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Life's Perspective
Up a Notch*



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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. 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.

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

Altar Flowers: Today's bouquet is given to the glory of God by Robert and Shawwna Doblar. Happy Anniversary!

Guest Pastor: Thank you to retired Pastor Kassulke for leading our service today! Pastor Warskow is out-of-state visiting family but will be back in the office tomorrow, Monday, August 25th.

Women's Bible Study: Please join us as we complete our study on the Book of Acts on **Tuesday, August 26 at 6 pm** at the church! We hope you can make it for fellowship and spending time together in God's Word.

Church Picnic: All are welcome to join us after church following Sunday School/Bible Study on **Sunday, September 7th** for our annual picnic. Weather permitting, we will meet behind the church to enjoy a meal and fellowship together. There will be bouncy houses for the kids! The church will provide the main meal, but feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

Meals for Campus Ministry: The fall semester is starting up soon and we are in need of meal donations for our Campus Ministry. The group meets on Tuesday evenings at 6pm for Bible Study. If you would like to help support this ministry, you can sign up via the QR code or on our website at dulutheran.org/ways-to-serve. If you have any questions, please speak with Peter Moeri.



Adult Choir Opportunity We are looking for singers to help sing in the SOTH Adult Choir. Practices will be at **1:00 pm on Sundays starting September 7th**, up in the balcony. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board closest to the Fellowship Hall to help give us an idea of the interest. Please contact Laura Metcalf or Becky Miller with any questions.

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.



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us to wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us, his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, what - ev - er we have been,
 shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.
 his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.
 what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?



how - ev - er long from mer - cy our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us how of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,



your pre - cious blood can wash us and make us clean to - day.
 a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.
 we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

Stand

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

CW 172

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.

ABSOLUTION

CW 172

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 174

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A - men.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through 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

Isaiah 66:18–24

¹⁸As for me, because of their works and their thoughts,
the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages.
They will come, and they will see my glory.

¹⁹Then I will set up a sign among them,
and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations,
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers,
to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands,
who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory.
Then they will declare my glory among the nations.

²⁰Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses
and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that
the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house. ²¹Even from among these people I will take priests
and Levites, says the LORD.

²²For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in
the same way your offspring and your name will stand. ²³As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows
another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD.

²⁴They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and
their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18–24

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, ¹⁹to
the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, ²⁰be-
cause they could not endure what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." ²¹The sight
was so terrifying that even Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

²²Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of
angels in joyful assembly; ²³to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all;
to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; ²⁴to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprin-
kled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 13:29

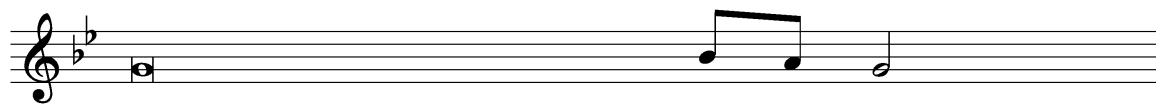


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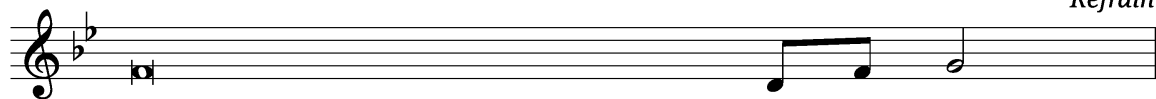
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Tone



People will come from east and west and north and south,

Refrain



and will take their places at the feast in the king - dom of God.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

²²He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone said to him, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?"

He said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open for us!' He will tell you in reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷And he will say, 'I don't know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.' ²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. ²⁹People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

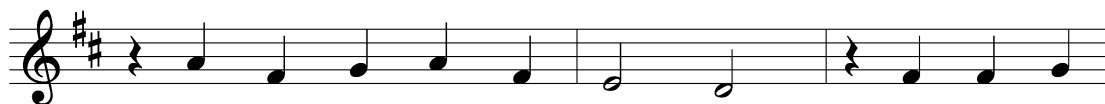
Be seated



1 Seek where you may to find a way that leads to
 2 Seek whom you may to be your stay, none can re -
 3 Seek him a - lone who did a - tone, who did your
 4 My heart's de - light, my crown most bright, O Christ, you



your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled, on Christ I build,
 deem an - oth - er. All help - ers failed; this man pre - vailed,
 souls de - liv - er. O seek him first, all you who thirst
 are for - ev - er. Not wealth or pride or for - tune's tide



he is the one foun - da - tion. His Word is
 the God - man, Christ our broth - er. This Ser - vant -
 for grace that fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry
 our bond of love shall sev - er. You are my



sure, his works en - dure; he o - ver - throws all
 Lord our life re - stored; we're jus - ti - fied, for
 need seek him in - deed; to ev - 'ry heart he
 Lord; your pre - cious Word shall light my way each



e - vil foes; through him I more than con - quer.
 he has died, the guilt - less for the guilt - y.
 will im - part his bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 daunt - ing day. O teach me, Lord, to trust you!

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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Hebrews 12:18-24

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



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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are you, the King who comes to set your people free.

C: **Reign over us in your abundant mercy.**

P: While we long for your final coming, we rejoice that you lengthen these end times so that many may hear of your saving work and believe.

C: **Send your Spirit on us that we may use the gift of time to share our faith with others.**

P: Lord and King, defend all who are imprisoned or insulted because of your name. Come to help those whose Christian faith is mocked as foolish or naïve, and rescue those who are straying from the faith.

