

WHAT IS A Christian

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Trusts God to Provide

Seeks Spiritual Wealth

Lives as Salt and Light

Loves God Above All

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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 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

Women's Hiking Group: Today at 2:00 PM-Lester Park. Meet in the main parking lot.

Women's Book Group Meeting: Tuesday, August 29th at 6 PM-Will be reviewing chapters 5-10 of "Soul Care". It's not too late to join. You can listen to the short chapters on her podcast called "Little Things".

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 : This Tuesday, we resume Campus Ministry. 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.

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

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.

Youth Group Trip to MLC September 21-22: Youth Group has the opportunity to take an overnight trip to Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN for high school age kids from our congregation in about a month from now. This is a great opportunity for those who may have some interest in exploring what pursuing a path in the ministry looks like, and for those who aren't interested, it is a great opportunity to see where and how our future teachers and pastors are trained. Please RSVP as soon as possible if your high school age son or daughter can go along. Contact Jesse Dunsmoor to RSVP or if you have any questions. kjdunsmoor@gmail.com or 218-730-7052.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Jesus promises us, "Wherever two or three come together in my name, there I am with them".

C: **Be with us Lord, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.**

P: May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;

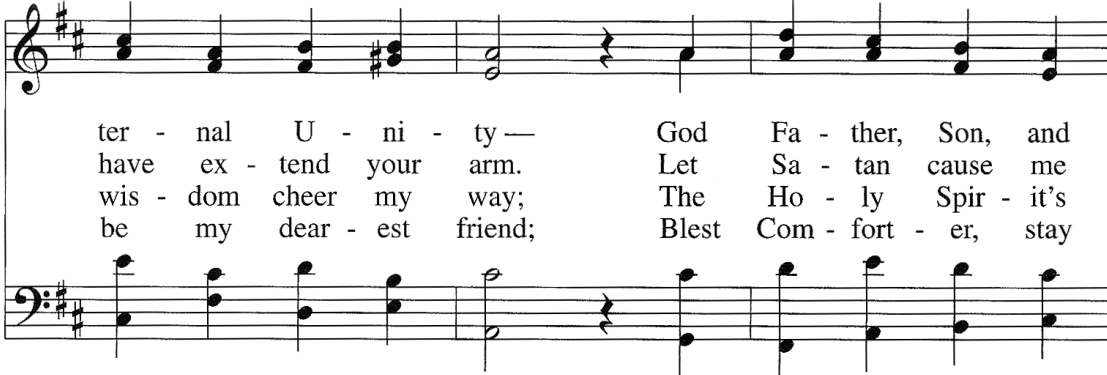
C: **May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

OPENING HYMN

"O Blessed, Holy Trinity"
CW 584



1 O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Di - vine, e -
2 My soul and bod - y keep from harm; O'er all I
3 The Fa - ther's love shield me this day; The Son's pure
4 My Mak - er, hold me in your hand; Re - deem - er,



ter - nal U - ni - ty — God Fa - ther, Son, and
have ex - tend your arm. Let Sa - tan cause me
wis - dom cheer my way; The Ho - ly Spir - it's
be my dear - est friend; Blest Com - fort - er, stay



Ho - ly Ghost — Be all this day my guide and host.
no dis - tress Nor bring me shame or wretch - ed - ness.
joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.
at my side, That faith and love in me a - bide.

5 Lord, bless and keep me as your own;
Lord, look in kindness from your throne;
Lord, let your favor rest on me,
And give me peace eternally.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: Brothers and sisters in the Lord: 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: Almighty God, 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"
Pg. 39 in front of the 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: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:1-6

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."
 2 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: 3 "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. 4 You will drink from the brook, and I have ordered the ravens to feed you there."
 5 So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there.
 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 47

Pg. 85 in front of the Hymnal

Refrain

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone

Clap your hands, all you nátions;*
 shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LÓRD Most High,*
 the great King over áll the earth!

God reigns over the nátions;*
 God is seated on his hóly throne.

Refrain

God has ascended amid shóuts of joy,*
 the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing práises;*
 sing praises to our King, sing práises.

