



*Jesus Draws His Followers
to Himself*



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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. **We are in the process of transitioning to new hymnals (blue). Today's service still follows the order of service and hymns found in the old hymnals (red).** These are available at the end of each pew for your convenience, if you wish to use them for reference or four-part harmony.

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

Alter Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Becky Miller.

New Hymnal Practice: Right after today's service we will be introducing the service Setting 1 from the new hymnal, which is available in the pew stands. We will do this again next Sunday and start using the new service setting on March 2nd.

Hymnal Bookmarks: A big thank you to Gene Altieri for the new hymnal ribbon bookmarks! These are intended to be used for marking the liturgy and hymns for those who choose to use the hymnals during the service. While wear and tear of such bookmarks is expected over time, we ask that everyone help to maintain them by leaving the bookmarks inside the hymnals and refrain from playing with them.

Pastor on Vacation: Pastor Warskow will be out of town from February 17th to the 23rd, back in the office on the 24th. Retired Pastor Mike Spaude from Rice Lake will lead our service next Sunday, February 23rd.

Women's Bible Study: Please join us this month as we continue our Bible Study on the Names of God. We will meet in the church conference room on **Tuesday, February 25 at 6 pm**. Speak with Kiersten Nash if you have any questions.

WELS National Online Teen Bible Study: Teens 13+ are invited to join at **6:00 pm this evening** (Sunday, February 16th) a 1-hour Bible study led online by Pastor Phil Huebner of WLHS. It is a great opportunity to connect with other teens, study & discuss the Word, and apply it specifically to their lives. Follow the QR code to register.



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.

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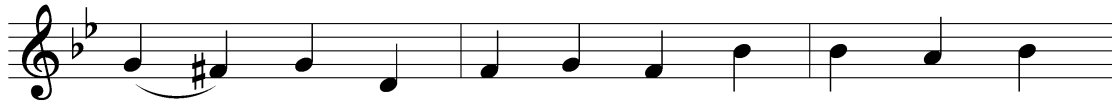
OPENING HYMN

"The Will of God Is Always Best"

CW 435



1 The will of God is al - ways best and shall be done for -
2 God is my com - fort and my trust, my hope and life a -
3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, de - ny me not this
4 When life's brief course on earth is run and I this world am



ev - er; and they who trust in him are blest;
bid - ing, and to his coun - sel, wise and just,
fa - vor: when Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me,
leav - ing, grant me to say, "Your will be done,"



he will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed in
I yield, in him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, his
then do not let me wa - ver. O guard me well, my
your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My heav'n - ly Friend, I



time of need; he chas - tens with fore - bear - ing. They who de -
Word de - clares, up - on my head he num - bers. By night and
fear dis - pel, ful - fill your faith - ful say - ing: all who be -
now com - mend my soul in - to your keep - ing, o'er sin and



pend on God, their friend, shall not be left de - spair - ing.
day God is my stay; he nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.
lieve by grace re - ceive an an - swer to their pray - ing.
hell and death as well in you the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting

in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

“Lord, Have Mercy”

pg. 15 in front of Hymnal

Please sing at the beginning of the music...

Lord, have mer-cy on us.

Christ, have mer-cy on us.

Lord, have mer-cy on us.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

“Glory be to God”

pg. 16 in front of Hymnal

Please sing at the beginning of the 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, Je-sus 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 only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. [*minister says the Prayer of the Day*]

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5–8

⁵This is what the LORD says:

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,
who draws strength from mere flesh
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;
they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,
in a salt land where no one lives.

⁷“But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose confidence is in him.

⁸They will be like a tree planted by the water
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit.”

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7b–10

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:17–26

¹⁷He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰Looking at his disciples, he said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,

for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³“Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

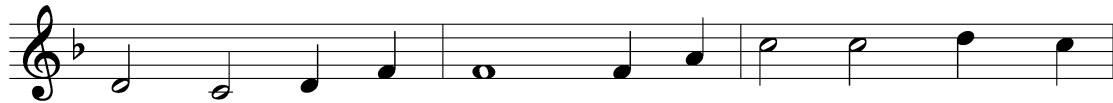
Children in attendance today may come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Warskow. This service segment is intended to be more interactive and engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing
 gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the
 in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
 pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
 may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing
 wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this
 glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.
 well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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Luke 6:17-26

Please sing after a brief introduction...

**Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spir-it with-in me.
Cast me not away from your pres-ence,
and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me.
Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-vation,
and up-hold me with your free Spirit. A-men.**

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.duluth Lutheran.org and click on the “GIVE” tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer and petitions offered on behalf of the Church.

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.**

✠ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER ✠

- P:** The Lord be with you.
- C:** And also with you.
- P:** Lift up your hearts.
- C:** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C:** It is good and right so to do.
- 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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

RESPONSE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
pg. 22 in front of Hymnal

Please sing at the beginning of the music...

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of heav-en-ly hosts:
heav’n and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.**

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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

RESPONSE

“O Christ, Lamb of God”
pg. 23 in front of Hymnal

Please sing at the beginning of the music...

**O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A-men.**

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

"I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

CW 446



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust - ing on - ly you;
 2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,
 3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing in the crim - son flood;
 4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.
 for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.
 trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.
 ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.

5 I am trusting you for power;
 you can never fail.

Words which you yourself shall give me
 must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
 never let me fall.

I am trusting you forever
 and for all.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

CW 311

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THANKSGIVING

"Thank the Lord"

pg. 24 in front of Hymnal

Sing after a brief introduction...

Lord, now you let your servant

de-part in peace

ac-cord-ing to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared be-fore

the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles

and the glo-ry of your people Is-ra-el.

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. 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.**

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

“To God Be the Glory”

CW 399

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1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done!
 2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!