



The Risen Lord
Gives Us Victory



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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. 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.

Today's order of service follows Setting Three which begins on page 188 in the hymnal.

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

Pastor Call Meeting: Pastor Pomije has returned the call that we extended to him. Our next call meeting will be on **Sunday, May 3rd**, during the Bible Study hour. Everyone is invited to attend and give their input!

Women's Bible Study: Please join us this **Tuesday, April 28 at 6pm** in the conference room at church. We will continue our study of Hosea and would love to see you there! Please speak with Kiersten Nash if you have any questions.

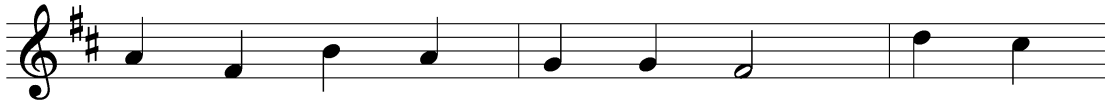
Spring Cleaning: We will be doing spring cleaning of the church grounds and buildings on **May 9th starting at 9am**. Questions? Please speak with Willie Husby.

Sunday School Schedule: Please note that the last day of Sunday School, Youth Group, and Confirmation Class for the year will be **Sunday, May 3rd**. (May 10th is Mother's Day, May 17th is the Song Service, and May 24th will be Confirmation Sunday; we will also not have Adult Bible Study on these Sundays.)

Preschool Graduation: Please save the date for the Little Lambs Learning Center graduation on **Friday, May 29th at 6pm**.

Weekly Communion: We're discontinuing the post-service communion that was being offered in the conference room. If you're interested in receiving the Lord's Supper outside of the regularly scheduled times in worship, please let Pastor Warskow or an elder know and it can be arranged.

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.



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your
 2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can
 3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your
 4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with
 5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'_as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and
 take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at
 life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our
 joy will fol - low on till the work of
 sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.
 your com - mand, we will fol - low you.
 feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
 grace is done, there to live with you.
 ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
 C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
 C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

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.



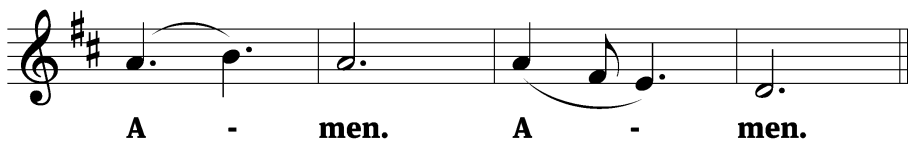
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. ⁴³Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed.

⁴⁶Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ADULT & YOUTH CHOIRS: Holy, Holy, Holy

Congregation joins where indicated

Choir:

Holy, holy, holy, holy!

Choir & Congregation:

Vs 1 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Choir:

Holy! Holy! Holy, holy!

Choir & Women:

Vs 2 **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,**

**Casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;**

Choir & Men:

Cherubim and seraphim galling down before Thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

John B Dykes

Setting by John A. Behnke

Choir:

Vs 3 Holy, holy, holy, holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,

Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,

Only Thou art holy; here is none beside Thee,

Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy! Holy! Holy, holy!

Choir & Congregation:

Vs 4 **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea.**

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Choir:

Holy! Holy! Holy, holy!

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19–25

¹⁹For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. ²⁰For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God.

²¹Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. ²²He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. ²³When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed.

²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

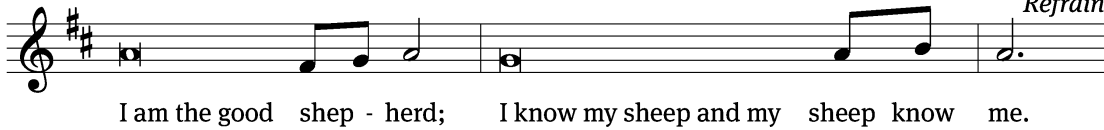
John 10:14



Refrain



Tone



GOSPEL

John 10:1–10

¹“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

¹⁰“A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

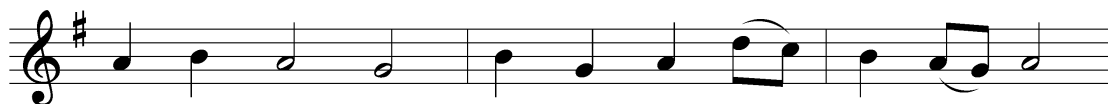
Be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children up through 5th grade are invited to 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.



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
 con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
 God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
 Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

✘ THE MESSAGE ✘

The Risen Lord Gives Us Victory

John 10:1-10

Stand

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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.

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

P: Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

C: Good Shepherd, save us.

P: Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

C: Good Shepherd, lead us.

P: Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

C: Good Shepherd, guide us.

P: Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

C: Good Shepherd, console us.

P: Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

C: Good Shepherd, inspire us.

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

Silent prayer

P: We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

C: Good Shepherd, hear us. Amen.

HYMN: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CW 552



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant
 yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.
 gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

5 You spread a table in my sight,
 a banquet here bestowing;
 your oil of welcome, my delight;
 my cup is overflowing!

6 And so through all the length of days
 your goodness fails me never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
 within your house forever!

Stand

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.

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.

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: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

CW 927



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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