



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 worshiping 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

Camp Croix: Today is Barn Raising Day!

The time is now! Today is Barn Raising Day, and we invite you to join in giving toward Camp Croix's new building project. Scan the QR code or visit campcroix.org/barn-raising to make a gift or pledge today!



Senior Fellowship Luncheon: Please join us for our next fellowship luncheon this 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!

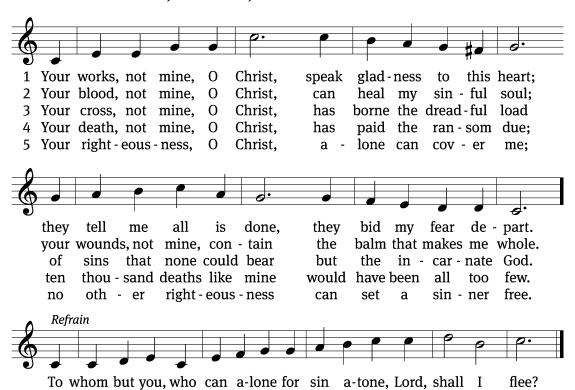
WELS National Online Teen Bible Study: This Sunday, April 6th at 6pm, is the next WELS National Online Teen Bible Study. This 1-hour Bible study will have opportunity to connect with other teens, study and discuss the Word, and apply it specifically to your teen lives today. Teens can register here: 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.



Stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION CW 155

- P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
- C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.
- P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
- C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION CW 155

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.



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



- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by your great goodness, mercifully look upon your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 ▼

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶This is what the LORD says,

who makes a road through the sea and a path through mighty waters,

¹⁷who brings out the chariot and the horses, the army and the strong warrior.

They will all lie down together. They will not get up.

They are extinguished. Like a wick they go out.

¹⁸Do not remember the former things.

Do not keep thinking about ancient things. ¹⁹Watch, I am about to do a new thing.

Now it will spring up. Don't you know about it?

Indeed I will make a road in the wilderness. In the wasteland I will make rivers.

²⁰The wild animals, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me,

because I am providing water in the wilderness, rivers in a parched wasteland, water for my chosen people to drink.

- ²¹This people that I formed for myself will declare my praise.
- P: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

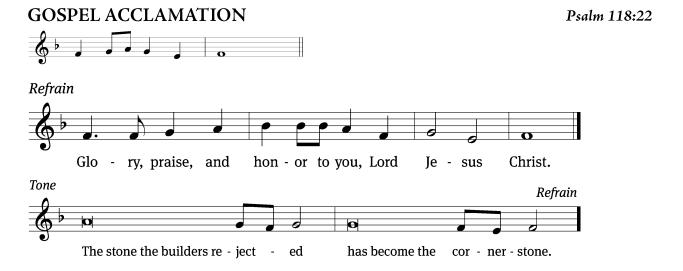
If anyone else thinks that he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶in regard to zeal, persecuting the church; in regard to the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.

⁷But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. ⁸But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord. For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith. ¹⁰I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, ¹¹in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- P: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

Stand



GOSPEL Luke 20:9–19

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

⁹He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, leased it to some tenant farmers, and went away on a journey for a long time. ¹⁰When it was the right time, he sent a servant to the tenants to collect his share of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenant farmers beat the servant and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹The man went ahead and sent yet another servant, but they also beat him, treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²He then sent yet a third. They also wounded him and threw him out. ¹³The owner of the vineyard said, 'What should I do? I will send my son, whom I love. Perhaps they will respect him.'

¹⁴"But when the tenant farmers saw him, they talked it over with one another. They said, "This is the heir. Let's kill him, so that the inheritance will be ours.' ¹⁵They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. So what will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenant farmers and give the vineyard to others."

When they heard this, they said, "May it never be!"

¹⁷But he looked at them and said, "Then what about this that is written:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

18"Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush the one on whom it falls."

