



*Lent Service*  
*March 19, 2026*



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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." 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

**Voters Meeting:** We will have a special voters meeting on **Sunday, March 22nd**, right before Bible Study, to have voters approve the proposed surplus spending. You can find more information about the surplus posted outside Pastor's office.

**Women's Bible Study:** Please join us for an evening of fellowship and study of God's Word on **Tuesday, March 24 at 6 pm** at the church. We will begin a new study on the Minor Prophets of the Bible. We hope you can join us!

**Men's Fellowship:** Please join us for the March Men's Fellowship event on **Tuesday, March 24th**. This month, we'll meet at Crooked Pint at **6:30pm**. No need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy fellowship with your fellow brothers in Christ.

**Women's Book Club:** We will be starting our new book, "Zechariah, Haggai, & Malachi" by John MacArthur the week of **April 6th** and meet for dinner and review on **Monday, July 13th at 6pm** at church. Please let Kely Dunsmoor ([kjdunsmoor@gmail.com](mailto:kjdunsmoor@gmail.com)) if you plan to join.

**Holy Week Schedule:** Our schedule has been set; please join us for services on **Palm Sunday** March 29th, at 2:00pm, **Maundy Thursday** April 2nd, at 7:00pm, **Good Friday** April 3rd, at 7:00pm, **Easter Sunday** April 5th with breakfast at 7:00am and the service at 9:00am.

**VBS Planning Meeting:** We will be having another planning meeting for VBS on **Sunday, March 29th at 1:00pm**. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan VBS is welcome to attend.

**Blueprint Schools Survey:** SOTH and LLC have partnered with Blueprint Schools to perform a review of our preschool program. We're asking the congregation to please complete a 5-10 minute anonymous survey as part of this review. You can access the survey through this QR code:



*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).*

## OPENING HYMN: Shepherd of Tender Youth

CW 756



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, guid - ing in love and truth  
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, Christ, the in - car - nate Word,  
3 You are the great High Priest; you have pre - pared the feast  
4 O ev - er be our guide, our shep - herd and our pride,  
5 So now and till we die sound we your prais - es high



through de - vious ways, Christ, our tri - um - phant King, we come your  
heal - er of strife. You did your - self a - base that from sin's  
of ho - ly love; and in our mor - tal pain none calls on  
our staff and song. Je - sus, O Christ of God, by your en -  
and joy - ful sing: in - fants and all the throng who to your



name to sing and here our chil - dren bring to join your praise.  
deep dis - grace you might thus save our race and give us life.  
you in vain; our plea do not dis - dain; help from a - bove.  
dur - ing Word lead us where you have trod; make our faith strong.  
Church be - long, u - nite to swell the song to Christ, our King!

*Stand*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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

C: **the maker of heaven and earth.**

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

*Silence for personal reflection*

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: **we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done.  
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

# PASSION READING

## HYMN OF THE DAY: Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

CW 546 sts. 1-3



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, bears the name a -  
2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, know - ing weak - ness,  
3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, now he sits at



bove all names, reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing  
tears, and pain, who like us was tried and tempt - ed,  
God's right hand, crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,



oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— since to heav'n our  
un - like us, with - out a stain— since he shared our  
his pre - em - i - nence long-planned; such a great High



Lord has passed, let us hold our wit - ness fast!  
low - ly place, let us bold - ly seek his grace.  
Priest we have, strong to help, su - preme to save.

### ✘ THE MESSAGE ✘

#### It is Finished

## SERMON TEXT

*Zechariah 6:9-13*

<sup>9</sup>The word of the LORD came to me:

<sup>10</sup>Take an offering from the exiles—from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have come from Babylon—and on that very day go into the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah. <sup>11</sup>Take the silver and gold and make a crown, and place it on the head of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

<sup>12</sup>Tell him that this is what the LORD of Armies says:

There is a man whose name is the Branch, because he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. <sup>13</sup>He is the one who will build the temple of the LORD. He will be clothed with majesty, and he will sit and rule on his throne. He will be a priest on his throne, and there will be peaceful relations between the two offices.

## WORSHIPPING 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

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: **listen to my cry.**

P: Keep me as the apple of your eye;

C: **hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

P: In righteousness I shall see you;

C: **when I awake, your presence will give me joy.**

P: Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; 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: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

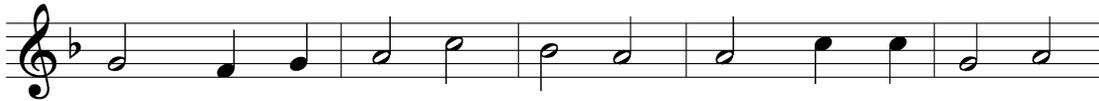
C: **Amen.**



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow the wood - land,  
 2 The rule of day is o - ver and shin - ing  
 3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, O spread your  
 4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, for God this



field, and mead - ow; the world in slum - ber lies.  
 jew - els cov - er the heav - en's bound - less blue.  
 wings a - bove me and shield me from a - larm.  
 night will sure - ly from per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - en, with prayer and song be  
 Thus I shall shine in heav - en, where crowns of gold are  
 Though Sa - tan would as - sail me, your mer - cy will not  
 Sweet slum - bers may he send you and bid his hosts at -



tak - en; let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.  
 giv - en to all who faith - ful prove and true.  
 fail me; I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.  
 tend you and through the night watch o'er your beds.

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