



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

Altar Flowers: Kim Kirkland gave the flowers on the altar this morning to the glory of God in memory of her father, William Kirkland.

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 be reviewing 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, understanding who he is, and relevant to our life today.

Midweek Bible Study and Worship: On Wednesday evenings we have Midweek Bible study at **6:30 PM**. For Bible study we will be continuing our study on the Life of Joseph. Also if you were not able to be here for worship on Sunday, we have Midweek Services Wednesdays at **7:30 PM**.

Women's Book Group: Women of all ages are invited to join us as we read "Measured by Grace: How God Defines Success" by Sharla Fritz starting on **January 15th**. For 8 weeks, we will go through the stories of 8 people in the bible who either experienced failure or didn't look successful in the eyes of the world. We will have one book group meeting at the end on **Thursday, March 14th at 6 PM**. Please contact Kely Dunsmoor with any questions.

Campus Ministry Meals: Campus Ministry has started for the spring semester and we are requesting the congregation's help with meals when we meet for Bible study on Tuesday evenings. We ask members to buy or prepare a meal for about a dozen people. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign-up online at www.dulutheran.org/campus-ministry. If you have any questions, please speak with Peter Moeri or Pastor Denney.

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

Save the Date! Ladies of all ages are invited to a Valentine tea and card making event on **Saturday, February 3rd**, from **1 to 3 p.m.** We will enjoy fellowship as we make Valentine's day cards for the residents of the Duluth Heights Lodge! More information will be sent out soon!

OPENING HYMN

“Every Morning Mercies New”

CW 580

1 Ev - 'ry morn - ing mer - cies new Fall as fresh as
 2 Still your kind - ness and your love Ev - 'ry day our
 3 Let our prayers each morn pre - vail That these gifts may
 4 As the morn - ing light re - turns, As the sun with

morn - ing dew; Ev - 'ry morn - ing let us pay
 sins re - move; Dai - ly, far as east from west,
 nev - er fail. And as we con - fess our sin
 splen - dor burns, Teach us still to turn to you;

Trib - ute with the ear - ly day. For your mer - cies,
 Lift the bur - den from the breast; Give un - bought to
 And the temp - ter's pow'r with - in, Feed us with the
 With your light our souls re - new. Then shall we our

Lord, are sure; Your com - pas - sion will en - dure.
 those who pray Strength to live for you each day.
 bread of life; Fit us for our dai - ly strife.
 voic - es raise In un - fail - ing prayer and praise.

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:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Bible tells us that, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 6:23) The Bible also shows us that, "the wages of sin is death". (Romans 3:23) Sin carries serious consequences between us and God. We cannot hide our sins from a holy and almighty God. As Scripture teaches, "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13) Therefore, let us confess our sins and plead for his mercy.
- C:** **Have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Cleanse me. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (Psalm 51)**
- P:** God has heard your prayer for mercy, and his Word promises you, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just; he will forgive us all of our sins." (1 John 1:9) This is because: "Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and he was raised to life for our justification." (Romans 4:25) By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your sin and guilt forever. Go, then in the peace of God's forgiveness.
- C:** **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant a willing spirit to sustain me.**

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:** Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-6

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God."

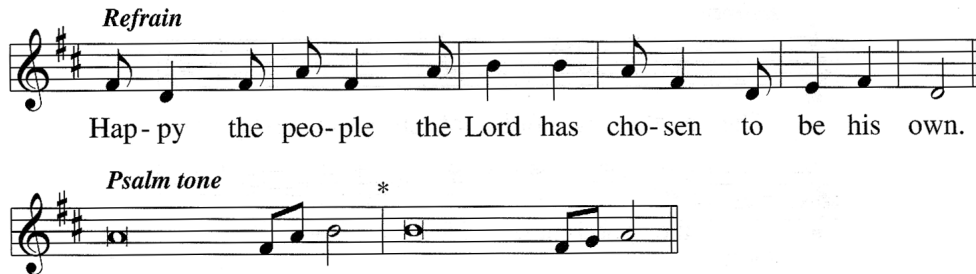
⁵ And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—

⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34

pg. 80 in front of the Hymnal



Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**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. "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Alleluia. (Mark 1:11)

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.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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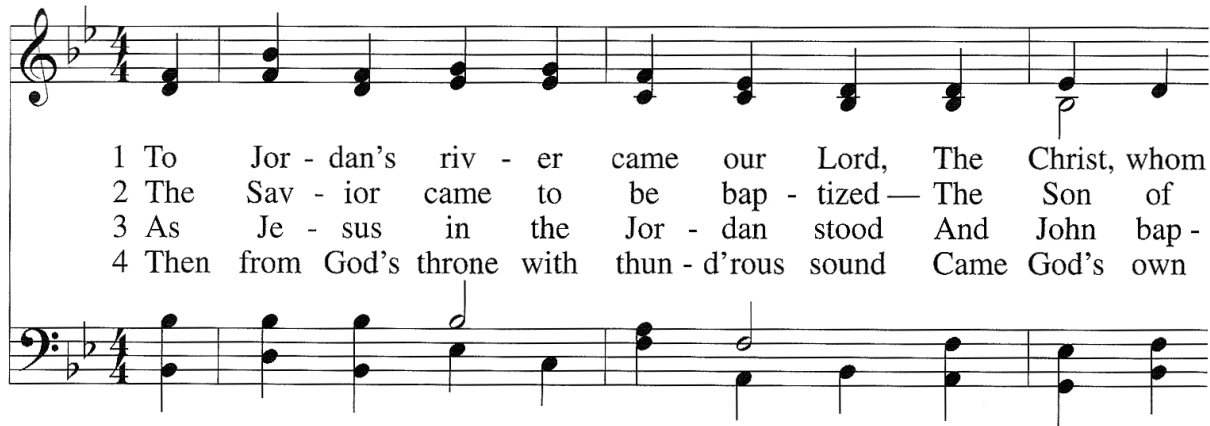
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 Denney. 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 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
 2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized — The Son of
 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
 4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
 God in flesh dis - guised — To stand be - neath the
 tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
 voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will And all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on him from a - bove.
 his de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es me."

- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
 Anointed Christ in glorious sight
 As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
 To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

FROM THE RIVER TO THE MOUNTAIN

“It Begins with Baptism”

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: “After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 The baptism of Christ was a momentous event in his _____ and _____.

⇒ Mark 1:4-11; Matthew 3:13-15; Acts 4:12

⇒ At his baptism, Jesus stood in the place of sinners to bring us righteousness.

⇒ From this day, Jesus would go on to begin his ministry and reveal himself as our Savior.

#2 Our baptism connects us to _____ and brings about a _____ in who we are.

⇒ Mark 1:4-11; Titus 3:5; Mark 16:16; Romans 6:4

⇒ We became Christians at our baptism as the Holy Spirit created faith in our hearts.

⇒ The new life that we were given at our baptism remains with us still today.

#3 Jesus' baptism and our baptism _____ us that we are God's dearly loved _____.

⇒ Mark 1:4-11; John 4:34; Galatians 3:26-27; 1 John 3:1

⇒ The Father's words make it clear that Jesus is indeed the Son of God.

⇒ Through baptism, we have been adopted into God's family now and for eternity.

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.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

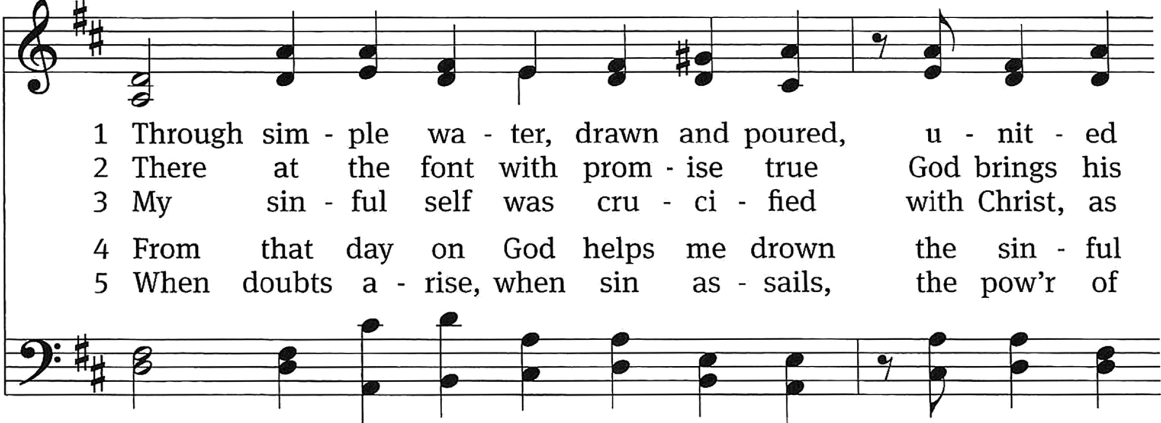
✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

