



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
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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 flowers are given to the glory of God by Linda Vogel in memory of her father, Carl Lemke.

**Upcoming Funeral:** Gene Altiere's funeral has been planned for **Saturday, March 29th**. Visitation will begin at 9am, with the service starting at 11am. There will be a potluck lunch following the service.

**Hymnal Giveaway:** There is a table set up by the mailboxes with our old hymnals. Please help yourself to any that you can make use of for at-home worship, study, etc. There are plenty for all!

**Women's Bible Study:** We will continue to study the names of God on **Tuesday, March 25 at 6pm** at church.

**Women's Book Club:** We will meet at church on **Monday, March 31st at 6pm** to share a meal and review the book "Elijah: Faith and Fire" by Priscilla Shirer.

**SOTH Garden and Canning Club:** We are looking to establish a Garden and Canning Club here at SOTH! Peter Moeri will be hosting two meetings; you are invited to come learn more and give your input. The first will be on **Thursday, March 27th**, directly after the Lenten service. The second will be on **Sunday, March 30th, at 1:15pm** before the Sunday service. Please direct any questions to Peter.

**New Hymnal Practice:** We are still meeting at 1:00 on Sundays to practice the liturgy from the new hymnals.

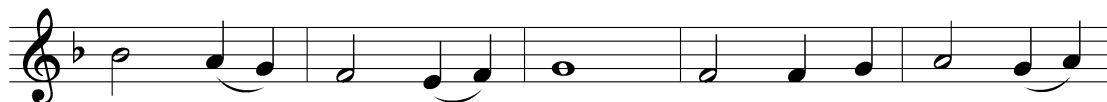
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# OPENING HYMN: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

CW 407



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con-tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet or thorns com-pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION

CW 154

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.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## ABSOLUTION

CW 154

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

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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; 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*

## ✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

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### FIRST READING

*Exodus 3:1–15*

#### Moses and the Burning Bush

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, "I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up."

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!"

Moses said, "I am here."

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said, "Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He then said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, "I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup>So he said, "I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?"

<sup>14</sup>So God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He also said, "You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."

<sup>15</sup>God also told Moses, "Say this to the Israelites: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.'

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Lesson From Sacred History: Be Careful Not to Fall

<sup>1</sup>For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly.” <sup>8</sup>And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. <sup>9</sup>Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

<sup>12</sup>So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

P: The Word of the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

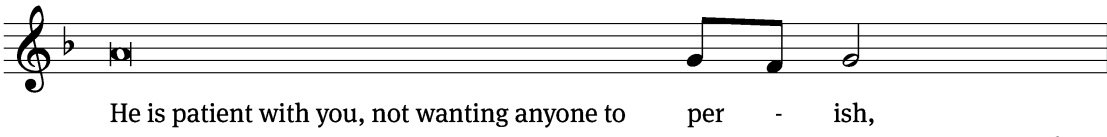
2 Peter 3:9



Refrain



Tone



**Repent**

<sup>1</sup>At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too.”

**Parable of the Fig Tree**

<sup>6</sup>He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>But the gardener replied to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. <sup>9</sup>If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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*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.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Delay Not! Delay Not**

CW 712

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# HYMN OF THE DAY: Delay Not! Delay Not

CW 712



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!  
 2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,  
 3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,  
 4 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.  
 for mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.  
 long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight  
 the love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed, the Sav - ior is here;  
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
 and leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,  
 A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



re - demp - tion is pur - chased, God's prom - ise is true.  
 its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.  
 to sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.  
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

## ✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

### See God's Guiding Hand in Your Life!

Exodus 3:1-15

*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.

*Be seated*

## WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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## 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: I Run to Christ**

CW 833

1 I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a ref-uge  
2 I run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul re-  
3 I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure es-  
sure. "Be - lieve in me," his voice I hear; his words and  
freshed. "Come un - to me," he calls thro' strife; fa - tigue gives  
cape. "De - liv - er me," I cry to him; temp - ta - tion  
wounds se - cure. I run to Christ when torn by grief and  
way to rest. I run to Christ when vexed by hell and  
yields to grace. I run to Christ when plagued by shame and  
find a - bun - dant peace. "I too had tears," he  
find a might - y arm. "The dev - il flees," the  
find my one de - fense. "I bore God's wrath," he  
gent - ly speaks; thus joy and sor - row meet.  
Scrip - tures tell; he roars but can - not harm.  
pleads my case—my ad - vo - cate and friend.

## PRAYER

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.

## 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: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**CW 923**

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1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious  
 bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,  
 hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,  
 bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to  
 more, shield, feed me till I want no more.  
 thee, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee.

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