EVERYDAY WORSHIP



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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 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.

AFTER SERVICE TODAY

Adult Bible Study: Sunday following service and snacks. Bible study is held in the fellowship hall.

Sunday School and Youth Group: Sunday at 10:15 AM, for children preschool age and up.

Youth Confirmation Class: Classes are on Sunday at 11:20 AM in the fellowship hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Brad and Dawn Bird in celebration of their 30th Wedding Anniversary.

Women's Care Center Donation Drive: The Apples of God's Eye are soon to arrive so let's help to greet them with a big surprise! We will be collecting items today through October 8, 2023. The Center is in need of updating their lobby toys, activities areas with new items. Also they could use educational toys, fall onesies, clothing, diapers and prayers. Please see the tree in the fellowship area and select an apple. Thank you so much for your support!

Youth group will meet on Sunday, October 15th from 6-8pm for a campfire at church. There will be snacks and drinks and games. Contact Jesse Dunsmoor or Alison Moeri if you have any questions.

Annual Meeting: Please mark on your calendars that our congregation Annual Meeting will be taking place on Sunday, October 22nd, after worship. We hope you can join us in the fellowship hall as we review our church's ministry, finances, and blessings from this year.

Midweek Bible Study: Join us on Wednesday evenings for Midweek Bible study at 6:30 PM. Our Bible study for the fall will focus on 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, during the Bible study time, there will be volunteers watching children in the fellowship hall, so your whole family can attend!

Midweek Worship: With the start of Wednesday Bible study, Midweek Worship is now at 7:30 PM. If you are out of town or working on the weekend, we hope you can join us on Wednesday nights to hear the good news of Jesus and stay connected to his Word.

OPENING HYMN



INVOCATION

- P: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. 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

- 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: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.
- P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, all your sins are forgiven. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I announce to you: forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)
- P: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement, give us a spirit of unity among ourselves as we follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 15:5,6)

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"Oh Taste and See" P. 39 in the 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: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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

Colossians 3:12-17

- ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
- ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 98 Pg. 103 in front of the Hymnal



I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;* I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,* that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,* your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?* You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,* who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;* they exult in your righteousness.

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. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to glory of God the Father." Alleluia. (Philippians 2:10,11)
- 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

Luke 10:18-24

- ¹⁸ He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."
- ²¹ At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.
- ²² "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." ²³ Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. ²⁴ For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."
- P: This is the Gospel of our Lord
- C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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



✤ THE MESSAGE

EVERYDAY WORSHIP "With a Song in My Heart"

Psalm 98:1-9

- ¹ "Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.
- ² The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- ³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- ⁴ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;
- ⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,
- ⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
- ⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.
- ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;
- let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
 He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

MESSAGE NOTES

for us.								
\Rightarrow God's creation around us is like a symphony declaring the greatness of the Lord.								

 \Rightarrow God has given us gifts and talents to praise him not just on Sunday, but every day of our life.

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

✤ PRAYERS ♣

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P: Lord of our lives, by sending your Son to live and die as our perfect substitute, you provided forgiveness and salvation for a world of sinners.
- C: We praise you for your generous saving love.
- P: We thank you for reaching out to each of us personally with your Word and the water of Baptism. You have set us apart as people who belong to you.
- C: We are people whose purpose is to receive your love and live to your glory.
- P: Gracious Father, you have called us to live for you and not for ourselves or according to the standards of the world. Help us devote our time, our talents, our energy, and whatever you have placed into our hands to those things that will be of value for eternity.
- C: May our hearts belong to you completely and help us to use our gifts and resources as you desire.
- P: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let our trust be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Strengthen our faith so that we continually come to you anytime and anywhere.
- C: Lead us to look to you as our unfailing spring of healing and hope.
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

A moment for personal prayer and reflection.

- P: As we pray together, 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: 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.



CLOSING PRAYER

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

CLOSING HYMN

"To God Be the Glory" CW 399

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