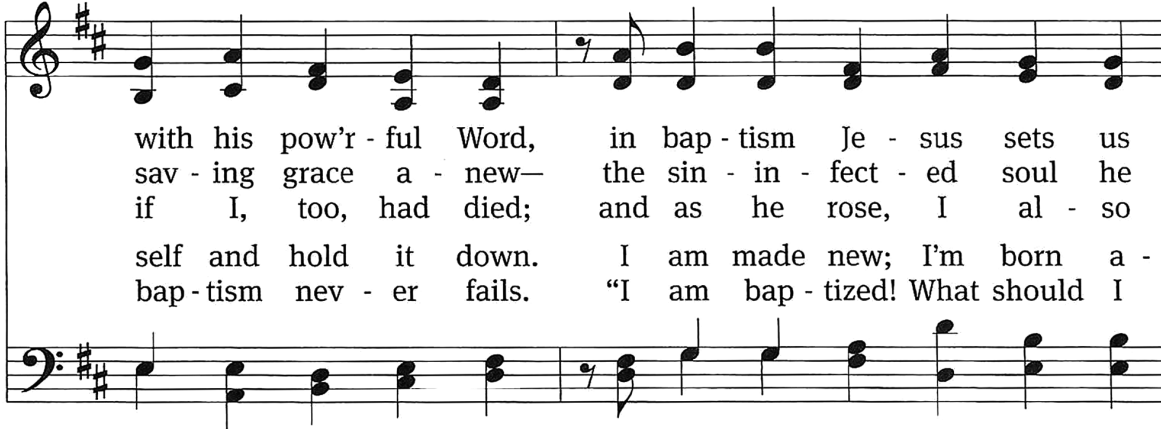
- P: Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.
- C: **We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to your Father's will.**
- P: Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.
- C: **Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.**
- P: As you anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit, so pour out that same Spirit on us that we may serve you in the world. Take from us all fear and doubt, overcome our indecision or weaknesses, and drive away the influences of sin from our lives.
- C: **Open our eyes to the truth that as your baptized children we are your priests in the world.**
- 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

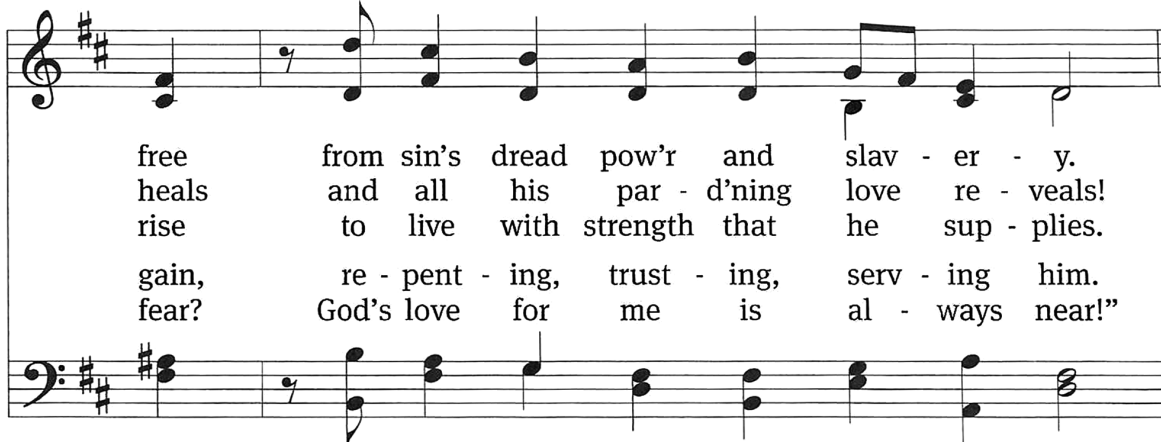
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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



1 Through sim - ple wa - ter, drawn and poured, u - nit - ed
 2 There at the font with prom - ise true God brings his
 3 My sin - ful self was cru - ci - fied with Christ, as
 4 From that day on God helps me drown the sin - ful
 5 When doubts a - rise, when sin as - sails, the pow'r of



with his pow'r - ful Word, in bap - tism Je - sus sets us
 sav - ing grace a - new— the sin - in - fect - ed soul he
 if I, too, had died; and as he rose, I al - so
 self and hold it down. I am made new; I'm born a -
 bap - tism nev - er fails. "I am bap - tized! What should I



free from sin's dread pow'r and slav - er - y.
 heals and all his par - d'ning love re - veals!
 rise to live with strength that he sup - plies.
 gain, re - pent - ing, trust - ing, serv - ing him.
 fear? God's love for me is al - ways near!"

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

“All Who Believe and Are Baptized” CW 299



1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal-va - tion;
2 With one ac-cord, O God, we pray: Grant us your Ho - ly Spir - it.



Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new cre - a - tion.
Help us in our in - firm - i - ty Through Je - sus' blood and mer - it.



Through Christ's re - demp - tion they shall stand A - mong the
Grant us to grow in grace each day That by this



glo - rious, heav'n - ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.
sac - ra - ment we may E - ter - nal life in - her - it.



