

WHAT IS A
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Loves God Above All

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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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Alison Moeri in loving memory of her Grandpa, Eugene Brokmeier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers for Service: To give glory to God and beautify our sanctuary, we will add fresh flowers to the altar area. Members are encouraged to sign-up for a Sunday to donate. Our flower volunteer, Renee Graen, will purchase and place the flowers on the altar. You can sign-up on the flower chart by the office. Please indicate if the flowers are in memory of someone or a special occasion. Please donate and contact Renee Graen at 763-607-4498 or sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board adjacent to member mailboxes.

No Midweek Worship: This Wednesday, August 2nd, there will not be Midweek Worship with VBS. Midweek Worship will resume the following week on August 9th.

Summer Celebration: This summer's VBS will commence with our Summer Celebration event on **Thursday, August 3rd, from 6 pm - 8 pm**. We hope you join us for free fun for your entire family. The children who attended VBS will show us a little of what they learned, followed by games, music, and food. There will also be a game basket giveaway. Please invite your friends and neighbors as well, and it's all free of charge!

Summer Bible Study Childcare: On Sunday mornings, we are looking for volunteers to watch children during the Adult Bible study time. We hope this will allow parents to attend Bible study during the summer. We are looking for 1-2 adults and teens each week to supervise and read a devotion to the kids. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849abaf28abf94-sunday2#>

Men's Fellowship: Below are the dates for this summer's upcoming Men's fellowship nights at the Dunsmoor's. All men from the congregation are welcome. We will be grilling and having a short bible study each time. There will be yard games and a campfire, weather permitting. For more details, speak with Jesse or Bill Dunsmoor, or read the full description in the weekly News and Notes from the weekly emails. Upcoming Dates Thursday, August 17th at 6 PM | Thursday, September 14th at 6 PM

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; Come thou al - so
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here thy seed is
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep thy
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee; Let thy will be

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me. Where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near thee

Waits for him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, oh,
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
 May thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
 While thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 en - ter thou; Let it be thy tem - ple now!
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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; we have not 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: Amen.

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

“Glory to God”
Pg. 16 in front of the Hymnal

Sing at the beginning of music...

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you,
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al-mighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through your Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:15-26

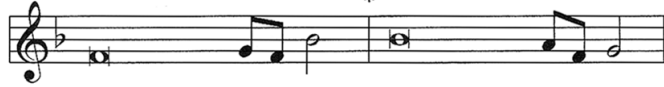
- ¹⁵ Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.
- ¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp." ¹⁸ Moses replied: "It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear." ¹⁹ When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ And he took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.
- ²¹ He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?" ²² "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³ They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' ²⁴ So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"
- ²⁵ Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶ So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him.

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;*
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;*
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,*
and your right hand sustains me.

**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. "He answered: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.'" Alleluia. (Luke 10:27)

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

1 Timothy 6:11-16

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: In a world where earth's formation is credited to evolution and man's existence to chance, what do you believe?

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

P: In a world where Jesus is portrayed as only a prophet, a good man and teacher or an example to follow; what do you believe?

C: **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.**

P: In a world where life's goals are merely temporary, life's joy is found mainly in the accumulation of materials, and man's end is marked by a tombstone, what do you believe?

C: **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

HYMN

"Take the World, but Give Me Jesus"

CW 355

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1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its joys are but a
 2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est com - fort of my
 3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his cross my trust shall

name. But his love a - bides for - ev - er, Through e -
 soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing o'er me, I can
 be Till with clear - er, bright - er vi - sion Face to

Refrain

ter - nal years the same. Oh, the height and depth of
 sing, though thun - ders roll. my Lord I see.

mer - cy; Oh, the length and breadth of love! Oh, the

full - ness of re - demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

“Loves God Above All”

Matthew 19:16-22

¹⁶ Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?”

¹⁷ “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments.”

¹⁸ “Which ones?” the man inquired.

Jesus replied, “‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony,’ ¹⁹ honor your father and mother,’ and ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁰ “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”

²¹ Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

MESSAGE NOTES

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.duluth Lutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

† PRAYERS †

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

C: **Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to souls throughout the world.

C: **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and hope.**

P: Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy and blessings to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

C: **Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments. Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: **Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

P: Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome doubt and unbelief by the power of your gospel, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

C: **Fill us with joy over every soul that comes to faith and trust in you.**

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

Silent prayer.

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will answer them in your wisdom and grace.

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.

HYMN

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

CW 463

1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult Of our
2 As the first dis - ci - ples heard it By the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of

life's wild, rest - less sea; Day by day his voice in -
Gal - i - le - an lake, Turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, From each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and

vites us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
kin - dred, Leav - ing all for his dear sake.
keep us, Say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."

5 Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
Savior, help us hear your call;
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all!

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.

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C: Amen.

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

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

CW 319

On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,

King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no

pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:

Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my

hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.