

Song Service



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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

Today's Schedule: Sunday School children are asked to go with their teachers for a brief 15 minute class time. Everyone is invited to stay after the service for a picnic! Pulled pork, hot dogs, and a variety of sides/desserts will be served.

Confirmation Sunday: Next **Sunday, May 24th**, we will have 3 youth professing their faith: Brock Bogart, Jonah Foster, & Adrian Hill. The families of the confirmands are having a combined celebration after the service; they would like to extend an invitation to the congregation. Please RSVP via the QR code or by speaking with any of the families.



Farewell Potluck: Pastor Warskow's final service at SOTH will be **Sunday, May 31st**. To thank him for his faithful leadership during our vacancy, we're gathering for a special farewell potluck. Please sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert to share as we wish him well in the next chapter of his service.



Upcoming Service Time Change: Starting on **June 7th**, our regular Sunday service times will move back to **9:00am**.

Women's Bible Study: This month's Women's Bible study will take place this **Tuesday, May 19, at 6pm** at the church. We are continuing our study on the book of Hosea. Please join us in God's Word and Christian fellowship!

Church Garden Beds: There are still TWO garden beds available for use this summer! Please speak with Peter Moeri if you are interested in tending one during the 2026 growing season.

Preschool Graduation: Please save the date for the Little Lambs Learning Center graduation on **Friday, May 29th at 6pm**.

Church Directory: We are beginning to put together an updated church directory! Members are welcome to submit their own pictures; please send them to admin@dulutheran.org. We will also have a volunteer photographer available to take pictures on these Sundays after the service: May 31st, June 7th, and June 28th. Please speak with Renee Graen or Becky Foster if you have any questions.

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.

OPENING HYMN: This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref-5, Final Refrain

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 † Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

blood set us free___ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or,___ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: v. 4
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his___ reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

P: 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.

P: 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

P: 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.**

Be seated

PREK-1ST GRADE CHOIR: All Night, All Day

author unknown

Stand

Lord, Have Mercy

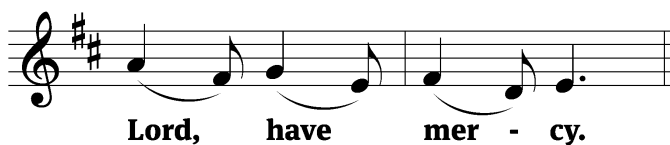
P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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.



²¹“Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.”

²⁶Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHOIRS & CONGREGATION: Our Help Is in the Name of the LORD

Psalm 124A

Sunday School Choir sings opening refrain & verse 1

Youth & Adult Choirs sings verse 2

Congregation joins for refrain, verses 3, 4, and final refrain

Refrain

Our help is in the name of the LORD, the
mak - er of heav - en and earth.

Tone

1) If the LORD had not been / on our side
when people at- / tacked us,
they would have swallowed / us alive
when their anger flared a- / gainst us;

2) the flood would have en- / gulfed us,
the torrent would have swept / over us,
the raging / waters
would have swept / us away. *Refrain*

3) Praise be / to the LORD,
who has not let us be torn / by their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the / fowler’s snare;
the snare has been broken, and we / have escaped.

4) 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*

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12–17; 5:6–11

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. ¹⁶But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. ¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God?

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

¹⁰After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TONE CHIMES CHOIR: Joyful, Joyful

Henry Van Dyke

Congregation joins on 1st verse

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

THIRD READING

John 17:1–11a

¹After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. ²For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. ⁴I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed.

⁶"I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

⁹"I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. ¹¹I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

YOUTH & ADULT CHOIRS: Beautiful Savior

Lloyd Larson

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

OFFERTORY; YOUTH/ADULT TONE CHIME: He is Exhaleated

*Twila Paris
arranged by Michael Ryan*

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS



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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

C: Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.

P: You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

C: Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

P: Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

C: Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

P: Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

C: Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.

P: Bless the schools and teachers who prepare public ministers of the gospel for service in our churches and around the world. Lead teachers and professors to be faithful to your Word and provide insights that enable them to pass on your truth to their students. Ignite the zeal of young men and women to be willing and eager to share the truths of Scripture with others. Move us to support with our prayers and gifts the schools our synod has established.

C: We pray that you send workers in your harvest fields.

P: Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

C: Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.

P: How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word. Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.

C: Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word. Amen.

Be seated

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Rickard Alrich Stanius

P: Friend in Christ,

After a review and instruction in the simple teachings of the Bible and our Lutheran church, you have requested to become a member of this congregation. You have come to worship today to confess your unity with us and to take your place as a part of this faith community. I now ask you:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, answer: I do.

Response: I do.

P: Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and this congregation, as you have come to know them, are faithful to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.

Response: I do.

P: Do you desire to remain faithful to the teachings of Christ, be diligent in the use of God's Word and sacraments, and lead a godly life as the Lord gives you strength? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

Response: I do, and I ask God to help me.

P: Is it your desire to join us in worship and mission and support this work with your prayers and gifts? If so, answer: It is, and I ask God to help me.

Response: It is, and I ask God to help me.

P: With sincere joy we welcome you as a member of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

Brothers and sisters,

as we welcome this new member to our Christian family, I encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep Rick in your minds, hold him in your hearts, and pray for him again and again. Show him the face of friendship and offer him a hand of support. Encourage him with your "works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

The peace of Christ be with us all. Amen.

PRAYER

P: Gracious Father, we thank you for leading Rick to desire to become a member of our congregation and for giving him joy to confess his faith to us. Guide us with your wisdom as we worship and work together. Mold our minds and hearts in a single Christlike will so that we may be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer; 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.

YOUTH & ADULT CHOIRS: The Lord Bless You

Earl Fred Morris

The Lord bless you

The Lord keep you.

May His love ever always surround you;

Protect you and guide you in all that you do;

Our prayer for you.

Amen.

Choir:

Holy, holy, holy, holy!

Choir & Congregation:

Vs 1 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Choir:

Holy! Holy! Holy, holy!

Women:

Vs 2 **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,**
Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;

Men:

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Choir:

Vs 3 Holy, holy, holy, holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
Holy! Holy! Holy, holy!

Choir & Congregation:

Vs 4 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Choir:

Holy! Holy! Holy, holy!

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Dear Little Lambs Family,

The Toddlers

The toddlers played with flowers this week! They "built" flowers out of plastic manipulatives and also arranged bouquets in vases. They loved smelling each other's flower arrangements. Some of their favorite books were: *Animals Go Vroom!*, *One Blue Gnu*, and *Goodnight Bob*. Next week, we will focus on gardening.

The Preschool Rooms

This week, we continued our letter work by focusing on the letter V. Our small group theme was gardening. We planted watermelon, cucumber, and flowers in our garden. During movement we practiced sliding. Looking ahead to next week, we will be learning the letter W and focusing on spring.

The Bible Lesson

This week, our Bible story was **The Holy Spirit Comes to Jesus' Friends** (Acts 2:1-12). The amazing power of the Holy Spirit enabled many people to hear and believe God's Word. Next week, we will learn how Philip Tells a Man about Jesus

