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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.

### 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 Jonathan and Frances Wittenberg. 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.

**Woman's Bible Study:** Please join us for fellowship, dinner, and an abbreviated Women's Bible Study on **Tuesday, September 23 at 6 pm!** We will meet at the Crooked Pint Ale House ( 1402 W Arrowhead Road, Duluth.) Please RSVP to Kiersten Nash either by email ([eckar011@gmail.com](mailto:eckar011@gmail.com)) or text (218-341-1991).

**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!

**Women's Book Group:** We will meet to share a meal and discuss the book "Becoming Elisabeth Elliot" on **Monday, September 29th at 6pm** in the Church Fellowship Hall.

**Upcoming Book:** Please join us as we begin reading the book "Worshiped and Glorified: A Study of the Nicene Creed" by Timothy J. Winterstein, starting on **October 6th**. We will meet for a meal and book review on **Thursday, December 4th**.

**Youth Group Event:** The Youth Group will be helping a couple of our members with fall yard cleanup on **Saturday, October 25th**. Kids will need to bring gloves, rakes, and a leaf blower if they have it. Drinks, snacks, and lunch will be provided. Morning or afternoon partial commitments are okay. Please RSVP to Jesse Dunsmoor for more details.

*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 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your

end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,

cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn  
 rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,

songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Stand

## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION

CW 188

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 188

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 190

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. A - men.

# Glory to God in the Highest

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.

O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; 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

*Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

<sup>10</sup>Anyone who loves money is never satisfied with money, and anyone who loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is vanishing vapor.

<sup>11</sup>When goods increase, so do those who eat them. What profit, then, does the owner get, except to see these things with his eyes?

<sup>12</sup>The worker's sleep is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but a rich person's abundant possessions allow him no sleep.

<sup>13</sup>I have seen a sickening evil under the sun—wealth hoarded by its owner to his own harm, <sup>14</sup>or wealth that is lost in a bad investment. Or a man fathers a son, but he has nothing left in his hand to give him. <sup>15</sup>As he came out from his mother's womb, so he will go again, naked as he came. From his hard work he can pick up nothing that he can carry away in his hand.

<sup>16</sup>This too is a sickening evil: Just as he came, so he will go. So what does he gain, he who works for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Besides this, during all his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, sickness, and anger.

<sup>18</sup>So then, here is what I have seen to be good: It is beautiful to eat, to drink, and to look for good in all a person's hard work which he has done under the sun, during the few days of his life that God has given him, for that is his reward. <sup>19</sup>Likewise, for everyone to whom God has given wealth and riches, if God has also given him ability to eat from it, to enjoy his reward, and to rejoice in the results of his hard work—this is a gift of God, <sup>20</sup>for the man seldom reflects on the days of his life, since God keeps him busy with the joy in his heart.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Timothy 6:6–10, 17–19*

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly cannot take anything out. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied.

<sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into complete destruction and utter ruin. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>17</sup>Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

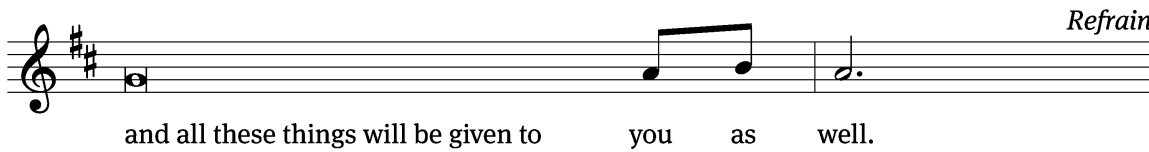
Matthew 6:33



## Refrain



## Tone



# GOSPEL

Luke 16:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus also said to his disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>The rich man called him in and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.’

<sup>3</sup>“The manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, since my master is taking away the management position from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup>“He called each one of his master’s debtors to him. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘Six hundred gallons of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘How much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘Six hundred bushels of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and write four hundred and eighty.’

<sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of the light are. <sup>9</sup>I tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous mammon, so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup>The person who is faithful with very little is also faithful with much. And the person who is unrighteous with very little is also unrighteous with much. <sup>11</sup>So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous mammon, who will entrust you with what is really valuable? <sup>12</sup>If you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something to be your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters. Indeed, either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: All Depends on Our Possessing CW 807 sts. 1-4



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me and to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting o - ver tri - fles  
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting things that have no sol - id ground.  
heart will quick - en; all my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en in their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, he who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure that will bring me  
To his lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure and that now is sel - dom found.  
I sur - ren - der, for on God a - lone I build.

✱ THE MESSAGE ✱

Godliness is the Goal  
1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19

Stand

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.

*Be seated*

## 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](http://www.duluthlutheran.org) and click on the "GIVE" tab.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P:** Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**C:** **Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

**P:** Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**C:** **Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

**P:** The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**C:** **Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

P: Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

C: **Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

P: Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

C: **Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

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

*Silent prayer*

P: Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

C: **Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

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### PREFACE

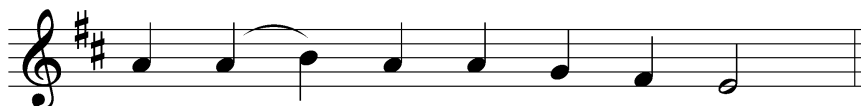
CW 199

P: The Lord be with you.



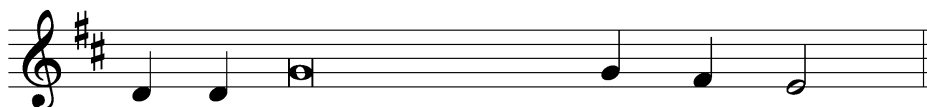
**And al - so with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to 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.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.

## Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us, grant us peace.

*Be seated*

## 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 Warskow after the service.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CW 663

1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -

2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with

3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther

4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, filled with

hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's

lov - ing rev - 'rence greet him, for with words of life im -

cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of

joy most deep and ho - ly, as with trem - bling awe and

splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der

mor - tal he is knock - ing at your por - tal.

heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.

won - der on your might - y work I pon - der,

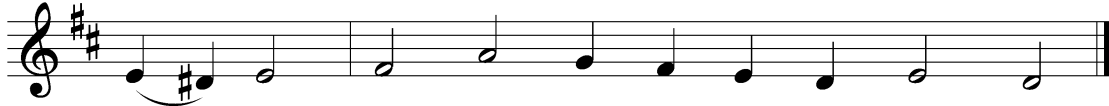
*Hymn continued on the next page.*



un - to him whose grace un-bound - ed has this won - drous  
O - pen wide the gates be - fore him, say - ing, as you  
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, naught would buy the  
by such mys - ter - y sur-round - ed, depths that no one



sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and  
there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
ceive you, that I nev - er - more will leave you.  
riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.  
bid - den se - crets that with you are hid - den.

5 Human reason, though it ponders,  
cannot fathom these great wonders,  
that Christ's body must be boundless  
since the souls it feeds are countless,  
and that he his blood is giving  
with the wine we are receiving.  
These great mysteries unsounded  
are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
you have left your throne in heaven  
on the cross for me to languish  
and to die in bitter anguish,  
to forgo all joy and gladness  
and to shed your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
at your feet I cry, my maker,  
let me be a fit partaker  
of this blessed food from heaven  
for our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,  
help me when this meal is given  
to receive it for my blessing  
as I come, my sins confessing.  
In this supper let me measure,  
Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,  
that, as I on earth have eaten,  
I may be your guest in heaven.

*Stand*

## THANKSGIVING

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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: We Give Thee but Thine Own

CW 750



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

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