

give me a love for souls!



## 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 worshiping 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. We are in the process of transitioning to new hymnals (blue). Today's service still follows the order of service and hymns found in the old hymnals (red). These are available at the end of each pew for your convenience, if you wish to use them for reference or four-part harmony.

#### **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 Pastor:** Thank you to Pastor Mike Spaude for leading our service today! As a reminder, Pastor Warskow will be back in the office tomorrow, February 24th.

**New Hymnal Practice:** Right after today's service we will again be introducing the service Setting 1 from the new hymnal, which is available in the pew stands. We will start using the new service setting next **Sunday, March 2nd**.

**Hymnal Bookmarks:** A big thank you to Gene Altiere for the new hymnal ribbon bookmarks! These are intended to be used for marking the liturgy and hymns for those who choose to use the hymnals during the service. While wear and tear of such bookmarks is expected over time, we ask that everyone help to maintain them by leaving the bookmarks inside the hymnals and refrain from playing with them.

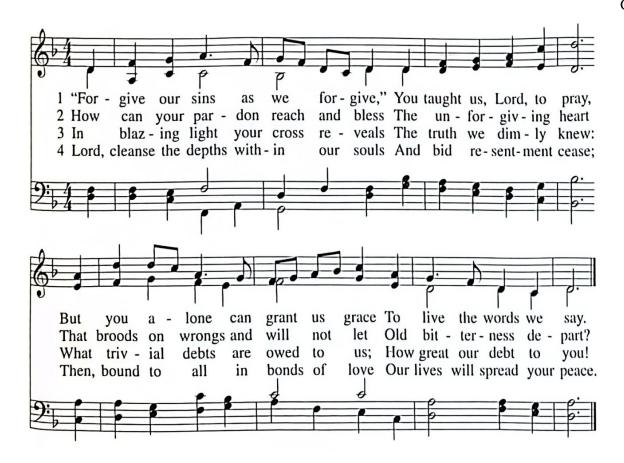
Women's Bible Study: Please join us this month as we continue our Bible Study on the Names of God. We will meet in the church conference room on Tuesday, February 25 at 6 pm. Speak with Kiersten Nash if you have any questions.

Campus Ministry Meals: The spring semester is underway and we are in need of meal donations for our Campus Ministry. This group of college students meets on Tuesday evenings at 6pm for Bible Study. If you would like to help support this ministry, please scan the QR code, or sign up on our website. Please direct questions to Peter Moeri.



Camp Croix Presentation: After our worship service on Sunday, March 2, we will have a short presentation by TJ Holderbecker, the Program Director of Camp Croix. TJ will talk about the future plans of Camp, give information about the coming year's ministry and how you can enjoy the beauty of God's creation in the Northwoods.

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.



# **INVOCATION**

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

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

- P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

"Lord, Have Mercy" pg. 15 in front of Hymnal

Please sing at the beginning of the music...

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

- P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

"Glory be to God" pg. 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, Je-sus 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 only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray. [minister says the Prayer of the Day]
- C: Amen.

### ▼ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ▼

## FIRST READING

## Genesis 45:3-15

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! <sup>5</sup>And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here,

because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. <sup>6</sup>For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. <sup>7</sup>But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8"So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. 9Now hurry back to my father and say to him, "This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. 10You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. 11I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

<sup>12</sup>"You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. <sup>13</sup>Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

<sup>14</sup>Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

## **SECOND READING**

### Romans 12:14-21

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

<sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. <sup>19</sup>Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup>On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### **GOSPEL READING**

### Luke 6:27-38

<sup>27</sup>"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup>If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

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

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

Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Spaude. This service segment is intended to be more interactive and engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.

**HYMN** 

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

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# **▼** THE MESSAGE **▼**

Dear Lord, give me a love for souls! Luke 6:27-38

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"
pg. 20 in front of Hymnal

Please sing after a brief introduction...

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spir-it with-in me.

Cast me not away from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-vation, and up-hold me with your free Spirit. A-men.

### 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: <a href="www.dulutheran.org">www.dulutheran.org</a> 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.

**HYMN** 

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

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### **CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING**

- P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.
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**CLOSING HYMN** 

"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

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