C: **Lead us to those who need help, guide us in our works of service, and strengthen us with a firm resolve to follow you in obedience.**

P: Lord of the Church, develop in us a new awareness of the gifts you give us to use in our callings, that your kingdom of grace may flourish.

C: **Bless and preserve Christian churches everywhere and raise up another generation of faithful workers.**

P: Both in humiliation and glory you extended your loving hand to the weak and the hurting. Speak to those who are confused and wondering. Defend those who are oppressed and put down. Comfort those who are enduring pain or struggling with sadness. Abide with the aged who are alone as they die and protect pregnant mothers and their unborn children.

C: **Move us to see your face in them, Lord Jesus and to help them as we serve you.**

P: Mighty King, look with mercy on this land, its government, and all the kingdoms of the world. Relieve us from war, bloodshed, and rebellion.

C: Grant us wisdom as we deal with a changing economy. Provide for the unemployed and their families. Open the hearts of those who prosper to be generous and willing to share.

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

Silent prayer.

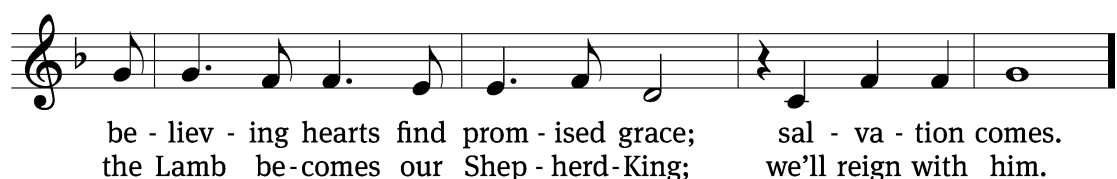
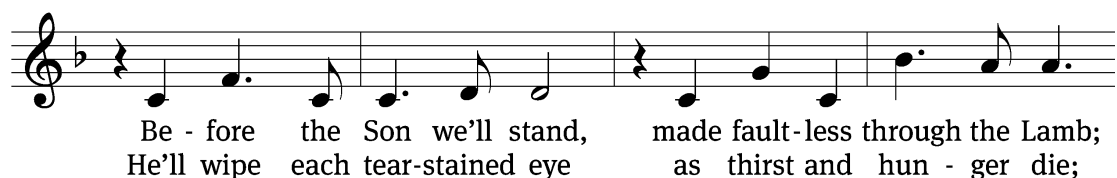
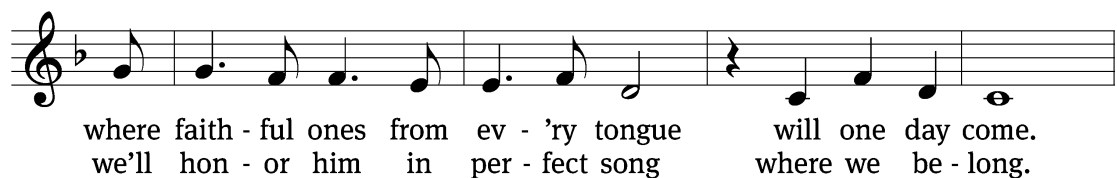
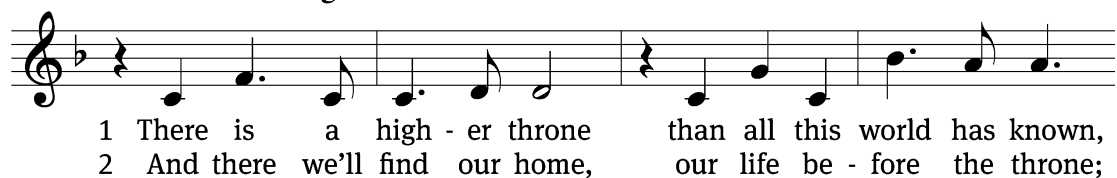
P: Coming King and Savior of the world, keep us faithful to the end as we watch and wait for your return.

C: Amen.

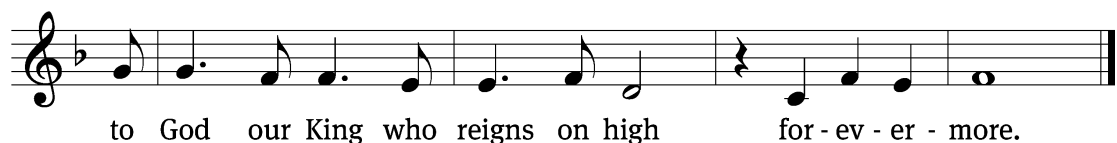
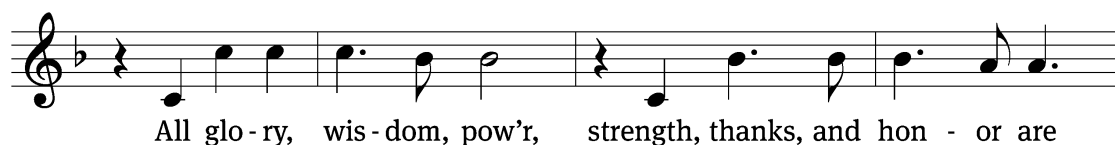
Be seated

HYMN: There Is a Higher Throne

CW 885



Refrain



PRAYER

P: God our Father, we praise your name for the marvelous universe you have created, and we pray for humility to understand our role in it. Show us that your Son is the only man who can rule this world with true wisdom and power. Give us full confidence that all things are under the control of Christ, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit as 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: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

CW 927



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to

joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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