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How I Love Being in God's House

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WELCOME!

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 [M] are spoken by the minister, 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

Altar Flowers: Today's bouquet is given to the glory of God by Pat & Lorene Fleming in celebration of their twin granddaughters' birthday.

Congregational Services Meeting: Pastor Hein from WELS Congregational Services will be having a congregation meeting with us next **Saturday, October 17th at 10am**. This is a reschedule of the meeting from April. The goal is to help us determine short term and long-term goals as a congregation. Childcare will be provided and following the meeting, the church will provide a meal for all participants and their families. Please come and provide input to determine the future of the work our congregation does!

Voters Meeting: We will be having a voters meeting next **Sunday, October 18th** in lieu of Bible Study.

Senior Fellowship Luncheon: Please join us for food and fellowship on **Tuesday, October 13th at 11:30am**. We will get together at Crooked Pint Ale House. RSVP to Kathy Hedin by texting 651-332-1374 or in person. We hope to see you there!

Trunk or Treat Event: We will be holding our indoor Trunk or Treat event on **Saturday, October 24th from 5:30-7:00 pm**. If you would like to volunteer to help host a table, set up, take down, or donate candy, please speak with Zach Richie (zachrichie005@gmail.com).

Fellowship Snacks: We're in need of more donations for snacks to fill the fellowship time after service. There isn't a sign-up; if you are able to contribute, please bring the items to the church kitchen prior to the service.

Sunday School/Youth Tone Chimes: If your child is part of the Sunday School/Youth Tone Chimes Choir, please have them meet in the balcony immediately after the service. They will practice until 10:20am.

Pie Social & Silent Auction: Save the date for **Saturday, November 21st from 2-4pm** for our annual Silent Auction & Pie Social! Join us for pie, bingo, & a silent auction to raise funds for the local food bank, Second Harvest Northland. Please consider donating a pie or an item for the auction to help make this another fun & successful event!

Food Drive: We will be hosting a food drive during the month of November. Please plan to bring any nonperishable food items you wish to donate; we will be collecting for Second Harvest Northland.

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



- 1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and right - eous fruits a - bound.
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Stand

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

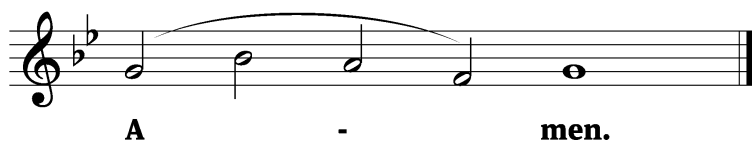
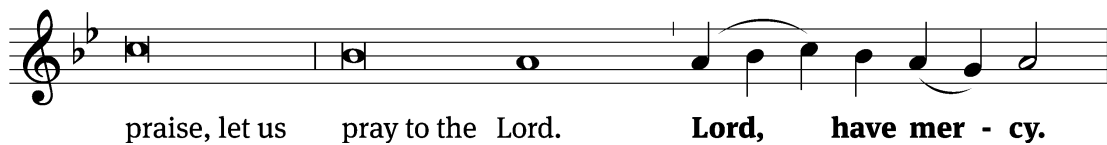
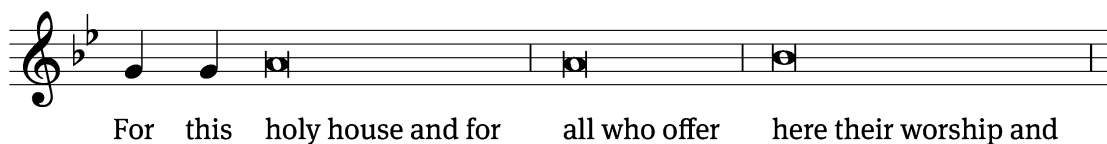
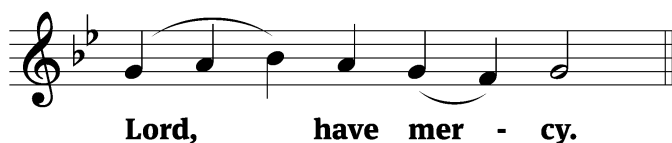
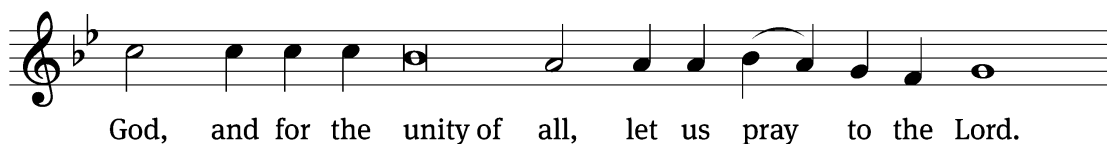
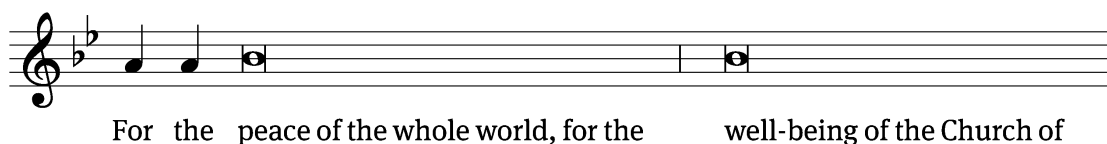
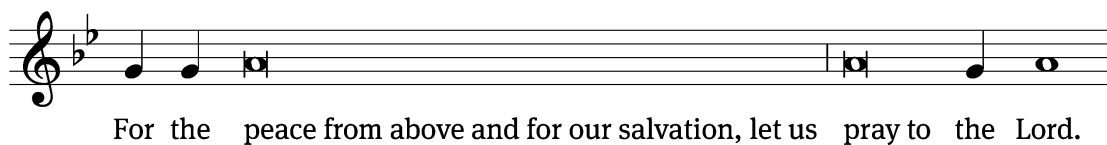
Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy



Glory to God in the Highest

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 11 staves of music. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: '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.'

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 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.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

⁶On this mountain
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of aged wines,
with the best cuts of meat, and with the finest wines.

⁷On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples, the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

⁸He has swallowed up death forever!
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.
For the LORD has spoken.

⁹On that day it will be said,
“Look, here is our God! We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD! We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 84E

Refrain



Tone



How lovely is your / dwelling place,
LORD Al- / mighty!
My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts / of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the / living God.
Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;
they are ever / praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day / in your courts
than a thousand / elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house /
of my God
than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.
LORD Al- / mighty,
blessed is the one who / trusts in you.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.
Refrain

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, “The righteous will live by faith.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 25:6

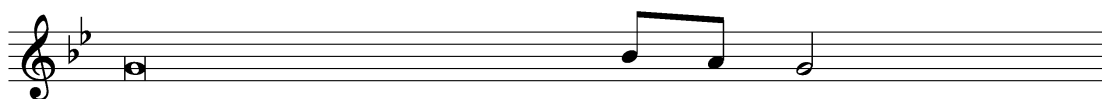


Refrain



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

Tone



On this mountain the LORD Almighty will pre - pare



a feast of rich food for all peo - ples.

Refrain

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come.

⁴“Then he sent out other servants and said, ‘Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!’

⁵“But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized the king's servants, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.’

¹⁰Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he

saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. ¹³Then the king told the servants, 'Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 573



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
 ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
 to claim my mansion in the skies,
 this then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
 Your boundless mercy has for me,
 for me and all your hands have made,
 an everlasting ransom paid.

SERMON: How I Love Being in God's House

Psalms 84

Stand

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS



Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully & 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 donate. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, scan the QR code or visit duluthlutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

HYMN: Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word

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CW 902



1 Spread a - broad, O might - y Word, tell - ing
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will made the
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, who for -
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to



of a gra - cious Lord whose all - pow'r - ful
 world, up - holds it still, how his on - ly
 ev - er does re - move by his ho - ly
 guide us on to heav'n, strong and ho - ly,



gos - pel call fills his heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
 Son he gave all from sin and death to save.
 sac - ri - fice all the guilt that on us lies.
 just and true, work - ing both to will and do.

5 Spread abroad! Ripe fields of grain
 all throughout the world remain,
 but the reapers still are few;
 great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
 rouse to action heart and mind;
 let the gath'ring nations all
 see your light and heed your call.

Stand

PRAYER

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

M: 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.

HYMN: Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

CW 884

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to
stand in joy be - side you.

Acknowledgments

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