



JESUS CHRIST



KING OF KINGS
LORD OF LORDS





SEEKING THE LOST...FEEDING THE FOUND...WITH GOD'S WORD AND SACRAMENTS

WELCOME!

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! We are honored that you are with us. We pray that the word of God you hear will strengthen your faith and increase your love for the Lord!

If you are a guest today, know that we are thankful you have joined us, and hope that you will join us again soon. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about us, please speak to an Usher after today's service.

ABOUT OUR SERVICE

The gospel (or good news) is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts and transform our lives. Therefore, Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in our order of service. In the sermon, in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers and creeds, our order of service proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish.

Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out in the following pages. If a song is not found in the service folder, it can be found in the red hymnal. Parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and parts marked **C** and printed in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- If you are in need of **restrooms**, they are located on the left as you exit the worship area. There are also restrooms on the right side of the Fellowship Hall.
- If your child needs a moment to be quieted, a **children's room** is available in the Fellowship Hall (exit the worship area and turn to your right down the hallway) in the first room on the right. A television in that room has a live audio/video feed of the service.
- **Children's activity sheets**, which include activities and lessons pertaining to today's Bible readings, are available from the ushers in the entryway.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Come, Now, Almighty King

Christian Worship 193

stanzas 1,2

STAND

OPENING WORDS

- M** Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.
As citizens of God's Kingdom, we confess our sins.
- C** **O Holy King, I confess that I have often rebelled against your rule in my life. I have failed to honor you as my King, and desire to be my own king. For this I deserve to be banished from your heavenly Kingdom for eternity. But trusting in my King, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me a sinner.**
- M** God, our heavenly King, has been merciful to us and sent Jesus, as your perfect King, to be sacrificed for you. By the King's authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.**

BE SEATED

1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings; We will
 2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty; We will
 3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth; He is
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings; Hal - le -

glo - ri - fy the Lamb. We will glo - ri - fy the
 bow be - fore his throne. We will wor - ship him in
 Lord of all who live. He is Lord a - bove the
 lu - jah to the Lamb. Hal - le - lu - jah to the

Lord of lords, Who — is the great I AM.
 right - eous - ness; We will wor - ship him a - lone.
 u - ni - verse; All — praise to him we give.
 Lord of lords, Who — is the great I AM.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to you unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

STAND

THE WORD

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

M This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Christian Worship 341

stanzas 1,4

SERMON

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”

and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;

and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”

So shall it be! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

OFFERING

In response to God's love, we bring him our offerings. The members of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

*We ask that everyone, both guests and members, sign the **worship register** during the collection of the offering so that we might thank our guests who have joined us today.*

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M In the morning, O Lord, I call to you.

C **Be merciful to me and hear my prayer:**

M We give you thanks that you have granted us your only Son and for his deliverance from the domain of sin and its darkness of death and for raising us up to be people of light. Give to us the courage we need to meet the troubled day ahead, and guard us against despair. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M In Christ, you have revealed the fullness of your saving will and purpose. As he has forgiven us, teach us to forgive one another, that no one may be hindered in faith by a guilty conscience, no conflict or division distract us from the work he has given us to do, and we may live at peace by the blood of his cross. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M Give to the nations and all who govern a sense of right and wrong and the courage to act decisively for good. Help us to honor the sacredness of life and to care for those least able to care for themselves, especially the unborn. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M Preserve among us the fruits of your creation for the well-being of all people, and teach us to care responsibly for all that you have made. Guide us to honor the vocations you have given us, that we may serve you faithfully in home and at work, in neighborhood and nation, in labor and in leisure. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M Keep us from the fear of our enemies, that we may not deny our Lord in the hour of trial but with good courage proclaim Jesus Christ to the end when we and all who live in Christ shall receive our eternal reward.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

G 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.

THE BLESSING

M 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.

G Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Christian Worship 370
stanzas 1-3

Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
(take the hallway to the right) following the service!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor Kevin Klug, *Vacancy Pastor*
Elizabeth Hohenstein, *Pianist*
Andy Hinz & Joe Moya, *Ushers*
Phil Prellwitz, *Elder*
Jennifer Sedaghat, *Altar Care*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Bible Study & S.S.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Pastor Klug Office Hours (9am-4pm)
Saturday		Church Cleaners: Heller & Prellwitz
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship with the Lord's Supper
	10:45 a.m.	Bible Study & S.S.
	1:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class

Next Sunday Ushers: Nelson & Stuht
Next Sunday Snacks: Herzfeldt & Hinz
Next Sunday Elder: Ehrlich

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Class

Join us this morning at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Adult Bible Class.

Sunday School

Classes for children age 3 through Grade 8 will meet in the Bible Study Room in the Education Wing at 10:45 a.m.

Divine Call to Pastor Martin Mielke

A Divine Call was sent to Pastor Martin Mielke to serve as our new Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills. Pastor Mielke is currently serving at Ascension Lutheran Church in Saratoga, Florida. Pastor Mielke was very receptive to speaking with whomever would like to call him. I would encourage all of you to consider taking a few minutes of your time to call Pastor Mielke to introduce yourself and get to know him a little. If we show him the support and love that our congregation is so capable of and willing to provide, it will help him as he deliberates which call the Lord guides him to take. Most importantly, please keep Pastor Mielke, his family and our brothers and sisters in Christ at both Ascension Lutheran and here at Shepherd of the Hills in your prayers.

If you would like to call Pastor Mielke, his cell phone number is (941) 350-8418. Keep in mind the 2 hour time difference between here and Florida.

Christmas Decorating

Guys and Gals, we need you--it's time for Christmas Decorating! Please join us on Saturday, December 1 at 9:00 a.m. Snacks and a light lunch will be provided. We will decorate the Church and Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the person who donated funds for a new pre-lit Christmas tree. We also received \$250.00 Thrivent Action money to purchase additional new decorations.

For additional information, please contact Arlys Debban at (970) 330-5981. Thanks for your help! See you on December 1.

Nominations for Upcoming Congregational Elections

The positions of *Outreach Elder*, served by Phil Prellwitz, and *Spiritual Growth Elder*, served by Thomas Krafft, are up for election this year. Each position is a 2 year term. If you would like to nominate someone to fill either of those positions, please email or talk to one of the current Elders by Sunday, December 9.

**Abiding Love Hosts Advent by Candlelight
Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 PM**

Advent by Candlelight is

- an event for women of all ages to help focus our hearts and minds on Jesus and His coming.
- a beautiful afternoon filled with Scripture readings, narration, prayer, songs of praise and Christian fellowship.

This year's program is entitled, **To the Ends of the Earth**, which focuses on lessons learned from *Lydia* in *Acts 16:3-15*.

To reserve your seat, please call, text or email:

Deb Croissant at 970-290-9124 or jumpy.jo.jo@hotmail.com

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ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church began public worship in 1975, so that with the gospel of Jesus Christ, we might strengthen the faith of our members and reach out into our community and the world. Shepherd of the Hills has Jesus', the Good Shepherd's mission, to SEEK THE LOST and FEED THE FOUND with God's Word and Sacraments.

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR MINISTRY

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Adult Bible Study and Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

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Thomas Krafft, *Spiritual Growth Elder*

OUR CHURCH BODY

Shepherd of the Hills proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). The WELS—so-named because it began in Wisconsin—has about 400,000 members, congregations in all 50 states, and missions throughout the world. For more information about WELS go to www.wels.net.