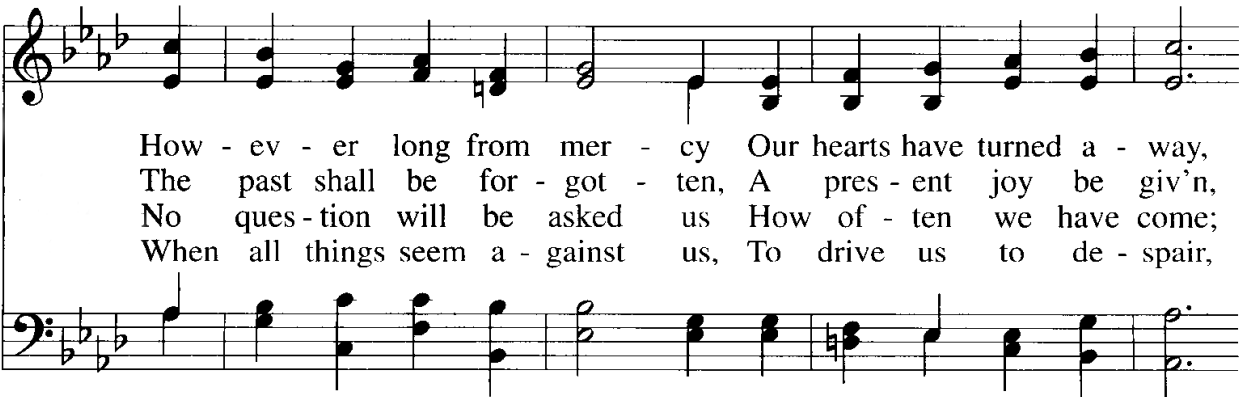
## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



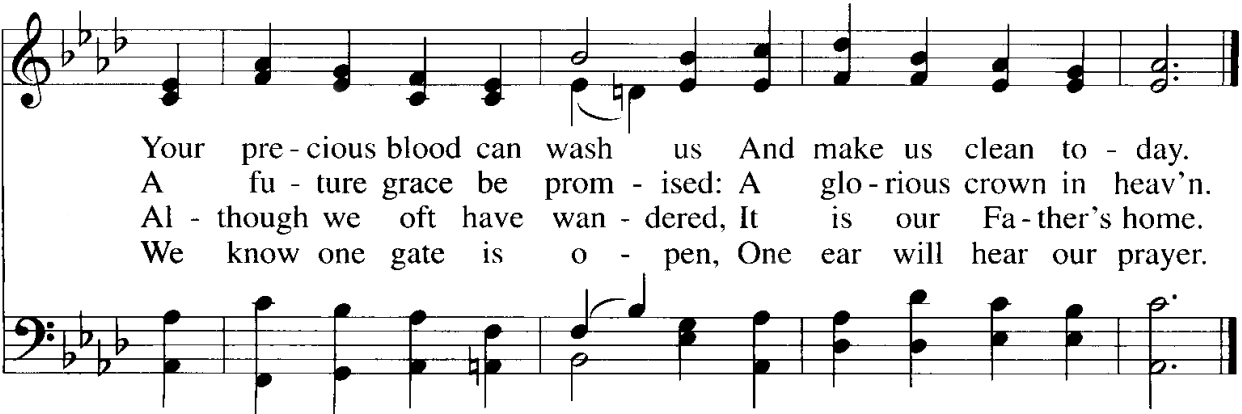
1 To - day your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits.  
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
 What should we do with - out you When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised: A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

## ✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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### VISION: SEEING GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS CHURCH

#### "Live in Forgiveness"

Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. <sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

## WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*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](http://www.dulutheran.org) and click on the "Give" tab.*

## ✠ PRAYERS ✠

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### 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 ✠

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**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 good and right so to do.

**P:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: **C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts**  
**heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -**  
**na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.**  
**Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who**  
**comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -**  
**na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

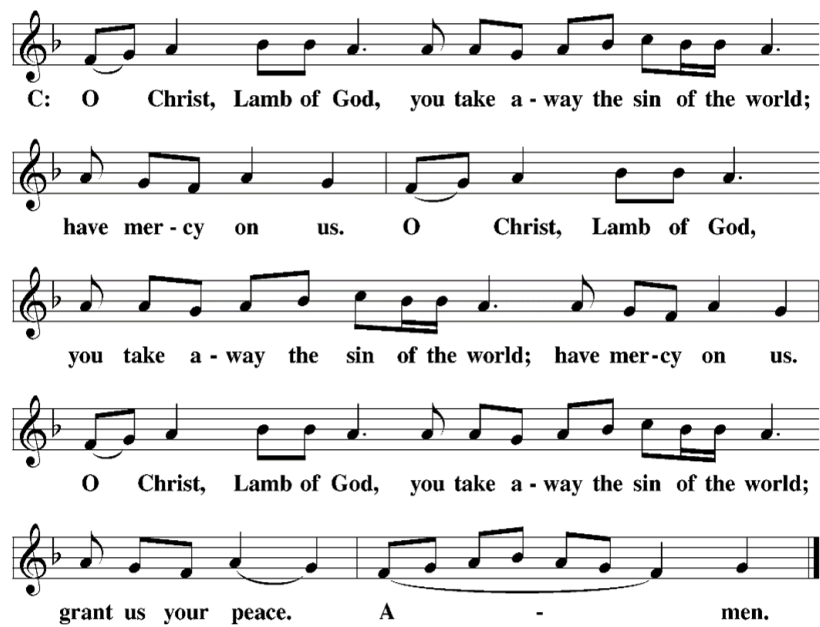
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**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took 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

"I Come, O Savior, to Your Table"

CW 310

Printed on the back of the Message Notes

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"Song of Simeon"

After a brief introduction, please sing...



