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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.

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

Call Meeting: We will be having our call meeting today after the service, in lieu of Adult Bible Study. Everyone is encouraged to attend and give their input! Childcare will be available on the back playground.

Senior Fellowship Lunch: Please join us for food and fellowship on **Tuesday, August 12th at 12:00 pm**. We will meet for lunch at Vallentini's, 4960 Miller Trunk Hwy in the small front room. Text Kathy Hedin, 651-332-1374 to RSVP.

Housing Need: One of our returning Campus Ministry students is still looking for accommodations for this school year. If you know of an apartment for rent or anyone looking for a roommate, please speak with Peter Moeri.

Adult Choir Opportunity: We are looking for singers - men and women of high school age and up, of all levels and abilities - who would like to use their God-given talent to help sing in the SOTH Adult Choir. Practices will be at **1:00 pm on Sundays starting September 7th**. We will meet up in the balcony. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board closest to the Fellowship Hall to help give us an idea of the interest. Please contact Laura Metcalf or Becky Miller with any questions.

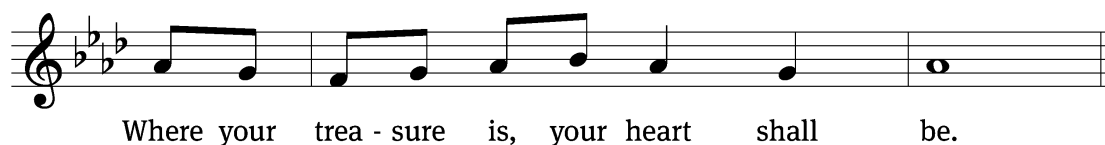
Setting 3 Practice: If you would like to learn the liturgy for Setting 3 to help lead the congregation in singing, we will meet at **1:15 pm on Sundays starting August 17th**. No sign up needed. Direct questions to Laura Metcalf or Becky Miller.

Upcoming Summer Hikes: All-Ages Fellowship Hike will be **Tuesday, August 19th at 6pm** at Lincoln Park. Young Professionals Hike will be **Wednesday, August 27th at 6pm** at Tischer Creek.

Women's Retreat: You are invited to this year's Women's Retreat - *Perfectly Placed: Embracing Your God-Given Strengths*, happening **October 3-5** at Camp Croix! To register, visit campcroix.org/womens-retreat.

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.

Refrain



- 1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,
- 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.
- 3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.
- 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



what you should eat or what to wear?
 They do not work their whole life through,
 In grace and beau - ty are they dressed,
 yours is the king - dom of the Lord.



There is no peace in stress or hur - ry.
 and yet God feeds them and pro - tects them.
 and yet so soon their bloom is fad - ed.
 Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y;



Do you not know that you are held with - in God's care?
 So how much more will God pro - tect and care for you?
 So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?
 ob - tain a trea - sure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

Refrain

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

DECLARATION OF GRACE

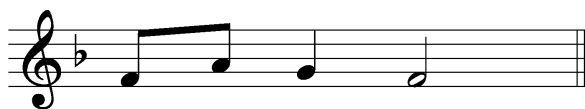
CW 155

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.



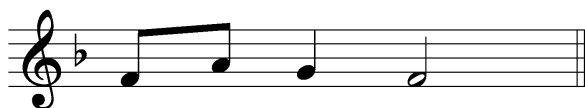
Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



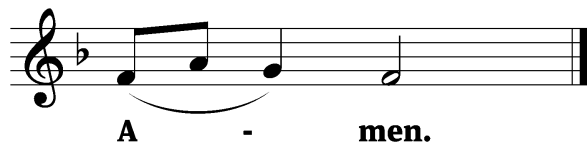
Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



