



From the River to the Mountain

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 this morning 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 this morning 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

Thank you, Pastor Dallas Miller, for guest preaching today while Pastor Denney is out of town. We appreciate you serving us and leading worship and Bible study this morning.

No Youth Confirmation Class: This morning there will not be a Youth Confirmation Class after Sunday School and Youth Group. Youth Confirmation resumes next **Sunday, February 4th.**

Sunday Bible Study: This morning we are continuing our new Bible study titled "The Life and Teachings of Jesus." Leading up to Easter, each week, we will review the events and teachings in the life of our Savior. We hope you can join us to see why these moments are significant to Jesus' ministry, understand who he is, and are relevant to our lives today.

Midweek Bible Study and Worship: We have Midweek Bible study on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm.** For Bible study, we will continue studying the Life of Joseph. Also, if you cannot be here for worship on Sunday, we have Midweek Services on **Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.**

Young Professionals Bowling Event: Attention adults in their 20s or 30s, we are hosting a bowling event on **January 30th at 6 pm** at Incline Station Bowling Alley in Duluth. The cost of bowling and food is to be covered by the church. If you have any questions, contact Becky Miller at rehomiller@gmail.com.

Women's Fellowship: Please join us for our annual Valentine's Tea and card-making event on **Saturday, February 3rd, from 1 to 3 pm.** This year, we will spread our love and make cards for the residents of the Duluth Heights Lodge. We will provide all of the supplies for the cards and light snacks. This is a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy quality time in fellowship. Women of all ages are welcome, and bringing guests is encouraged. If you are not feeling creative, please still come and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship! RSVP to Shawanna Doblar at shawanna.r33@gmail.com

Quarterly Update Meeting: We will have our Quarterly Congregational Meeting after church, in place of Bible study, in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, February 4th.** This quarterly meeting will review the year-end financials and ministry from 2023, and the council will present its ministry goals for 2024.

OPENING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

CW 240

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 All life you en - gen - der in great and in small,
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Not want - ing nor wast - ing, you rule in your might,
 Of all life Be - friend - er, the true Life of all.
 Your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight.

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, O An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish in rich - ness and range;
 Our prais - es we ren - der; oh, lead us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise!
 Your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 We with - er and per - ish, but you nev - er change.
 The light of your splen - dor, your love's maj - es - ty!

INVOCATION

P: This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: **Merciful God, we confess that by nature we are sinful. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve your punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us, so that we may follow your will and walk in your ways.**
- P: In the mercy of the almighty God, Jesus Christ was given was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 1:12; Philippians 1:6)
- C: **Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.**

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

“Oh, Taste and See”
p. 39 in front of Hymnal

Sing after a brief introduction...

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal;
It stands firm in the heav-ens.
Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

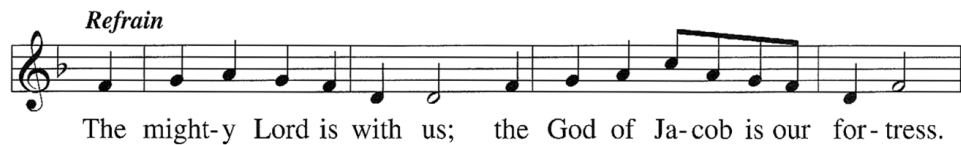
³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. ⁴ On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.” ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 62

pg. 88 in front of the Hymnal



My soul finds rest in *God* alone;*
my salvation *comes* from him.

He alone is my rock and my sal*vation*;*
he is my fortress, I will never be *shaken*.

Find rest, O my soul, in *God* alone;*
my hope *comes* from him.

Refrain

Though your rich*es* increase,*
do not set your *heart* on them.

My salvation and my honor *depend* on God;*
he is my mighty rock, my *refuge*.

Trust in him at all times, O *people*;*
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our *refuge*.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the *beginning*,*
is now, and will be forever. *Amen*.**

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. “Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease.” Alleluia. (Matthew 4:23)

C: These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

(THE 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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

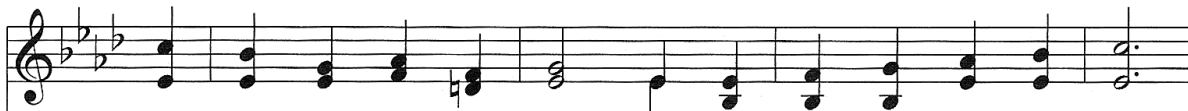
Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor. This service segment is intended to be more interactive and engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.



1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to me.
 2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to me,
 3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to me:
 4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for me.



My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened now to see
 A soul in bit - ter an - guish, One need - ing to be free.
 To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the call may be.
 From door to door I wit - ness To share my Sav - ior's plea;



That I my - self was help - less To live e - ter - nal - ly,
 The gift I have to of - fer Is Christ, my Lord's de - cree
 Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who share the gos - pel key
 Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, No word on bend - ed knee,



But, dy - ing, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!
 That all have been for - giv - en — My Sav - ior calls for me!
 We spread the gos - pel tid - ings — My Sav - ior calls for me!
 Be - yond the sim - ple gos - pel — My Sav - ior calls for me!



5 I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!
 Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.
 And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:
 Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

FROM THE RIVER TO THE MOUNTAIN “Chosen for a Challenging Commitment”

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

¹⁴ For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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, visit our website: www.dulutheran.org and click on the “Give” tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P:** Jesus Christ, Lord of Glory, you delight in making yourself known to us and others. Bring us to recognize and rejoice in your majesty and your ministry. In love you chose to exercise your greatest strength to serve us in our greatest need.
- C:** **You revealed the brightness of your glory through humble deeds of love.**
- P:** You called ordinary men to do extraordinary things as your disciples and apostles. You also call us confidently to follow you, diligently to learn from you, and lovingly to imitate you. Equip and empower us to serve you and our neighbor faithfully.
- C:** **Use us as your witnesses to bring many throughout the world to the light of your gospel.**
- P:** You revealed your glory through mighty signs and wonders. Assure us that you still rule all things in the universe and use them to serve our eternal good.
- C:** **In wise compassions exercise your power to help us and your Church on earth.**

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P: Give us courage and compassion to relieve the distress of the hurting, to pray for all according to their needs, and to be content when in your wisdom you ask us to endure hardship. By the power of the gospel, restore our spirits assuring us that your love endures, your strength overcomes, and your presence remains constant.

C: **Help us to turn to you as our unfailing spring of healing and hope.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer.

P: Preserve your truth among us, and by that truth preserve us until you appear in dazzling splendor to bring us to the glory of heaven. Let our anticipation of the heavenly kingdom ennoble our thinking and speaking, enrich our conduct, and increase our joy in all aspects of earthly life.

C: **In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

HYMN

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

CW 469

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1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a

cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -

and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart — it is thine own;
 It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for thee.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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

“Lift High the Cross”
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CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

CW 579

Refrain

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim Till
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 all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.
 all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod, Our
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
 3 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise

Refrain

king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.