

WHAT IS A Christian

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Producing Fruits of Faith

Trusts God to Provide

Seeks Spiritual Wealth

Lives as Salt and Light

Loves God Above All

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Bible Study: This morning, there will not be Adult Bible study after worship due to Labor Day weekend. Bible study will resume on Sunday, September 10th.

Adult Choir: Choir practice resumes this Wednesday, **September 6th at 5:30 PM**. If you're interested in being a part of the choir, a sign-up is located on the bulletin board by Pastor's office. Reach out to Becky Miller if you have any questions.

Campus Ministry Meals : Campus Ministry has started again and one area where we are requesting the congregation's help is with meals for the students when we meet on Tuesday evenings. We ask members to buy or prepare a meal for about a dozen people. If you are interested in helping, please sign-up online at www.dulutheran.org/campus-ministry. If you have any questions, please speak with Peter Moeri or Pastor Denney.

Young Professionals: **Friday, September 8th** there will be a fellowship event at 7:00 for "Young Professionals" - church members in their 20's and early 30's. There will be some snacks along with yard games and a bonfire in the area behind the church. BYOB. Come meet and hang out with other people like you.

Sunday School and Youth Group: Classes will resume on **Sunday, September 10th at 10:15 AM**.

Women's Book Group: Beginning September 11th- 40 Days of Living Boldly" by Phil Wickham. <https://a.co/d/dBXDbUU>

This book explores biblical stories from Genesis to Revelation to learn about prayer from the heroes of our faith, including Jesus, Moses, King David, and many more. "On Our Knees" brings readers into a deeper intimacy with Jesus, encouraging a habit of prayer that can last a lifetime and cultivate a closer relationship with God. It is a 40 day daily devotional that includes scripture, reflection on the reading, daily prayer, and prayer practice. Please contact Kely Dunsmoor (218-750-0225) to join the group.

Midweek Bible Study & Worship: On **Wednesday evening, September 13th**, Midweek Bible study resume for the fall. Midweek Bible studies will take place at 6:30 PM. Our Bible study for the fall will be the Life of Joseph. As we look at Joseph's life from the Old Testament we see how God can use hardships and difficulties for our eternal good. Also, on September 13th, our Midweek Worship time will change from 7:00 to 7:30 PM.

Youth Confirmation Class: Youth Confirmation Classes will resume on **Sunday, September 17th at 11:20 AM**. This class is for students in 6th to 8th grade and we will meet in the fellowship hall. In Youth Confirmation, students learn the main teachings of the Bible and Luther's Catechism to prepare them for making their public confession of faith and receiving the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions or would like more information, please speak with Pastor Denney.

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: Jesus has promised: “Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20) We worship, therefore, 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

- P: If we say we have no 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. (1 John 1:8-9)**
- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you are merciful and kind, but we have gone our own way, not loving you as we should, nor loving our neighbor as ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do. For this we deserve your punishment. Father, forgive us, help us to love you above all else, and to live for your honor and glory.**
- P: God our Heavenly Father promises that he always hears the prayers of his people. Through his Son, Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us in God's Word, he not only hears our prayers for mercy, but he also promises you free and full forgiveness for all your sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I announce to you forgiveness for all of your sins in the name of the Father, and ☩ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Renew in me "an undivided heart and put a new spirit in me; that I may follow your decrees and be careful to keep your laws." (Ezekiel 11:19,20)**
- P: Indeed, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ not counting men's sins against them. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"O Lord, Our Lord"
p.28 in front of 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: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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

Acts 16:11-15

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.


¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 133-134


pg. 115 in front of the Hymnal

Refrain



Hap- py the peo- ple the Lord has cho- sen to be his own.

Psalm tone



How good and pleasánt it is*
when brothers live together in únity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
even life forevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants óf the LORD*
who minister in the house óf the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuáry*
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heavén and earth,*
bless you from Zíon.

**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

- P: Alleluia. "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to divide soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)
- 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

John 15:5-12

- ⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
- 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.

- P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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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 Glo - ri - ous in maj - es - ty, Ho - ly in his
 2 Vic - to - ry he won for us, Free - ing us from
 3 One in love, as fam - i - ly, Liv - ing with each



prais - es, Je - sus, our Sav - ior and our King.
 dark - ness, Dy - ing and ris - ing from the dead.
 oth - er. Glad - ly we share each oth - er's pain.



Born a man, yet God of old, Let us all a -
 Liv - ing with the Fa - ther now, Yet he is a -
 Yet he will not leave us so; Soon he is re -



dore him; Filled with his Spir - it, let us sing.
 mong us; We are the bod - y, he the head.
 turn - ing, Tak - ing us back with him to reign.

Refrain



Liv - ing is to love him, Serv - ing him to know his free-dom.



Come a - long with us to join the praise of Je - sus.



Come to Je - sus now; Go to live his Word, re - joic-ing.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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Galatians 5:16-25

¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷ For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

¹⁹ The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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.duluthlutheran.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 sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. 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

"God Loved the World So that He Gave"

CW 391

Printed on the back of the Message Notes

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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CW 331

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1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's De - struc - tion,

Hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more.
 Be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee.