



LORD, HAVE MERCY

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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

Senior Fellowship Luncheon: Please join us for our next fellowship luncheon on **Tuesday, April 8th at 11:30am**. We will meet in the small room at Vallentini's, 4960 Miller Trunk Highway. RSVP by texting Kathy Hedin, 651-332-1374. We would love to have any and all seniors join us!

Camp Croix's Barn Raising Day: Barn Raising Day is almost here! Next **Sunday, April 6th**, everyone who loves Camp Croix is invited to give together toward their new building project. Just like a barn raising, when many come together, something incredible can be built! Visit campcroix.org/barn-raising to learn how you can be part of this shared effort.

WELS National Online Teen Bible Study: This **Sunday, April 6th at 6pm**, is the next WELS National Online Teen Bible Study. This 1-hour Bible study will have opportunity to connect with other teens, study and discuss the Word, and apply it specifically to your teen lives today. Teens can register here: <https://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/discipleship/national-teen-bible-study/>
Or scan the QR code:



Easter Breakfast: We will have an Easter Breakfast starting at 8am on Easter Sunday, April 20th, prior to the 9am service. Pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, and beverages will be provided. You are welcome to bring pastries or fruit to share, but please don't feel obligated. We hope to see you there!

New Hymnal Practice: We are still meeting at 1:00 on Sundays to practice the liturgy from the new hymnals.

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.

INVOCATION

Stand

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, during the days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle.

CONFESSION: Lord, Have Mercy CW 652 sts. 1, Refrain I

1 For what we have done and left un - done we fall on your
count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and
those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly.
For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for
scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In
thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how
deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. Refrain I

Refrain I

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,
Lord, have mer - cy on us.

ABSOLUTION

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE: Lord, Have Mercy

CW 652 sts. 2, *Refrain II*

(2 For) what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly
lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you
fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you.
And there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you

bled for a world's be - tray - al. You

loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend; how

pure and for - ev - er faith - ful. *Refrain II*

Refrain II

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

Lord, have mer - cy on us. on us. *Fine (last time)* 7

PRAYER

P: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; 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

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

READING

1 Timothy 6:6–10

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

⁹Those 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. ¹⁰For 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.


P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PASSION READING

HYMN: My Song is Love Unknown

CW 397 sts. 1, 4–5, 7



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and
5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -
7 Here might I stay and sing; no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their
way. A mur - der - er they save, the Prince of life they
vine, nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. Oh, who am I that for my sake
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these
slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suf - f'ring goes
thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise

my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.
that he his foes from death might free.
I all my days could glad - ly spend!

✱ THE MESSAGE ✱

Lord, Have Mercy: For Failing to Live with Integrity

The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

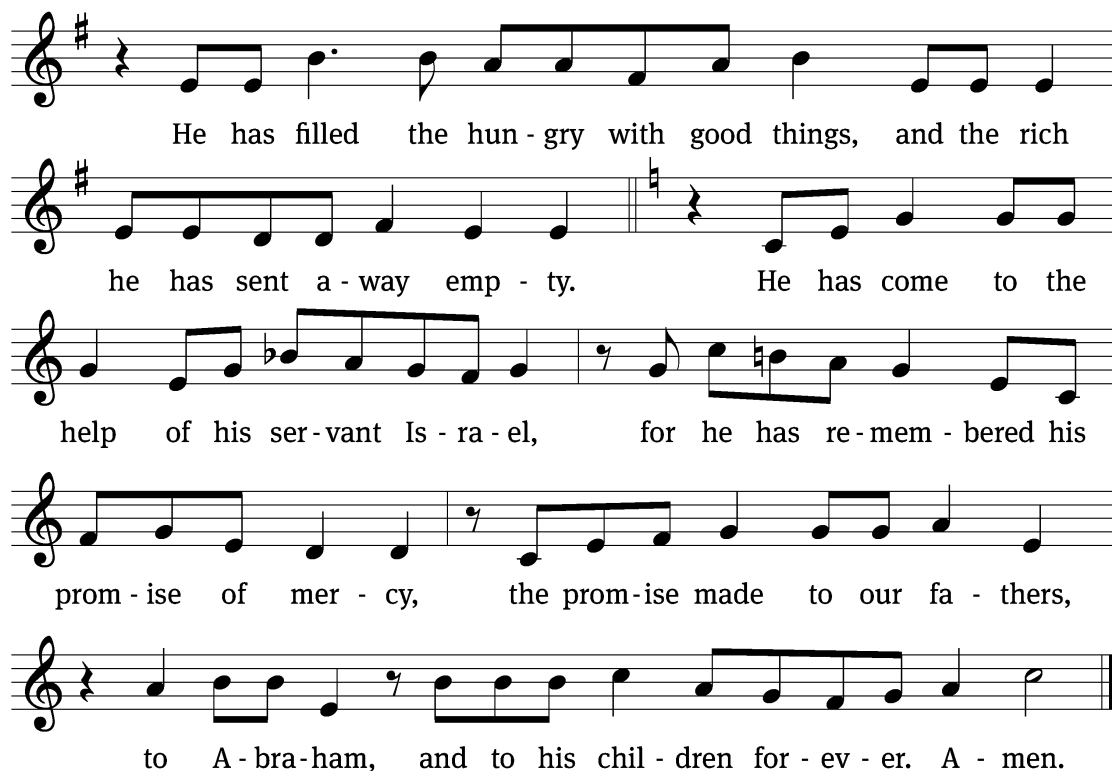
We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Stand