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

## 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.

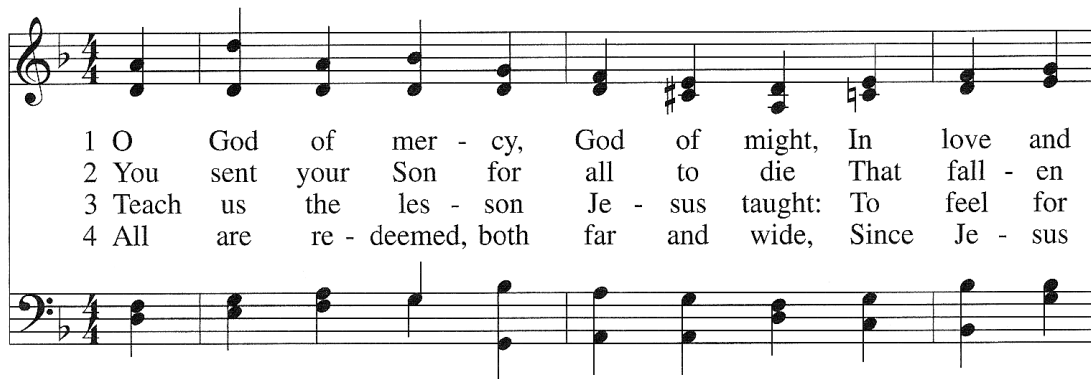
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

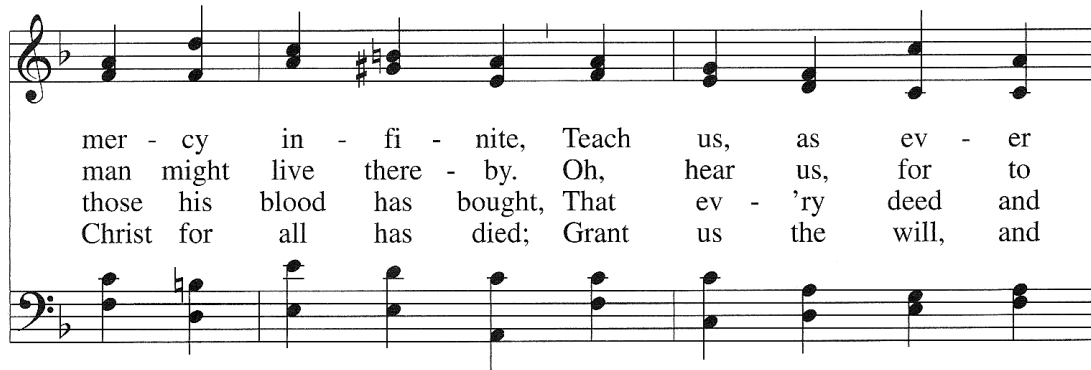
## CLOSING HYMN

### “O God of Mercy, God of Might”

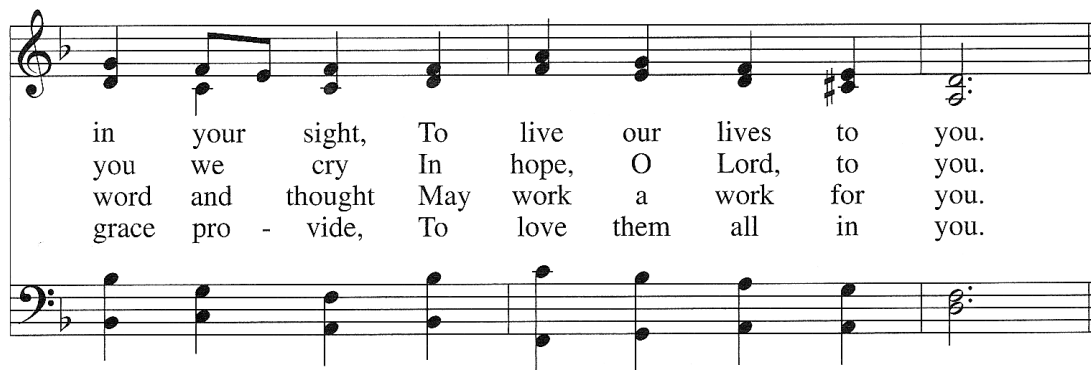
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1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and  
2 You sent your Son for all to die That fall - en  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: To feel for  
4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er  
man might live there - by. Oh, hear us, for to  
those his blood has bought, That ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; Grant us the will, and



in your sight, To live our lives to you.  
you we cry In hope, O Lord, to you.  
word and thought May work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, To love them all in you.

