

PLACES of the PASSION



Bethany

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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 today.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience 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 "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

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a prayer request or would like to be a part of the SOTH Prayer Chain, please speak with Pastor Denney. You can help brothers and sisters at church by praying for them in difficult times or offering prayers of thanksgiving. Prayer requests can be submitted in person, through text, by phone at 517-392-8494, or by email at [pastor@dulutheran.org](mailto:pastor@dulutheran.org). You can also submit requests through our website [www.dulutheran.org](http://www.dulutheran.org).

**Midweek Lent Services:** On Wednesday evenings, we have Midweek Lent services at **7:00 PM**. These services have a specific focus on our Savior's journey to the cross for us and our salvation. This year on Wednesday evenings we are following the series: "Places of the Passion". Each week we will reflect on a place that Jesus visited in the last 72 hours of his life. We hope you can join us for these special services!

**Midweek Lent Dinners:** On Wednesday evenings before our Midweek Lent services, we will have a potluck dinner at **6:00 PM**. Each week we are looking for volunteers to help by bringing soup, sandwiches, a dish, or dessert to pass. Everyone is welcome to join us! If you have any questions, please speak with Peter Moeri.

Mark your calendars for **family game night!** Everyone is welcome to join us **Friday, February 23 from 6pm-8pm** in the fellowship hall at church to play games, have snacks and enjoy fellowship together! Feel free to bring your favorite games from home and a snack to share if you wish. Any questions, please speak to Peter Moeri or Kiersten Nash.

All women are welcome to join us for **Bible study** on **Tuesday, February 27 at 6 pm** at Kiersten Nash's house: 3590 Getchell Rd, Hermantown. We hope to see you there! We will be meeting every 4th Tuesday of each month, so if you cannot make it this time, we hope you can join us for future meetings. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kely Dunsmoor or Kiersten Nash.

**Kickoff for the Senior/Retirees Fellowship!** Please join us for lunch and fellowship on **Tuesday, March 12th** at the Social House (located behind Gordy's on Highway 53). We will gather in the back room at 11:30 am. We will plan for future get-togethers, so please bring your ideas and preferences. Let me know if you will be able to join us by texting 651-332-1374 or email: [kathyhedin@aol.com](mailto:kathyhedin@aol.com).

**Women's Painting Event:** Join us in the fellowship hall on **Saturday, March 16th at 2 PM** to paint an Easter or Spring themed wood sign. More details to come!

**WELS Women's Conference:** The WELS Women's Ministry is putting on a conference with the theme of "Powered to Proclaim". The keynote speakers and breakout sessions will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit as recorded by Luke in Acts and its application to us as 21st-century Christian women. This will be on **July 28-30th** in Pewaukee, WI. Registration opens soon. Please contact Kely Dunsmoor if you are interested in attending this event with a group from SOTH.

## OPENING RESPONSE

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P: We worship, in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

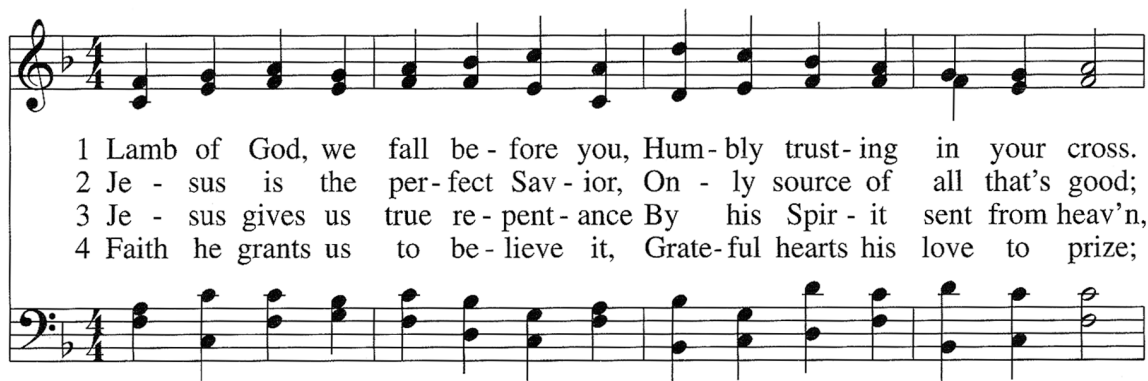
P: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. While we were sinners, God demonstrated his love for us in this: he sent his only Son, Jesus to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. We now love God, because he first loved us.

