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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 Ken and Meghan Kimber. Happy Anniversary!

Call Meeting: Our next call meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, September 28**, following the service in lieu of Adult Bible Study. Everyone is encouraged to attend and give their input.


Youth Confirmation Class: Our new year of Youth Confirmation Class begins today! This class is for kids in grades 6th - 8th grade. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from **4:30-6:00pm**. Please direct questions to Pastor Warskow or Ryan Bogart.

Sunday School/Youth Group/Youth Music Ministry: Our Sunday School year started last Sunday! As a reminder, Sunday School, Youth Group, & Youth Music Ministry all take place after the service, during the Adult Bible Study hour:


- ◇ Children 4th grade and older who are interested in playing **tone chimes** should meet in the balcony immediately after the service.
- ◇ All other **Sunday School** children ages preK to 6th grade should meet in the Fellowship Hall by 3:20. Their teachers will meet them there and take them to their opening **Youth Music Ministry** music lesson.
- ◇ **Youth Group** (grades 7th to 12th) should meet in the conference room by 3:20.
- ◇ Classes will end at **4:30 pm** each Sunday. Children in 3rd grade to Youth Group will be dismissed by their teachers. PreK-1st grade children will be picked up from their classrooms.

All-Ages Hikes: Everyone is invited to enjoy the fall colors together as we walk along scenic trails and rivers. We have two dates available to join us: **Saturday, Sept 27th at 2:00pm** at Kingsbury Creek and **Tuesday, October 7th at 5:45pm** at the Marten Trail. Please speak with Kely Dunsmoor or Kiersten Nash if you have 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 "Come un - to me, ye wea - ry, and I will give you rest."
 2 "Come un - to me, ye wan - d'ers, and I will give you light."
 3 "Come un - to me, ye faint - ing, and I will give you life."
 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, which comes to hearts op - pressed!
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, which comes to cheer the night!
 O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, which comes to aid our strife!
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, of par - don, grace, and peace,
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, and we had lost our way,
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, the fight is fierce and long,
 which, though we be un - wor - thy of love so great and free,



of joy that has no end - ing, of love that can - not cease.
 but thou hast brought us glad - ness and songs at break of day.
 but thou hast made us might - y and strong - er than the strong.
 in - vites us ver - y sin - ners to come, dear Lord, to thee!

Stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

CW 155

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
 C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
 C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

CW 155

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

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 (Setting 3)

CW 191

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

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

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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

Hosea 3:1-5

¹The LORD said to me, "Go again. Show love to a woman who is loved by another man, a woman who keeps committing adultery. Show love just as the LORD loves the people of Israel, even though they keep turning to other gods and loving the raisin cakes."

²So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and nine bushels of barley. ³I said to her, "You will stay with me for many days. You must not be promiscuous. You must not be with any other man, and I will also be for you."

⁴So the people of Israel will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred memorial stones, and without the special vest or family idols. ⁵Afterward the people of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 2:5–11

⁵Now if anyone has caused sorrow, he has not done it to me, but to all of you to some extent (not to overstate it). ⁶This punishment inflicted on such a person by the majority is enough, ⁷so that instead you should rather forgive and comfort him, or else such a person could be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸For that reason, I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹In fact, this was also the purpose of my writing: I wanted to know the result of your being tested, that is, if you are obedient in all things.

¹⁰If you forgive anyone anything, I do too. To be sure, if I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven it in the presence of Christ for your sake, ¹¹so that Satan would not take advantage of us. We are certainly not unaware of his schemes.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 15:10

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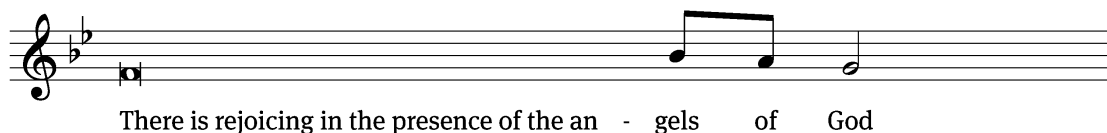
Luke 15:10



Refrain



Tone



GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–10

¹All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. ²But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³He told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’ ⁷I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

⁸“Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the lost coin.’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

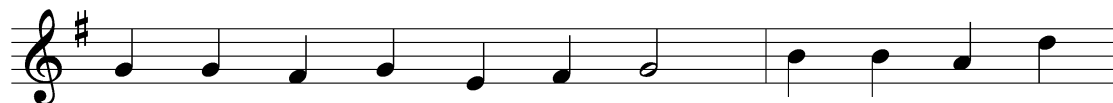
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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



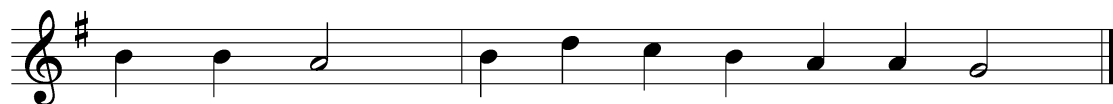
1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the
 5 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scar - let
 7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way
 my trans - gres - sion, it shall be as white as snow
 been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
 are by Christ, the Shep - herd, tak - en in his arms that
 by your blood and bit - ter pas - sion, for these words I
 I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 do be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

✱ THE MESSAGE ✱

Jesus Welcomes Sinners

Luke 15:1-10

Stand

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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.

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: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

P: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C: **Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

P: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C: **Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C: **Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

P: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: **Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

P: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: **Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

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

Silent prayer

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: **Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN: Lamb of God

CW 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the
 ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious
 blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Stand

PRAYER

P: Lord, when our sins overwhelm us, help us turn to you, who truly bore the weight of them all. Because you endured God's anger, assure us that the debt of our sin has been paid in full. Hear us because of your tender mercy, so that the devil dare not accuse us but must flee in shame; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

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: Just as I Am, without One Plea

CW 814 sts. 1–2, 5–6



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my
5 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
6 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be -
ev - 'ry bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea thine a -



thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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