



RESURRECTION  
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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 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.

### 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

For more announcements and event information, sign up for our weekly email here: <https://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe>.

**Midweek Bible Study:** On Wednesday evenings we have Midweek Bible Study at **6:30 PM**. Our study for the spring will focus on the theme: "Great Women of the Bible". During Adult Bible study, the children will meet in the fellowship hall. We hope you can join us for this opportunity to study God's Word!

**Midweek Services:** Midweek Worship has resumed on **Wednesdays at 7:30 PM**. This is a repeat of the service from Sunday morning. If you are working or out of town on the weekend, this is a great opportunity to stay connected to the Word and our church.

**Quarterly Meeting:** Next **Sunday, April 21st**, we will have a Quarterly Update Meeting after church in the fellowship hall. There will be Sunday school, Youth Group, and Youth Confirmation class as scheduled.

**Spring Cleanup Day:** Weather permitting, we'll try to spruce up the lawns and gardens and parking lots after another long winter. Regardless of the weather, there are also lots of indoor spring cleaning projects such as cleaning windows and screens, cleaning pews, dusting the stained glass windows, washing marks off the walls and similar projects. Please feel free to come for an hour or two or more if you like. **Saturday, April 27 starting at 9 AM**. Please speak with David Hedin if you have any questions.

# OPENING HYMN

## “Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia”

CW 150

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day;  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed,  
 4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled,

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way;  
 Sin - less in the sin - ners' stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.  
 Now the first - born from the dead,

See the place where he was laid;  
 “Christ is ris'n,” to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 While, in strange and awe - full strife,  
 Throned in end - less might and pow'r,

Praise him for the ran - som paid.  
 Now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Met to - geth - er death and life.  
 Lives and reigns for - ev - er - more.

# 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

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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. 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 to 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 front of 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

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**P:** O God by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 John 1:5-2:2

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 66

pg. 90 in front of the Hymnal

*Refrain*

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I  
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

*Psalm tone*

Shout with joy to God, all the earth!\*

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

Praise our God, O peoples,\*

let the sound of his praise be heard.

He has preserved our lives\*

and kept our feet from slipping.

*Refrain*

Come and listen, all you who fear God;\*

let me tell you what he has done for me.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,\*

the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened\*

and heard my voice in prayer.

**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. "Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with on the road and opened the Scriptures to us." Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

C: **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL READING

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Luke 24:36-49

<sup>36</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." <sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

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## 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.**

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Denney. 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.*

1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of sweet  
 2 True God, he first From death has burst Forth in - to life,  
 3 Let prais - es ring; Give thanks and bring To Christ our Lord

ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, Each take your part,  
 all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my Shall van - quished lie;  
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed

Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us free  
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall be  
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall his love

For - ev - er, he Is ris'n and sends To all earth's ends  
 Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Said he, who gave  
 Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set free,

Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

## ✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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### RESURRECTION REALITY

#### “We Have a Meaningful Message to Share”

Acts 3:11-20

<sup>11</sup> While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

<sup>17</sup> “Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

### MESSAGE NOTES

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**#1 We have an \_\_\_\_\_ message that reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ about us.**

⇒ Acts 3:11-20; Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:10,23; Romans 5:18

⇒ Peter addressed the people’s hearts and how they have sinned against God.

⇒ God’s Word is clear on this matter: we have sinned and we need a Savior.

**#2 A message that reveals God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_ to turn to him.**

⇒ Acts 3:11-20; John 3:16; Isaiah 53:4-5; Psalm 22:6-7; 1 John 1:7,9

⇒ Despite their sins, God did not want the people to be lost now or for eternity.

⇒ In mercy, Christ has brought us forgiveness; now he calls us to repent and turn to him.

**#3 God’s Word is a \_\_\_\_\_ message that gives new \_\_\_\_\_ and salvation.**

⇒ Acts 3:11-20; Acts 4:4; Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 3:15; Romans 10:14-15

⇒ Christ’s power was revealed in healing one man and changing the people’s hearts.

⇒ By the power of the gospel, the Holy Spirit bring us and many others to faith in Jesus.



## 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.duluth Lutheran.org](http://www.duluth Lutheran.org) and click on the "Give" tab.*

### ✠ PRAYERS ✠

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#### RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

- P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.
- C: **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.
- C: **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**
- P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.
- C: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**
- P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.
- C: **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**
- P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and hurting. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with your love and the hope of eternal life.
- Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:
- C: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.**

Choir will sing verses 1-2, congregation sings verses 3-5



1 How can it be, the One who died has borne our  
 2 For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis -  
 3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him  
 4 Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the  
 5 The pow'r that raised him from the grave now works in



sin through sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev - 'ry  
 ci - ples lift their eyes. A - live he stands, their  
 and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who  
 truth and pow'r of grace and pour - ing out their  
 us to pow'r - f'ly save. He frees our hearts to



sting of death? Sing, sing “Hal - le - lu - jah!” v. 2  
 friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is ris - en!  
 have not seen, yet sing “Hal - le - lu - jah!” v. 4  
 lives they gained life, life ev - er - last - ing.  
 live his grace; go, tell of his good - ness.



*Refrain*  
 Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing “Hal - le -



lu - jah!” Join the cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed:



“Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed.” v. 3/v. 5

## CLOSING PRAYER

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**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

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**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

**“I Love to Tell the Story”**

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CLOSING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"

CW 562

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.  
Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know it's true;  
And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.  
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.