

# KNOWING CHRIST SHOWS



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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 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. **Today's order of service follows Setting Three which begins on page 188 in the hymnal.**

### 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

**Guest Preacher:** This afternoon our worship service is being led by Nate Kallies from St Croix Lutheran Academy. He and Brian Shult will also be leading adult Bible Study after the service.

**Installation:** This afternoon we will have the installation for our 2026 Council, Elders, and Deaconesses during the service.

**Youth Rally Fundraiser:** The Youth Group is working on raising money to attend this year's Youth Rally. They will be helping in the kitchen after church today and for several more Sundays in the future. There will be a basket near the kitchen to accept donations. If you have any questions, speak to Jesse Dunsmoor or Alison Moeri.

**Teacher Call Update:** Last Sunday we extended a call to Stephanie Nocella to serve as a teacher at Little Lambs. She currently serves at Redeemer Learning Center in Tomahawk, WI. Please keep Stephanie in your prayers while she deliberates her calls.

**Women's Bible Study:** We will be resuming our study on the book Habbakuk on **Tuesday, January 27 at 6pm** in the church conference room. All women are welcome to join us for fellowship and time in God's Word!

**Attention College Students!** Campus Ministry is back for the Spring Semester! Come join a group of college students who meet weekly on Tuesday nights for a meal and Bible study starting at 6pm. Our next meeting on January 27th will be a night of bowling at Incline Station Bowling Center in Duluth. Please reach out to Peter Moeri ([peterlmoeri@gmail.com](mailto:peterlmoeri@gmail.com)) if you want to join or for more information.

**Outreach Announcement for VBS:** There will be an informational meeting to discuss having a Vacation Bible School event this summer. If you're interested in learning more, sharing your ideas, and possibly volunteering, please come before church at **1pm on Sunday, February 1st**. If you have any questions or want to share an idea but are unable to join the meeting, please reach out to Mark Kleisner ([markkleisner@gmail.com](mailto:markkleisner@gmail.com))

*For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at [www.dulutheran.org/events](http://www.dulutheran.org/events) or sign up for our weekly email at [www.dulutheran.org/subscribe](http://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe). You can also view the church calendar at [www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar](http://www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar).*



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, high - er than the  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part com - fort to a  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
 5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, by your Spir - it



blood for me, died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart, peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me; all my wants to him are known,  
 and your Word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, love that found me—  
 joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to  
 all my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in  
 keep me in the nar - row way; grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!  
 won - drous thought— found me when I sought him not.  
 walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.  
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.  
 need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

*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*

## ABSOLUTION

**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 190

**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 191

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

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

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. 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. 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.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to  
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
 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.

Lord God, through the conversion of your apostle Paul, you caused the light of the gospel to shine in all the world. Grant that we may follow his example and be witnesses to the truth that is in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## FIRST READING

*Acts 9:1–22*

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners.

<sup>3</sup>As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

<sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do."

<sup>7</sup>The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone.

<sup>8</sup>They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink.

<sup>10</sup>There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

<sup>11</sup>The Lord told him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. In fact, at this very moment he is praying. <sup>12</sup>In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he can regain his sight."

<sup>13</sup>Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he did to your saints in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And he has authority here from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

<sup>15</sup>The Lord said to him, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup>Indeed, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

<sup>17</sup>Ananias left and entered the house. Laying his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you saw on your way here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>18</sup>Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. <sup>19</sup>And after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

<sup>21</sup>All who heard him were amazed and said, "Isn't this the one who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? Didn't he come here for this very purpose: to bring them as prisoners to the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>But Saul continued to get stronger and kept confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*Galatians 1:11–24*

<sup>11</sup>But I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. <sup>12</sup>For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation from Jesus Christ.

<sup>13</sup>Certainly you have heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God to an extraordinary degree and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup>I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my own people, because I was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup>However, God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup>to reveal his Son in me, so that I would preach him among the Gentiles. At

<sup>18</sup>Next, after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to meet Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup>But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother. <sup>20</sup>(Now about the things I am writing to you—look, I assure you in the presence of God that I am not lying.) <sup>21</sup>Then I went to the regions of Syria and Cilicia. <sup>22</sup>I was still personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. <sup>23</sup>They heard only: “The one who was once persecuting us is now preaching the faith that he once tried to destroy.” <sup>24</sup>And they were praising God for what happened to me.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## 1 Timothy 1:15



Christ Jesus came into the world to save sin - ners— of whom I am the worst.

## GOSPEL

### *Matthew 19:27–30*

<sup>28</sup>Jesus said to them, “Amen I tell you: In the renewal, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup>Everyone who has left homes or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, because of my name, will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. <sup>30</sup>Many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.”

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

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children up through 5th grade are invited to come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion. This service segment is intended to engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.

### HYMN OF THE DAY: Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

CW 745



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are ripe and har - vests wait - ing; who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
you can tell the love of Je - sus, you can say he died for all.  
point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing, and the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; rich re - ward he of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,  
with your prayers and with your of - f'rings you can do what God de - mands;  
Take the task he gives you glad - ly, let his work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?  
you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
an - swer quick - ly when he call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

## ✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

### Knowing Christ Shows

#### SERMON TEXT

1 John 2:3–11

<sup>3</sup>This is how we know that we have known him: if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup>The one who says, "I know him," but does not keep his commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. <sup>5</sup>If anyone keeps God's word, the love of God is truly made complete in him. This is how we know that we are in him: <sup>6</sup>The one who says he remains in him should walk as Jesus walked.

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one that you have had since the beginning. The old command is the message you heard. <sup>8</sup>At the same time, the command I am writing is new—it is true in Jesus and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup>The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup>The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and nothing causes him to stumble.

<sup>11</sup>The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

## 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.duluthlutheran.org](http://www.duluthlutheran.org) and click on the "GIVE" tab.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**C:** **Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

**P:** Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**C:** **Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

**P:** The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**C:** **Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

**P:** Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**C: Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

**P:** Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**C: Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

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

*Silent prayer*

**P:** Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**C: Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

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*Members of the Church Council, Elders, and Deaconesses are recognized and installed for their service.*

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Treasurer- Brad Schmugge

Secretary- Andrew Chiu

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### CHURCH ELDERS

Grant Holzhueter – Head Elder

Darrel Nelson

Jerry Nelson

Mike Husby

Steve Shult

Steve Buboltz

### DEACONESSSES

Shawonna Doblar

Kathy Hedin

Kim Kirkland

Renee Graen

**HYMN: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake**

*Printed on the next page.*

**CW 702**



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my  
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, a god - ly  
 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your  
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord and take the



way a - bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for - sake,  
 life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed and, firm - ly cling - ing to his Word,



o - bey my call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 from sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
 in suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, take my ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show how you must so - journ here be - low.  
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat-tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

*Stand*

## PRAYER

**P:** Lord, your Word is our delight. When we were lost in the darkness of sin, you penetrated our hearts with the light of your Word. Let it enlighten our paths each day that we may serve you in holiness. Let your Word shine through all we say and do that others may see you and praise your saving name. In Jesus' 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: Amazing Grace

CW 576

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to  
now am found, was blind but now I see.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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