SONG OF MARY

CW 220

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-
joic-es in God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa-vor
on his low-ly ser-vant. From this day all gen-er-a-tions
will call me bless-ed. The Al-might-y has done great
things for me, and ho-ly is his name. He has mer-cy on
those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the
proud in their con-ceit. He has cast down the might-y
from their thrones and has lift-ed up the low-ly.



He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich
he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the
help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his
prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,
to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

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

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 221

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Silence for individual prayer.

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord:

C: **to you, O Lord.**

HYMN: Order My Life, Lord, As You Will

CW 701

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HYMN: Order My Life, Lord, As You Will

CW 701

1 Or - der my life, Lord, as you will; you are the one I
 2 In - still in me in - teg - ri - ty, faith - ful-ness, love, and
 3 When from this world I must de-part, show me your gra - cious

cher - ish. As you have prom - ised, now ful - fill— Lord, do not
 hon - or. Lead me in paths of pu - ri - ty— Lord, do not
 fa - vor. Let there be joy with - in my heart— Lord, do not

let me per - ish. Kept by your grace, O let me be pa - tient in
 let me wan-der. Help me to clear - ly rec - og - nize false-hood with
 let me wa - ver. In Je - sus' name, my prayer at-tend: keep me un -

all ad - ver - si - ty, for you will sure - ly bless me.
 all its sub - tle lies; your Word of truth will bless me.
 til my jour-ney's end; then when I die, Lord, bless me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, 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.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

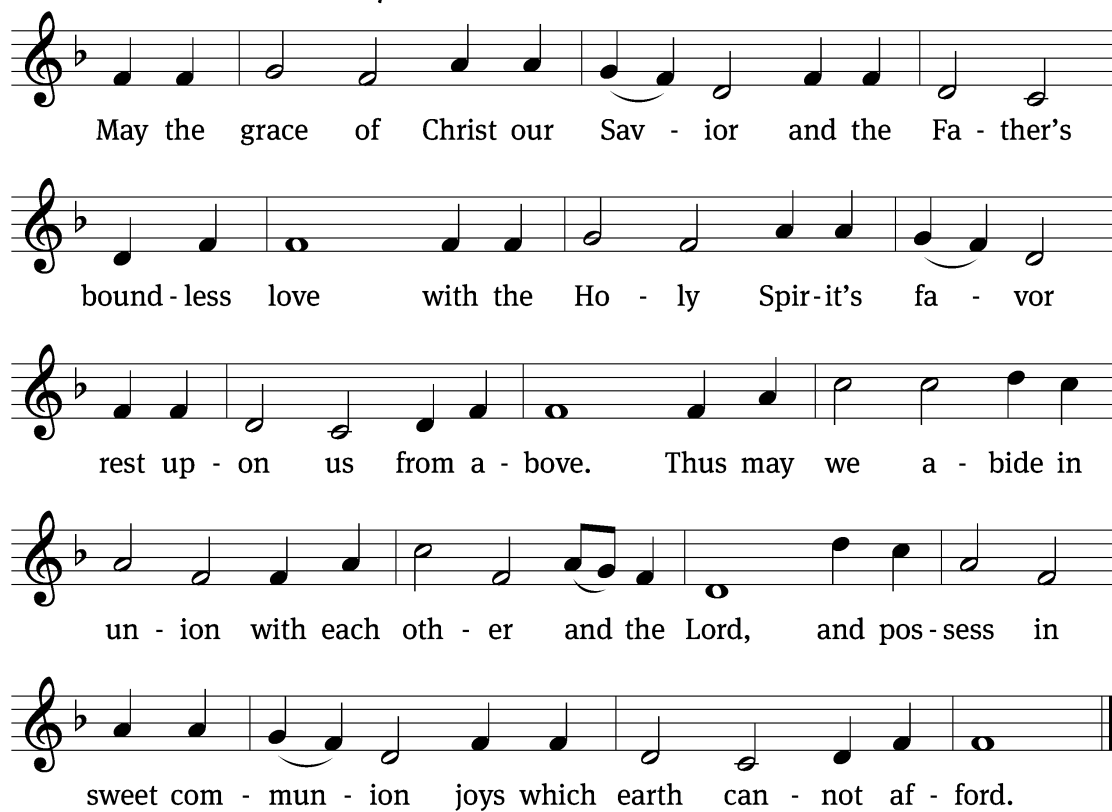
BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CW 928



May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's
bound - less love with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor
rest up - on us from a - bove. Thus may we a - bide in
un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord, and pos - sess in
sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can - not af - ford.

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