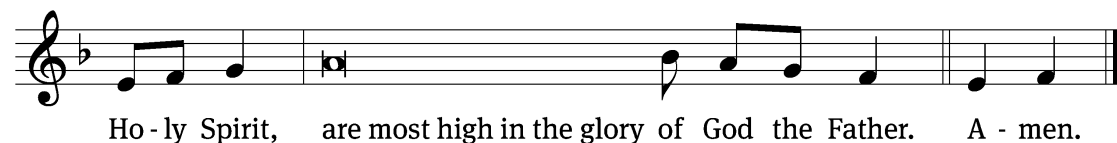
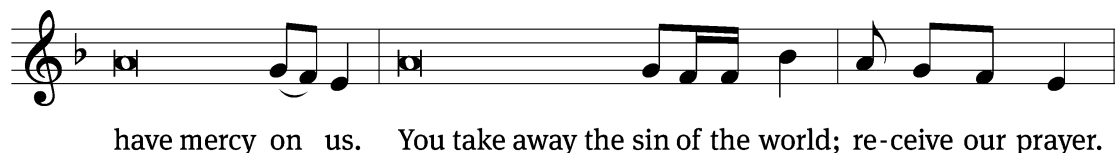
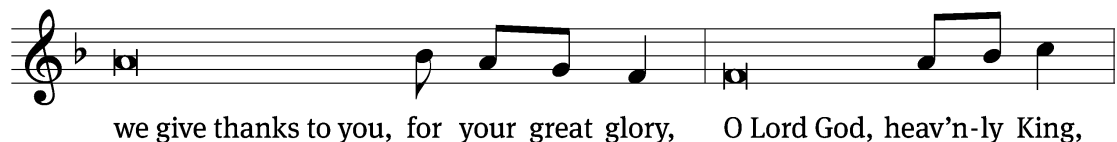
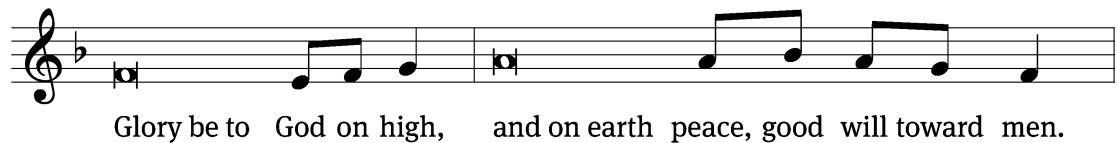
Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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

Genesis 15:1–6

¹After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

²Abram said, “LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³Abram also said, “Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir.”

⁴Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, “This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir.” ⁵The LORD then brought him outside and said, “Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” He said to Abram, “This is what your descendants will be like.” ⁶Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1–3,8–16

¹Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. ²For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture.

³By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going.

⁹By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

¹¹By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise. ¹²And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore.

¹³One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. ¹⁵And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. ¹⁶Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

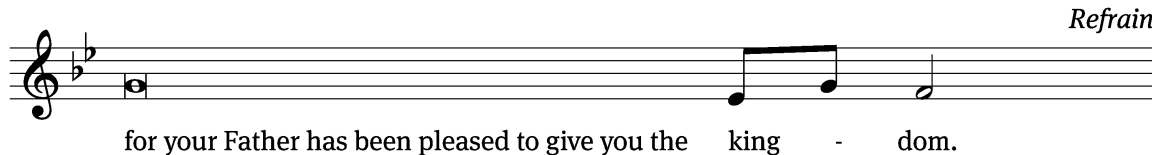
Luke 12:32



Refrain



Tone



GOSPEL

Luke 12:22–34

²²Jesus said to his disciples, “For that reason I tell you, stop worrying about your life, about what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Certainly life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no warehouse or barn; and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds! ²⁵And who of you by worrying can add a single moment to his lifespan? ²⁶Since you are not able to do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? ²⁹Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. ³⁰To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

Where is Your Treasure?

Luke 12:22-34

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.

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

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.
- C: **When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.**
- P: Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.
- C: **Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**
- P: King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.
- C: **Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.**
- P: Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.
- C: **Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.**
- P: Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.
- C: **Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.**
- P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.

Be seated

HYMN: Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

CW 859



1 Your king-dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure, my
2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er your
3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing of



pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth. Its val - ue ex -
Word and your Spir - it be - stow. Like yeast, they af -
seeds that your mer - cy has sown; but still in our



ceeds ev - 'ry stand - ard of mea - sure, sur - pass - ing the
fect the whole mea - sure of flour, — en - a - bling your
midst is the en - e - my sow - ing the weeds that im -



wealth of the earth. Lord, give me your grace and the
king-dom to grow. Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I
per - il your own. Sus - tain me, O Lord, till your



pow'r of the Spir - it to val - ue this trea - sure a -
live your com - mis - sion, though hum - ble my ser - vice may
day of re - turn - ing and har - vest me home-ward at



right that, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in -
be, and bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru -
last, to shine in the home-land that qui - ets all



her - it your king - dom of glo - ry and light.
i - tion, a mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
yearn - ing, where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

PRAYER

P: O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; through your Son, 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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

CW 602

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1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

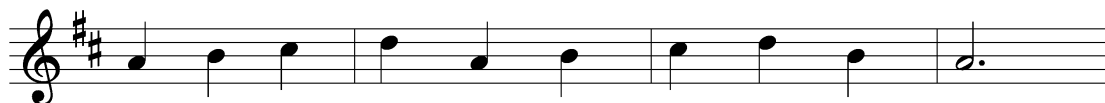


as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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