

REFORMATION
SUNDAY

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 "worshipping 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.

AFTER SERVICE TODAY

Adult Bible Study: Sunday following service and snacks. Bible study is held in the fellowship hall.

Sunday School and Youth Group: Sunday at 10:15 AM, for children preschool age and up.

Youth Confirmation Class: Classes are on Sunday at 11:20 AM in the fellowship hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reformation Sunday: This morning, we will be observing Reformation Sunday. In this special service, we will focus on the core truths of our Lutheran heritage: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone, and Christ alone.

Volunteers Needed: It's not quite snowing yet, but remember—this is Duluth, and the snow could fall anytime. And that's why we are looking for volunteer snow shovelers so they can help once the snow starts falling. Although we have a contractor to plow the driveways and parking lots, we hope to find a good number of volunteers from the congregation who can shovel or operate a snowblower and would be willing to help with clearing the sidewalks this winter. "Many hands make light work!" We are hoping to have enough people to share this responsibility. If you're always willing to help or have limited availability but would still like to help, please get in touch with David Hedin at 651-238-7472 or davidhedin@aol.com.

Silent Auction and Pie Social: Save the Date! Our annual pie social and silent auction will be on **Saturday, November 18th, from 2 to 4 PM**. Start planning your pies and auction donation items. All proceeds will go to the local food bank, Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank. We will have a beautiful Williams Sonoma pie-themed basket as a raffle prize. You will get one entry for attending the Silent Auction and another if you bring a family member or friend!

Upcoming Sermon Series: Stewardship Legacy: A Time for Everything. Next week, Pastor will begin a 4-week Stewardship Sermon Series entitled "A Time for Everything." This Series will focus on how we should manage the quickly depleting resource God has given us called time. In today's fast-paced, hectic society, so much competes for our time. Life can pull us in a thousand directions at once. Without careful, purposeful planning, the demands of life can cause us to forget to embrace God fully. He slips down our priority list, and we are left empty. But we can also use that time and other gifts that we receive from the Holy Spirit to give glory to God and serve others with the gospel.

OPENING HYMN

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

CW 377 vs.1-4

1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood - ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, No mer - it they at -
 4 But God be - held my wretch - ed state Be - fore the world's foun -

spring - ing, And, with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
 tain - ing; My will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, No hope for
 da - tion, And, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, He planned my

rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
 moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; Life
 me re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
 soul's sal - va - tion. A Fa - ther's heart he turned to me, Sought

his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
 had be - come a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 naught but death to be my share And hell to be my sen - tence.
 my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; He gave his dear - est trea - sure.

INVOCATION

P: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. We begin our worship 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: Now we know that whatever the Law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. (Romans 3:19)
- C: **Therefore, no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the Law, rather through the Law we become conscious of sin. (Romans 3:20)**
- P: But now a righteousness from God, apart from the Law, has been made known to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. (Romans 3:21-22) Let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**
- P: God, in his great mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for Jesus' sake forgives you all your sins. Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Friends in Christ, let us stand firm in Jesus' word, which brings the freedom of forgiveness.
- C: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"
CW 293

Please sing after a brief introduction...

God's Word is our great her-i-tage
And shall be ours for-ev-er;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief en-deav-or.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds en-dure,
We keep it teach-ings pure
Through-out all gen-er-a-tions.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Daniel 6:10-12,16-23

- ¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or man except to you, O king, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."
- ¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.
- ¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" ²¹ Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king." ²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

SONG

"By Faith"

Sung by Adult and Youth Choir

Please join us in singing verse 5 and the final refrain.

1. By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

[Refrain]

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

3. By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

4. By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

Refrain

5. **By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name**

Refrain with congregation.

**We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Alleluia. (John 8:31,32)
- C: **These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:16-22

- ¹⁶I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore, be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷"Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. ¹⁸On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.
- ²¹"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²²All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

- P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
- C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

(THE 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y



shield and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry
 loss ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant
 to de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no
 thanks have for it; He's by our side up - on the



need That has us now o'er - tak - en. The
 one Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You
 ill; They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This
 plain With his good gifts and Spir - it. And



old e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 ask, "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 do what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in
 The al - mighty Lord. And there's no oth - er
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is



fight; On earth is not his e - qual.
 God; He holds the field for - ev - er.
 done! One lit - tle word can fell him.
 won; The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

EVERYDAY WORSHIP

“With Jesus at the Center”

PSALM 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.
- ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- ⁸ Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”
- ¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Events will happen that _____ your world. Know _____ to go when they do.

⇒ Psalm 46:1-3; Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20

⇒ At times it can feel like the world is falling apart around us, or things are falling apart in my life.

⇒ God is our refuge; know that his presence, strength, and help remains with us always.

#2 God’s provision flows to us through his _____ and _____ within us.

⇒ Psalm 46:4-7; James 4:7-8; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 103:12; Psalm 1:3

⇒ God’s grace and mercy flows into our lives and refreshes us.

⇒ God’s promises of love and protection sustain us during the difficult times.

#3 At the cross of Christ, we find the _____ and _____ God gives us.

⇒ Psalm 46:8-10; Genesis 7; Exodus 14; 1 John 2:2; Romans 8:39

⇒ Jesus’ sacrifice assures us that our sins are forgiven and we have peace with God.

⇒ What God has given us in Christ can never be taken away, because what Jesus gives is eternal.

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: www.dulutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C: **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

P: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

C: **The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad and rejoice.**

P: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed the generations which followed and enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

C: **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

P: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C: **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our forefathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in your love, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

C: **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us. 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.

1 Lord, keep us steady in your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
 u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And to de - stroy what he has done.
 we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife, And lead us out of death to life.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, 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.

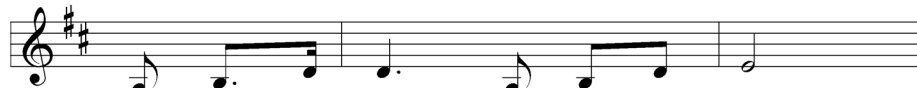
C: Amen.



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



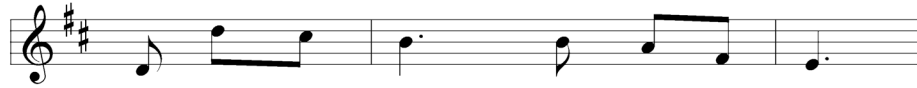
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
For I am his and he is mine—
Till he re - turns or calls me home,

(Fine)



Here in the love of Christ I stand.
Here in the death of Christ I live.
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



