

# EVERYDAY WORSHIP



## 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.

### AFTER SERVICE TODAY

**Adult Bible Study:** Sunday following service and snacks. Bible study is held 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.

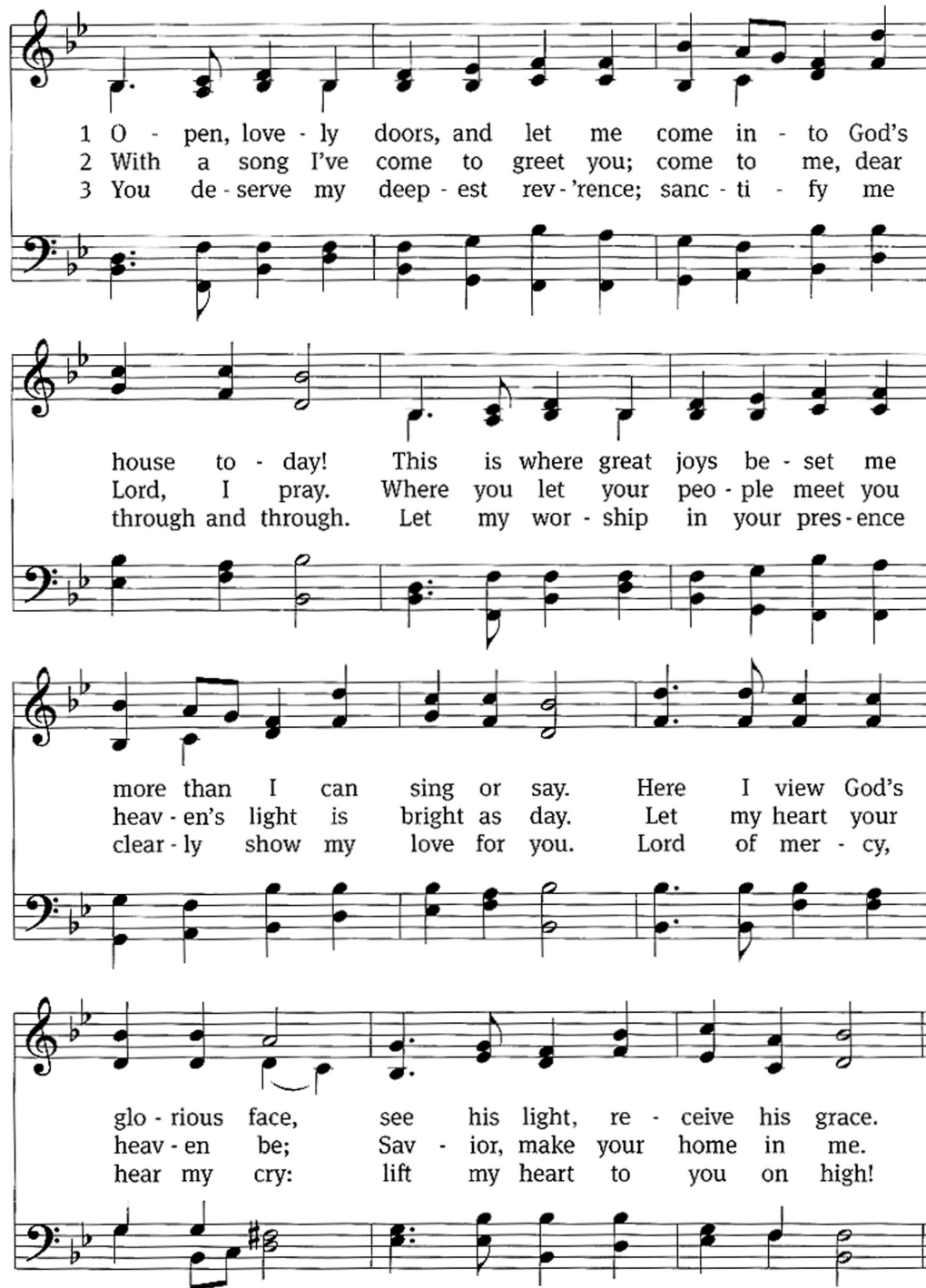
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

**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.



1 O - pen, love - ly doors, and let me come in - to God's  
2 With a song I've come to greet you; come to me, dear  
3 You de - serve my deep - est rev - 'rence; sanc - ti - fy me

house to - day! This is where great joys be - set me  
Lord, I pray. Where you let your peo - ple meet you  
through and through. Let my wor - ship in your pres - ence

more than I can sing or say. Here I view God's  
heav - en's light is bright as day. Let my heart your  
clear - ly show my love for you. Lord of mer - cy,

glo - rious face, see his light, re - ceive his grace.  
heav - en be; Sav - ior, make your home in me.  
hear my cry: lift my heart to you on high!