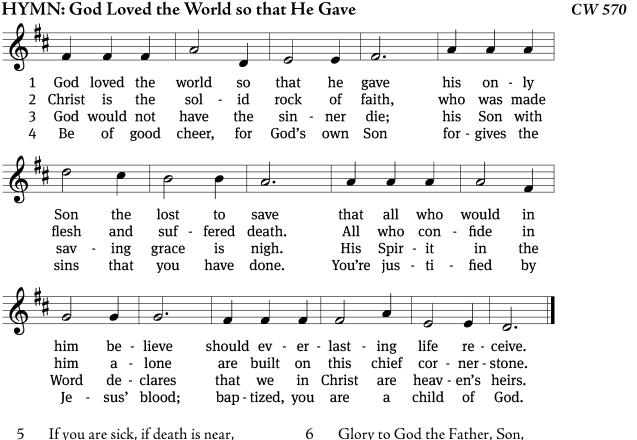
¹⁹That very hour the chief priests and the experts in the law began looking for a way to lay hands on him, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

- P: The Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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



5 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith! Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessèd Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

▼ THE MESSAGE **▼**

Throw Out the Trash

Philippians 3:4b–14

Stand

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for

our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.dulutheran.org and click on the "GIVE" tab.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Gracious Father, after his baptism your Son faced the stern attacks of Satan who tried to derail his journey to the cross. We rejoice in Jesus' victory in the wilderness and praise him for his ultimate triumph over the works of the devil.
- C: Send us your Spirit that we may believe this truth and apply it in our lives.
- Satan and his followers seek to overturn our faith and love every day. Their goal is to separate us from your presence and destroy our relationship with your Son. Give us wisdom to be alert for their attacks and recognize the danger they bring.
- C: Protect us as we endure temptation. Keep us from becoming Satan's victims. Forgive us and restore us when we give in to him.
- Make our faith stronger than it is now so that we might know more and more that Jesus matters most to us in life and death. Give us wisdom and power to follow him and do his will.
- Keep us from thinking that sins are harmless and cannot lead us away from him.
- P: According to your will, Lord, curb the influence of Satan in our world and society. Help people to grasp the appalling effects of his power and to refrain from doing wicked and harmful deeds.
- Come to the aid of those who are the objects of devilish power.
- P: Give us courage to warn those we love about the dangers of the devil's temptations. Lead us to speak the truth in love so that family members and friends may discern evil and step back from error and sin.
- Move us to share the horror of Satan's power honestly and to offer your forgiveness in love.

- P: Keep in your care all who are struggling with pain, battling with sickness, and facing death. Spare your people from Satan's temptations in their difficult hours and strengthen them with the promise of your Son's ultimate victory over sin, death, and the grave.
- C: Help us to support them when we can and to keep them in our prayers.
- P: Protect us, gracious God, from the power of Satan, the allure of the world, and the seduction of our sinful nature.
- C: Cause us to believe that we are more than conquerors through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

► SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ►

PREFACE CW 165

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be over come. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

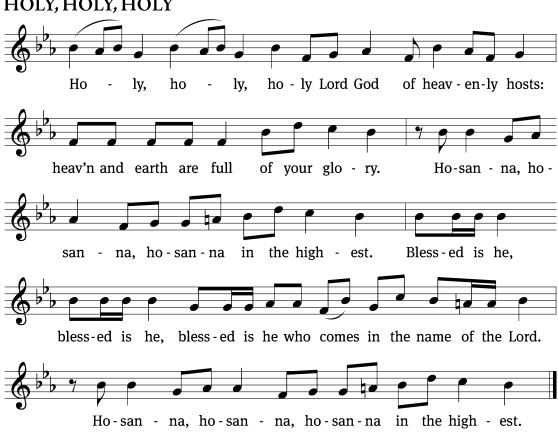
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

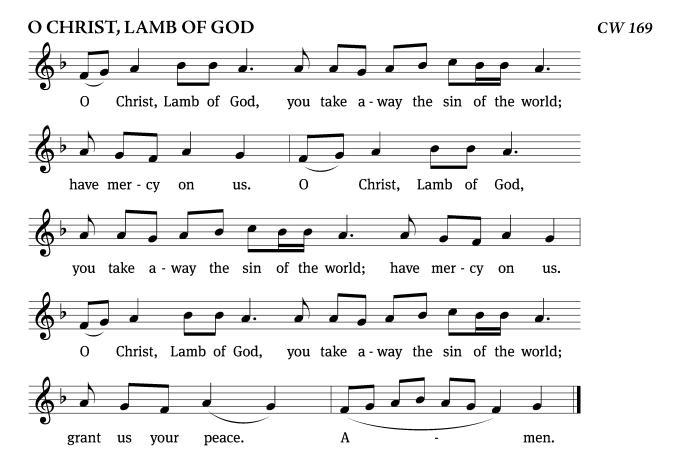
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ★ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ♣ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.



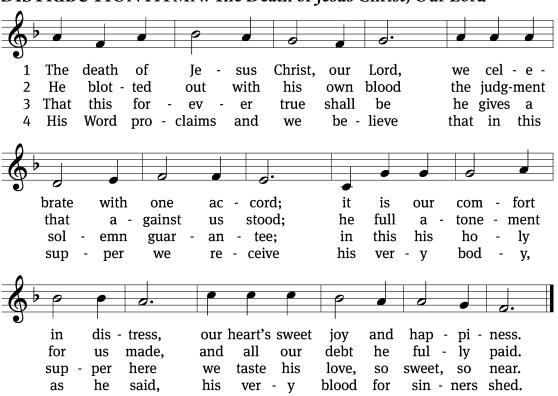
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DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Christ's true body and blood for our forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith. It is our practice that only those who are members of Shepherd of the Hills or members of another WELS congregation come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are a visitor from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Warskow after the service.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

CW 677



- 5 A precious food is this indeed, it never fails us in our need, a heav'nly manna for our soul until we safely reach our goal.
- 6 How blest is each believing guest who in these promises finds rest, for Jesus will in love abide with those who do in him confide!

- 7 They who his Word do not believe this food unworthily receive, salvation here will never find—may we this warning keep in mind!
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe that we may worthily receive your supper and in you find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence





Stand

THANKSGIVING

- P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
- C: his mercy endures forever.
- P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
- C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

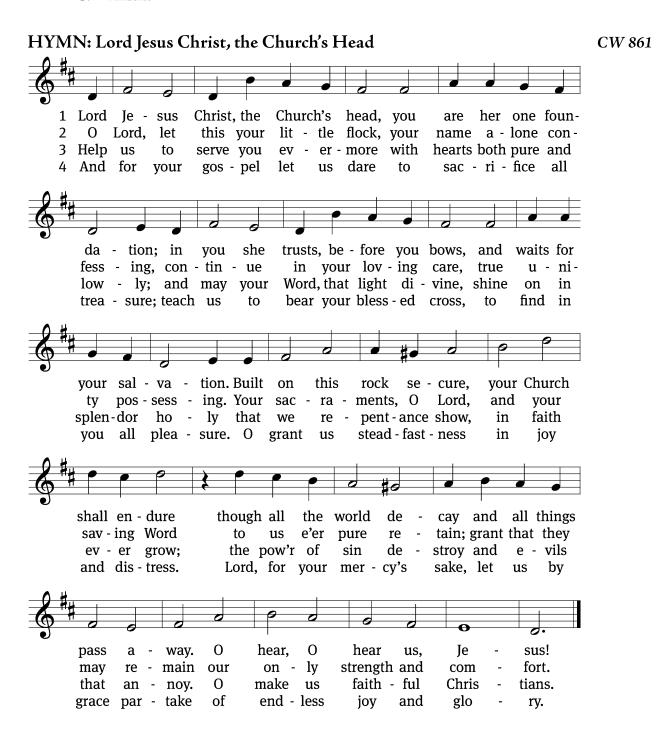
BLESSING

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.



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