



Pass the Torch
of the Spirit!



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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 Two which begins on page 172 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 Ben Schaefer for leading our worship this morning! Pastor Schaefer serves as professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN.

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

Women's Bible Study: Please join us as we finish up our study on the book of Hosea! We will meet on **Tuesday, June 23, at 6:00pm**, at Kiersten Nash's house: 5569 Lilac Hill Rd, Duluth. Please speak with Kiersten if you have any questions.

Call Update: We praise God that Pastor Todd Engel has **accepted** the call to serve as our next full-time shepherd! He and his wife, Michelle, will be moving to Duluth later this summer, with the installation service being held on **August 16th**.

Directory Pictures: We are updating the church directory! You are welcome to submit your own pictures—casual or formal—by sending them to admin@dulutheran.org by **July 1st**. We will also have a volunteer taking pictures at church on **June 28th** after the service, if you would prefer that option.

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.

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. Questions? Speak with Kiersten Nash or Becky Foster.



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



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
 con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
 God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

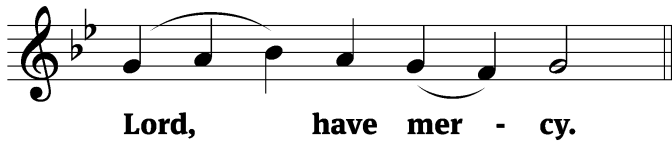
DECLARATION OF GRACE

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

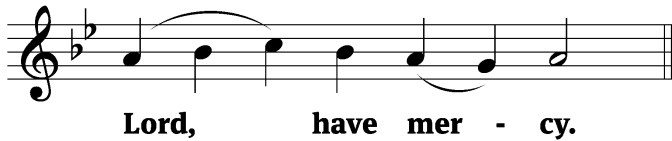
C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

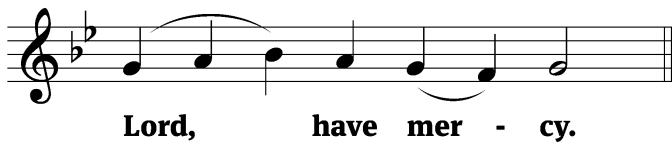
P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



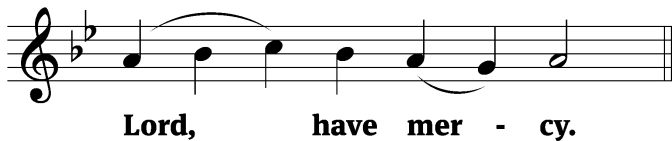
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



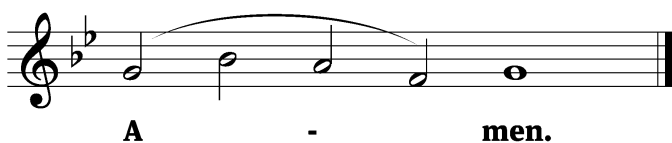
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
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.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth. 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. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, 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.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of your apostles and prophets, you have proclaimed to us your saving will. Grant us faith to believe your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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

Numbers 27:15–23

¹⁵Moses spoke to the LORD, ¹⁶“May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the community, ¹⁷who will go out before them and come in before them, who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the community of the LORD will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

¹⁸The LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and place your hand on him. ¹⁹Have him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. You will commission him in their sight. ²⁰You will give some of your authority to him so that the entire Israelite community will listen to him. ²¹He will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will inquire for him before the LORD with the decision of the Urim. He and all the Israelites with him, the entire community, will go out at his command and come in at his command.”

²²Moses did just as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. ²³He placed his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD spoke through Moses.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 4:1–7

¹This is the way a person should think of us: as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. ²In this connection, moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. ³But it is a trivial matter to me if I am evaluated by you or by a day in a human court. Why, I do not even evaluate myself. ⁴I do not in fact know of anything against myself, but I am not justified by this; rather, the one who evaluates me is the Lord. ⁵Therefore judge nothing ahead of time, until the Lord comes. He will bring to light whatever is hidden in darkness and also reveal the intentions of hearts. Then there will be praise for each person from God.

⁶Brothers, I turned these things into a lesson using myself and Apollos as examples. I did this for your benefit, so that you may learn from us not to go beyond what is written. Then you will not be arrogant, favoring one person over the other. ⁷For who makes you so special? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 9:38

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 9:38



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Ask the Lord of the har - vest to send out workers into his har - vest field.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35—10:8

³⁵Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest."

¹Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them,

"Do not go among the Gentiles, and do not enter any town of the Samaritans.

⁶Go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is near!" ⁸Heal the sick. Raise the dead. Cleanse lepers. Drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

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 Schaefer. This service segment is intended to engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come a teach - er sent from heav - en
 2 O bless - ed min - is - try of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,
 3 Pre - serve this min - is - try while har - vest days are keep - ing;
 4 The ser - vants you have called and to your Church are giv - ing
 5 Bring those in - to your fold who still to you are stran - gers;



and by both word and deed God's truth to us have giv - en.
 that shows the way to God and brings to us sal - va - tion!
 and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reap - ing,
 pre - serve in doc - trine pure and ho - li - ness of liv - ing.
 guard those who are with - in a - gainst of - fense and dan - gers.



You wise - ly have or - dained the ho - ly min - is - try
 Lord, by your gos - pel pure you bless and keep your fold,
 send work - ers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gath - er in
 Your Spir - it fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;
 Press on - ward with your Word till pas - tor and his fold



that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.
 you call, en - light - en, keep, you com - fort and up - hold.
 that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.
 what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!
 through faith in you, O Christ, your glo - ry shall be - hold.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

Pass the Torch of the Spirit!

Numbers 27:15-23

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



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 and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.
- C: **Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**
- P: Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.
- C: **Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**
- P: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.
- C: **Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**
- P: Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.
- C: **Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**
- P: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.
- C: **Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**
- P: Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.
- C: **Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

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

Silent prayer

P: Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

C: **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Be seated

HYMN: The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

CW 638



1 The gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, who sent his
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, who made th' a -
3 It brings the Sav - ior's right - eous - ness to robe our
4 It is the pow'r of God to save from sin and



Son to save our race, pro - claims how Je - sus
ton - ing sac - ri - fice and calls the souls with
souls in roy - al dress; from all our guilt it
Sa - tan and the grave; it works the faith which



lived and died that we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
guilt op - pressed to come and find e - ter - nal rest.
brings re - lease and gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
firm - ly clings to all the trea - sures which it brings.

5 It bears to all the tidings glad
and bids their hearts no more be sad;
the weary, burdened souls it cheers
and banishes their guilty fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
may we in faith its truth confess
and praise the Lord, our righteousness.

Stand

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: Christ Be My Leader

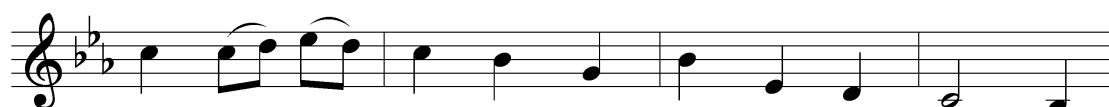
CW 518



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way. ____
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth. ____
death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, ____
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, ____
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can



dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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