

## **What Is A Disciple?**



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
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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. 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.

**Today's order of service follows Setting One which begins on page 154 in the hymnal.**

### 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

**Guest Pastor:** Thank you to Pastor Jake Shepherd for leading our worship this morning! Pastor Shepherd serves at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI.

**Post-Service Fellowship:** Everyone is welcome to stick around after the service to enjoy some fellowship time together!

**Save the Date: Bridal Shower:** The deaconesses are hosting a bridal shower for Hannah Black on **Sunday, August 2nd, at 2:00pm**. Please watch for more details coming soon!

**Installation Service:** We will be having the installation service for Pastor Todd Engel on **Sunday, August 16th at 4:00pm**.

**Directory Pictures:** If you still need to have your picture taken for the new church directory, today is the last day we will have a volunteer available to take pictures! Please meet at the table in the narthex after the service. If you prefer to submit your own photo—casual or formal—please send them to [admin@dulutheran.org](mailto:admin@dulutheran.org) by **July 1st**.

**Vacation Bible School:** Our VBS is scheduled for **August 3-5th!** We're looking for volunteers to help make it a wonderful event for all the kids who attend. If you are interested in helping out, please scan the QR code. Questions? Speak with Kiersten Nash or Becky Foster.



**VBS registration is open!** Please see the sign-up information on the bulletin board or take a flyer home with you; they are available by the mailboxes. Please take extras to share with a neighbor or hang up at a local business!

*For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at [www.dulutheran.org/events](http://www.dulutheran.org/events) or sign up for our weekly email at [www.dulutheran.org/subscribe](http://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe). You can also view the church calendar at [www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar](http://www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar).*



1 I long to serve my Sav - ior, to seek what's good and right,  
 2 There came, with grace un - spar - ing, a vine from heav'n a - bove,  
 3 And so I'll serve my Sav - ior with pow'r that he pro-vides,



to trust and nev - er wa - ver, to walk in truth and light.  
 its branch - es meant for bear - ing the fruits of self - less love.  
 for he, my blest Re - deem - er, with - in my soul a - bides.



But con - duct pure and ho - ly re - quires a pow'r not mine;  
 This vine is Christ who of - fered his life up - on a tree;  
 The fruit of self - less giv - ing will grow by God's de - sign



a branch is fruit - ful on - ly when an - chored in a vine.  
 for all my sin he suf - fered and made a branch of me.  
 as I, the branch, keep liv - ing by faith in Christ the vine.

*Remain seated*

**INVOCATION**

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

**CONFESSION**

P: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**C:** Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

**P:** As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**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

**P:** God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charles James Moeri

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**P:** The Gospel according to St. Mark:

People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Charles James Moeri, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

## PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Charlie as your own child and made him a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to him and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



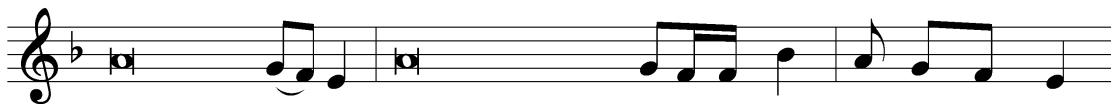
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



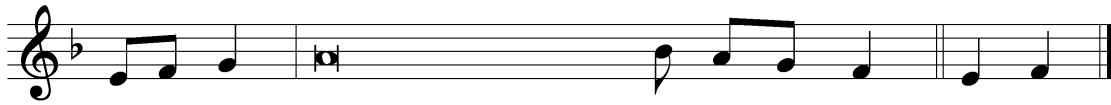
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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**

*Proverbs 3:5–8*

<sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make your paths straight.  
<sup>7</sup>Do not consider yourself wise.  
Fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.  
<sup>8</sup>Then your body will be healed,  
and your bones will be refreshed.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

*Philippians 3:7–14*

<sup>7</sup>But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. <sup>10</sup>I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, <sup>11</sup>in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