For God is the King of áll the earth;*
 sing to him a psalm of praise.

**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. "Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10)

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

Ephesians 1:3-10

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹ And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

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

HYMN

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

CW 444

Printed on the next page.

1 If you but trust in God to guide you And place your
 2 How can these anx - ious wor - ries aid you, These nev - er -
 3 Be pa - tient and a - wait his lei - sure In cheer - ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un - swerv - ing, Per - form your

con - fi - dence in him, He'll give you strength and stand be -
 ceas - ing moans and sighs? Will not his wings of mer - cy
 hope, with heart con - tent; Then take what - e'er your Fa - ther's
 du - ties faith - ful - ly, And trust his Word; though un - de -

side you When days are drear - y, dark, and dim. For those who
 shade you When - ev - er trou - bled times a - rise? Our cross and
 plea - sure And his dis - cern - ing love have sent. Doubt not; your
 serv - ing, You'll find his prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

trust his change - less love Build on the rock that does not move.
 tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.
 in - most wants are known To him who chose you for his own.
 yet for - sook in need The soul that trust - ed him in - deed.

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

“Trusts God to Provide”

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Worrying seems like a natural _____, but it never is the _____.

⇒ Matthew 6:25-33; Proverbs 12:25

⇒ When we are facing troubles or thinking about potential problems, our instinct is to worry.

⇒ Jesus shows us that worrying will not accomplish anything, but it does have negative effects.

#2 Jesus tells us to _____ the Lord and trust that he will _____ of us.

⇒ Matthew 6:25-33; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:32

⇒ As we look at nature, we are reminded of God’s providence and care.

⇒ God proves his love and faithfulness by providing us with forgiveness and eternal life.

#3 Bring your _____ to Jesus and he will give you _____.

⇒ Matthew 6:25-33; 1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 55:22; Phil 4:6-7

⇒ Replace worry with prayers and petitions to your heavenly Father.

⇒ As we let go of our concerns and trust God, he brings peace to our hearts.

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.duluthelan.org and click on the "Give" tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P: Almighty God, we praise and honor your holy name for your numerous acts of love and mercy on behalf of your people. We especially thank you for the gift of your one and only Son, who has ascended into heaven and sits at your right hand.
- C: **We rejoice in the knowledge that he is our advocate before your throne and that he intercedes for us in all our needs.**
- P: Lord Jesus, through you we have the full rights of children of God. What boundless love the Father has shown us through our relationship with you! May our spirits be filled with the rest and peace that comes from your forgiveness.
- C: **We praise you for saving us and giving your life as a ransom for our sin.**
- P: Father, for giving us life and breath, talent and energy, we thank you. For income and nourishment, for honest work and opportunities to be useful, we look gratefully to you as our provider.
- C: **We thank you for your gifts of mercy you pour down on us each day.**
- P: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful.
- C: **Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.**
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- P: For these and all other things you know that we need, we confidently ask in the name of Jesus who gave himself for us that we might live through him.
- C: **To him be praise, honor, glory, and power now and forever. 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 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
 3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in his shad - ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will



ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, Bear you on the



breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And



hold you in the palm of his hand.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want 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.

1 Sav - ior, I fol - low on, Guid - ed by thee,
 2 Riv - en the rock for me, Thirst to re - lieve,
 3 Of - ten to Ma - rah's brink Have I been brought;
 4 Sav - ior, I long to walk Clos - er with thee;

See - ing not yet the hand That lead - eth me.
 Man - na from heav - en falls Fresh ev - 'ry eve.
 Shrink - ing the cup to drink, Help I have sought,
 Led by thy guid - ing hand, Ev - er to be

Hushed be my heart and still; Fear I no fur - ther ill.
 Nev - er a want se - vere Caus - eth my eye a tear,
 And with the prayer's as - cent Je - sus the branch hath rent,
 Con - stant - ly near thy side, Quick - ened and pu - ri - fied,

On - ly to meet thy will My will shall be.
 But thou dost whis - per near, "On - ly be - lieve."
 Quick - ly re - lief hath sent, Sweet - 'ning the draught.
 Liv - ing for him who died Free - ly for me.

