



From the River to the Mountain

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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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Bible Study: This **Wednesday, February 7th**, will be the last week of Midweek Bible Study for the winter. Midweek Bible Studies will resume in April after Easter.

Ash Wednesday: On **February 14th**, we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday worship at 7:00 PM. In this special service, there is a focus on repentance as we solemnly reflect on our sins and seek the forgiveness that is ours through Jesus Christ. Please join us on Ash Wednesday and our following Midweek Lent services as we follow Christ's journey to the cross.

2024 SOTH Cribbage League to start on **2/13/2024**. There is a sign up sheet posted outside of Pastor's office or you can email Peter Moeri, peterpmoeri@gmail.com. Please sign up by **2/11/2024**.

Altar Flowers: Fresh flowers have been added to the altar area to give God glory and beautify the sanctuary over the past few months. Thank you to everyone who has signed up. The chart has been updated, and members are encouraged to sign up for a Sunday to donate. Our flower volunteer, Renee Graen, will purchase and place the flowers on the altar. You can sign up on the flower chart by the offices. Please indicate if the flowers are in memory of someone or a special occasion. Please donate and contact Renee Graen at 763-607-4498 or sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board adjacent to member mailboxes.

Quarterly Update Meeting Today! We will have our Quarterly Congregational Meeting after church, in place of Bible study, in the fellowship hall. This quarterly meeting will review the year-end financials and ministry from 2023, and the council will present its ministry goals for 2024.

Women's Bible Study: Please save the date of Tuesday, Feb 27th at 6:00 PM to kick off Women's Bible Study again. We will plan to meet every 4th Tuesday of the month. Stay tuned for more information.

1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and
 4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; Stars shall fall, the

you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
 King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest,
 faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
 heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;

To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al
 In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in
 Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in
 All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the

Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.
 pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
 gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill.
 trum - pet hear; All will see the judge ap - pear.

An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 You by all will be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.

INVOCATION

P: Jesus has promised: “Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20) We worship, therefore, 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

P: Heavenly Father, we come to you this morning filled with joy from the good news of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Yet in human weakness, our sinful behavior in the past week has proven that we need your mercy desperately. Like David, we confess our sins with the words of Psalm 51:

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant a willing spirit to sustain me.**

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

P: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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

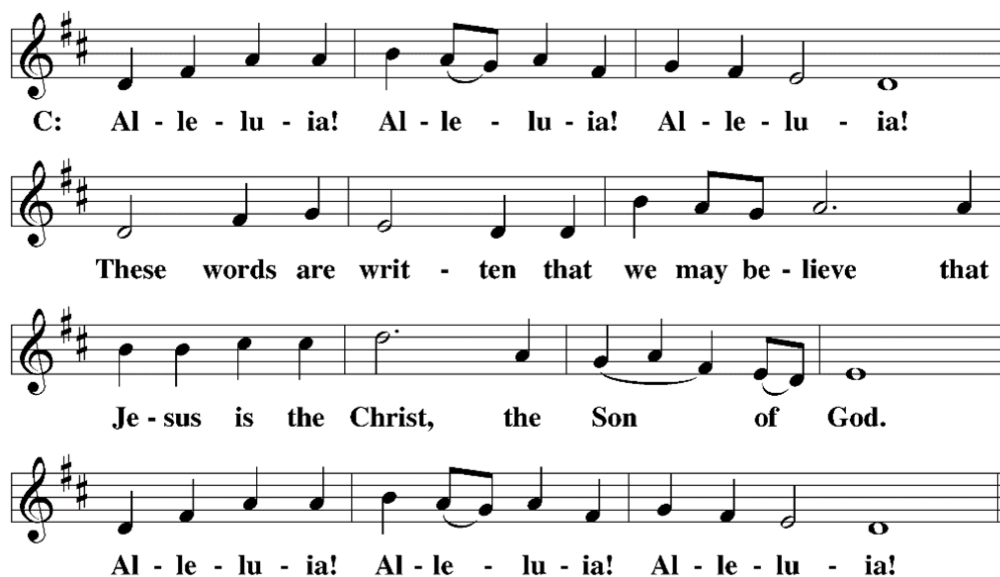
Deuteronomy 18:15-20

- ¹⁵ The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. ¹⁶ For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."
¹⁷ The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹ If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. ²⁰ But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. "The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news." Alleluia. (Luke 4:18)

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

SONG

"Praise Him Praise Him"
Sung by Sunday School Students

Praise Him, Praise Him, All you little children, God is love, God is love. (repeat)
Love Him... Thank Him... Serve Him...

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 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, Turn - ing
 gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out de - mons With the
 in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious That we

blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the gos - pel,
 pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter
 may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and glad - ness,

Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and
 To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes
 See - ing what our God has done; Let us praise the

feed - ing thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.
 liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 true Re - deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

† THE MESSAGE †

FROM THE RIVER TO THE MOUNTAIN “Power Over All Things”

Mark 1:21-28

- ²¹ They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³ Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, ²⁴ “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”
- ²⁵ “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶ The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.
- ²⁷ The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸ News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

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 and click on the “Give” tab. www.duluthlutheran.org

† PRAYERS †

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayers 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 †

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of glory. 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.

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.

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: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.
You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.
I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -
va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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

"Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

CW 376

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

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

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

CW 370

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5 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at his

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels
 2 Hail him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid
 3 Sin - ners whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood
 4 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter -
 5 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at his

feet may fall! We'll join the song And

pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And
 Lord did call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And
 and the gall, Go, spread your tro - phies at his feet And
 res - trial ball To him all maj - es - ty as - crite And
 feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And

crown him Lord of all. We'll join the

crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al
 crown him Lord of all. The God in - car - nate,
 crown him Lord of all. Go, spread your tro - phies
 crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -
 crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -

song And crown him Lord of all.

di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
 Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.
 at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
 ty as - crite And crown him Lord of all.
 last - ing song And crown him Lord of all.