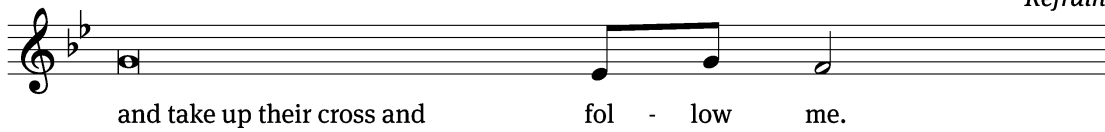
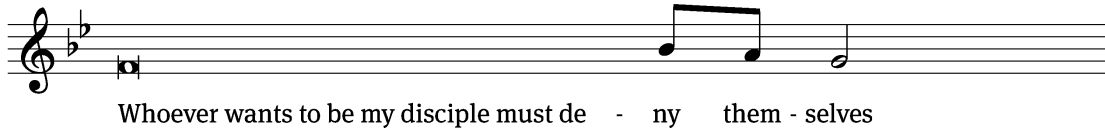
Mark 8:34



### Refrain



### Tone



## GOSPEL

Mark 10:17–22

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments. ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’”

<sup>20</sup>The man replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child.”

<sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Children up through 5th grade are invited to come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Shepherd. 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: Beneath the Cross

CW 710

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1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to  
 2 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus his fam - 'ly is my  
 3 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the



stand, and won - der at such mer - cy that  
 own. Once stran - gers chas - ing self - ish dreams; now,  
 crown, we fol - low in his foot - steps where



calls me as I am; for hands that should dis -  
 one thro' grace a - lone. How could I now dis -  
 prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -



card me hold wounds which tell me, "Come." Be - neath the  
 hon - or the ones that you have loved? Be - neath the  
 fore us to be his per - fect bride. Be - neath the



cross of Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.  
 cross of Je - sus see the chil - dren called by God.  
 cross of Je - sus we will glad - ly live our lives.

✘ THE MESSAGE ✘

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Mark 10:17-22

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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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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](http://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.**

**PRAYER**

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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: Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure**

**CW 859**

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1 Your king-dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure, my  
 2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er your  
 3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing of



pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth. Its val - ue ex -  
 Word and your Spir - it be - stow. Like yeast, they af -  
 seeds that your mer - cy has sown; but still in our



ceeds ev - 'ry stand - ard of mea - sure, sur - pass - ing the  
 fact the whole mea - sure of flour, — en - a - bling your  
 midst is the en - e - my sow - ing the weeds that im -



wealth of the earth. Lord, give me your grace and the  
 king - dom to grow. Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I  
 per - il your own. Sus - tain me, O Lord, till your



pow'r of the Spir - it to val - ue this trea - sure a -  
 live your com - mis - sion, though hum - ble my ser - vice may  
 day of re - turn - ing and har - vest me home - ward at



right that, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in -  
 be, and bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru -  
 last, to shine in the home - land that qui - ets all



her - it your king - dom of glo - ry and light.  
 i - tion, a mus - tard seed grown to a tree.  
 yearn - ing, where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

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June 26, 2026

Dear Little Lambs Family,

### The Toddlers

This week in preparation for break, the toddlers were put to work cleaning the classroom. They helped Miss Black and Miss Defoor wash dishes, wipe down the kitchen, and wash the chairs. Some of their favorite books were: *Baby Shark*, *The Very Clever Crocodile*, and *We Love you Mr Panda*. After break, we will do some water activities.

### The Preschool Rooms

This week, we explored bubbles by blowing and waving the bubble wands. It was fun to try and catch them. We also did many sticker activities from Miss Stevens. Peeling stickers and sticking them worked our fine motor skills. After break we will focus on the beach.

### The Bible Lesson

This week, our Bible story was **God Makes the Walls of Jericho Fall Down** (Joshua 6). We were reminded in our story that God keeps his promises to his people. He helped the Israelites win their battle, and he will help us in our battles. After break, we will learn how God speaks to Samuel.