C: **O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

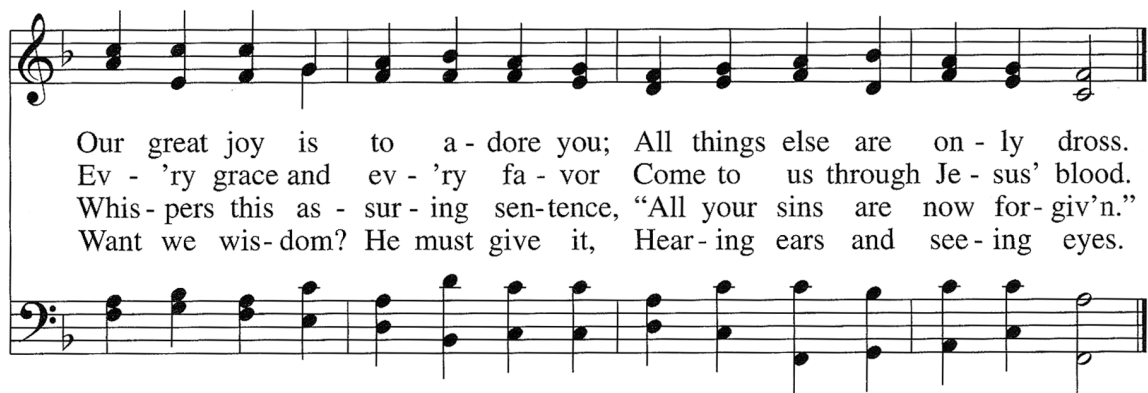
## OPENING HYMN

### “Lamb of God, We Fall before You”

CW 354 vs. 1-5



1 Lamb of God, we fall be - fore you, Hum - bly trust - ing in your cross.  
2 Je - sus is the per - fect Sav - ior, On - ly source of all that's good;  
3 Je - sus gives us true re - pent - ance By his Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
4 Faith he grants us to be - lieve it, Grate - ful hearts his love to prize;



Our great joy is to a - dore you; All things else are on - ly dross.  
Ev - 'ry grace and ev - 'ry fa - vor Come to us through Je - sus' blood.  
Whis - pers this as - sur - ing sen - tence, "All your sins are now for - giv'n."  
Want we wis - dom? He must give it, Hear - ing ears and see - ing eyes.

5 Jesus gives us pure affections,  
Wills to do what he requires,  
Makes us follow his directions,  
And what he commands, inspires.

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

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**C:** **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in your peace.**

**P:** God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Brothers and sisters, because of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, all your sins are forgiven.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** May this forgiveness that is yours through Jesus give you peace tonight and always.

## PRAYER

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**P:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Christ. May his Word be a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, and by his Word keep our faith burning bright; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen**

## ✠ PASSION READING ✠

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### IN THE UPPER ROOM

1 Samuel 12:1-13

Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread was approaching, and the chief priests and teachers of the law were looking for some way to arrest Jesus and kill him. “But not during the feast,” they said, “or the people may riot.”

Jesus said to his disciples, “As you know, the Passover is two days away - and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.”

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

He replied, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters, ‘The Teacher asks: Where is my guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.

Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. He got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

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He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

"No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well." Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not everyone one of you. For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not everyone was clean."

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" He asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

And while they were eating, he said, "I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me." They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely not I, Lord?" Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about Him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, "Ask him which one he means." Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish."

Then, dipping the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, son of Simon. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

"What you are about to do, do quickly," Jesus told him, but no one at the meal understood why Jesus said this to him. Since Judas had charge of the money, some thought Jesus was telling him to buy what was needed for the Feast, or to give something to the poor. As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out.

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, then God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come."

"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

**P:** The Passion of our Lord.

**C:** We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken  
 2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;  
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!

That such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?  
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;  
 It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;  
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;

Of what great crime have you to make con -  
 They give you gall to drink, they still de -  
 Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -  
 The Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants

fes - sion — What dark trans - gres - sion?  
 cry you; They cru - ci - fy you.  
 her - it, This I do mer - it.  
 owe him, Who would not know him.

- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness  
 The sinful child of man may live in gladne:  
 We forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted —  
 God is committed.

## ✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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### PLACES OF THE PASSION

#### “The High Priest’s Palace”

Mark 14:53-64

- <sup>53</sup> They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, elders and teachers of the law came together.
- <sup>54</sup> Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire.
- <sup>55</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. <sup>56</sup> Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. <sup>57</sup> Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: <sup>58</sup> “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this man-made temple and in three days will build another, not made by man.’” <sup>59</sup> Yet even then their testimony did not agree. <sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?”
- <sup>62</sup> “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.” <sup>63</sup> The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. <sup>64</sup> “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” They all condemned him as worthy of death.

## WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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## ✠ PRAYERS ✠

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### EVENING PRAYER

**P:** Heavenly Father, you sent your Son into the world to save sinful humanity, laying on him the burden of the cross so that we would know your forgiving love. Grant that our faith in him may not be shaken by hardship or daunted by its threat, but we may unswervingly follow him on the way that leads through this world to the world to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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

“Abide with Me”  
CW 588 vs.1-3,7

1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.  
But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,  
When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;  
Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!  
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!  
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!