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

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- P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve his punishment. 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, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought and word and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sins and seek your forgiveness.**
- P: God, our Heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Jesus Christ lived a perfect life, and died an innocent death in your place so that your sins would not be counted against you. By his selfless action God has given you an eternal inheritance in heaven. God in his grace forgives you all your sins. Therefore, strive to sin no more. Turn from the evil thoughts and temptations and cling to Jesus who gives you peace.
- C: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)**
- P: Through the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, all your sins have been forgiven. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.
- C: **Amen.**

## 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

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- P: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

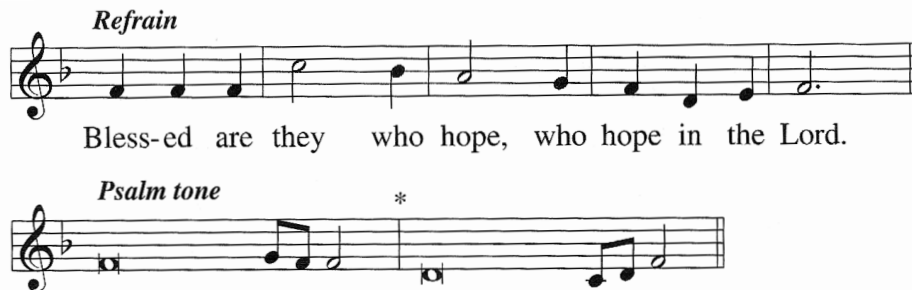
1 Kings 18:30-39

- <sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which was in ruins. <sup>31</sup> Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." <sup>32</sup> With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. <sup>33</sup> He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood." <sup>34</sup> "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. <sup>35</sup> The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.
- <sup>36</sup> At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."
- <sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. <sup>39</sup> When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 71

Pg. 92 in front of the Hymnal



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;\*  
let me never be put to shame.

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,\*  
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.

Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;\*  
turn your ear to me and save me.

Even when I am old and gray,\*  
do not forsake me, O God,

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go;\*  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

till I declare your power to the next generation,\*  
your might to all who are to come.

**Refrain**

**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.**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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**P:** Alleluia. "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Alleluia.  
(2 Corinthians 12:9)

**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

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Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**P:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR

**Christ The Vine**  
New Hymnal

## 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

## HYMN

### "When in the Hour of Utmost Needy"

CW 413

1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not  
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's  
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our

where to look for aid, When days and nights of  
meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful  
cries in time of need Through him whose name a -  
woes be - fore you lay. Be with us in our

anx - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,  
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,

5 So that with all our hearts we may  
To you our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to your Word  
And now and ever praise you, Lord.

## † THE MESSAGE †

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### EVERYDAY WORSHIP

#### “Talking With God”

Matthew 6:7-13

<sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> Forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

## WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*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](http://www.duluthlutheran.org) and click on the “Give” tab.*

## † PRAYERS †

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### 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 †

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**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

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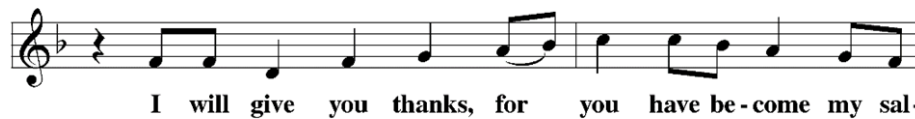
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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.



## 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

**"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"**

CW 135

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

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**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

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

CW 409 vs.1-5

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1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care; Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer.  
 2 You are com - ing to a king — Large pe - ti - tions with you bring,  
 3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;  
 4 Lord, your rest to me im - part; Take pos - ses - sion of my heart.

He him - self bids you to pray And will nev - er turn a - way.  
 For his grace and pow'r are such, None can ev - er ask too much.  
 Let your blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.  
 There your blood-bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

5 While I am a pilgrim here,  
 Let your love my spirit cheer.  
 As my guide, my guard, my friend,  
 Lead me to my journey's end.

6 Show me what I am to do;  
 Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
 Let me live a life of faith;  
 Let me die your people's death.