





*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

## The Old Year Now Has Passed Away

*Christian Worship 71*

*stanzas 1,4*

### STAND

**M** In the name of the Holy Trinity, O come, let us worship and bow down;

**C** **Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

**M** O Lord, we thank you for the gift of time: for twenty-four hours in every day, for this time of grace in which we live and are able to learn of our Savior. But often, we do not use our time as wisely as we should. For the time wasted in this past year,

**C** **Forgive us, O Lord!**

**M** For wasting our time on insignificant things and not taking time for those things which are most important,

**C** **Forgive us, O Lord!**

**M** For the seconds during which we have yielded to temptation, when we should have been steadfast in faith,

**C** **Give us pardon, O Lord!**

**M** For the minutes spent in idle talk while the proclamation of your Gospel had to wait,

**C** **Give us pardon, O Lord!**

**M** For days spent following our sinful nature rather than following your will,

**C** **Have mercy upon us, O Lord!**

**M** For years in which we have failed to do all according to your Word, and for your glory,

**C** **Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and teach us to use our time wisely in the coming year, for your glory and for the good of your kingdom. Amen.**

**M** I now ask you before God, "Is this your confession of these and all of your sins?"  
Then answer, "Yes. This is my confession."

**C** **Yes! This is my confession.**

**M** The almighty God, maker of heaven and earth, is your heavenly Father! Through the water and word of holy Baptism, He has called you to be his child. On that first Christmas, He sent his Son Jesus to this earth to be your Brother and Savior. Because of the redemptive work of Jesus, you are forgiven! May God give you strength to live according to his will, this New Year, and always!

**C** **Amen.**

**M** In the peace of forgiveness, we praise the Lord.

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Now Sing We, Now Rejoice**

*Christian Worship 34  
stanzas 1,2*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

# THE WORD

## THE LESSON

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**M** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Help Us, O Lord, for Now We Enter**

*Christian Worship 70*  
*stanzas 1,3*

**SERMON THEME:****God's Faithfulness in the Past Gives Me Confidence for the Future**

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua,  
<sup>2</sup>“Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, <sup>3</sup> and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

<sup>4</sup> So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, <sup>5</sup> and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, <sup>6</sup> to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>7</sup> tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

<sup>8</sup> So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down.

<sup>9</sup> Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

<sup>21</sup> He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their parents, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>22</sup> tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ <sup>23</sup> For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. <sup>24</sup> He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.”

## 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.*

**The Confession of Faith:** *sung to the melody of O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**In God the Father we believe, The Lord of hosts his name.**

**All things from him their form receive; By his strong word they came.**

**By him was all created; In earth and heav'n above.**

**He made them all, things great and small, By his great pow'r and love.**

**In God's Son Jesus we believe. Who came at God's own hour.**

**Whom virgin Mary did conceive; By Holy Spirit's pow'r.**

**He suffered and was buried; Was raised at God's own call,**

**To reign on high, and to draw nigh; At last as Judge of all.**

**In Holy Spirit we believe, And in Christ's Church on earth.**

**The saints, united, faith receive; A gift of precious worth.**

**He sanctifies and keeps us; By his empow'ring love.**

**Forgiven, we the grave shall flee, To live with God above.**

## NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

- M** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the wise men, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging;
- C** **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and hope and salvation to those doomed to death.**
- M** Lord of the Nations and Light of the World, shine like a beacon for us and our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. And open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope.
- C** **Help us and our missionaries flood the whole world with the light of the gospel. Give Your Holy Spirit to those who are being instructed in the faith that they might know and follow Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**
- M** Prince of Peace and Lord of the Church, shepherd and keep us in saving faith. Let your peace rule our hearts, that together we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing love. Watch over our loved ones near and far that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.
- C** **Good Lord, be gracious to all, and lead us to reflect your love in all that we say and do.**
- M** Lord God, ruler of all nations, You watch over and guide all human history for the sake of Your Church. Give wisdom and guidance to all who hold the authority to lead the nations, that their decisions and exercise of power might serve Your purpose and will, bringing about peace and quiet throughout the world. Defend and protect our military personnel who are scattered throughout the world.
- C** **Sustain them through long and lonely days, and, in Your good time, return them safely home to be reunited with their loved ones.**

*Special prayers may follow.*

**M** We thank you for your many blessings during the year that has now come to a close. Behind us lies the path our lives have traveled. Ahead stretches the trail, unknown and unbroken. We know that you are always with us and that you will guide the affairs of our lives for our good.

**C** **May all that we do in the New Year and throughout our lives be done for you.**

**M** Finally bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and, with all your saints and angels, sing the everlasting triumph song.

**C** **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:** (sung to the melody of *Away in a Manager*)

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!**  
**Your kingdom among us, your will be done the same**  
**By mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone:**  
**Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;**  
**As we forgive others, our sins take away;**  
**In times of temptation, to lead us be near;**  
**From evil deliver your children most dear.**

**For yours is the kingdom; o'er all things you reign.**  
**And yours is the power; all things you maintain.**  
**To you be the glory, resounding again**  
**From all of creation, forever! Amen.**

## PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you, his servant.**

**M** Thanks and praise to you, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord. In the Old Testament your faithful people waited for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior that you kept when the time had fully come and you sent Jesus Christ, your Son. Having seen his glory, we now wait for the day of his Second Coming, when he will arrive as the great Judge and King. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C** *(Sung to the tune of " Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" )*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!**  
**Heaven and earth cannot contain All the glory of your name!**  
**Hail, Hosanna, God most high! Blest is he who now draws nigh**  
**In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing:**  
**Hail, Hosanna! Praises due be forever, Lord, to you!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**C** *(Sung to the tune of "From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come")*  
**The night our Savior was betrayed, He took the bread, and when he prayed,**  
**He broke and gave them of the bread And unto his disciples said:**

**M** Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

**C** *(Sung to the tune of "From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come")*  
**Then when the sacred meal was o'er, Our blessed Savior spoke once more: He**  
**offered thanks, and lifted up, To give to all, the blessed cup:**

**M** Take drink from it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



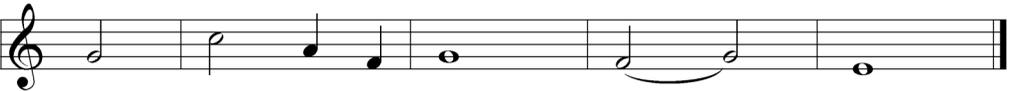
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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

- ✓ *Shepherd of the Hills practices the Christian Church's historic and Bible-based practice of close communion.*

*We ask that only our church members come forward to receive the Sacrament.*

*Guests are respectfully asked to not come forward to receive the Lord's Supper today.*

*If you desire to learn more about The Lord's Supper and receive it with us here at Shepherd of the Hills, please speak to the pastor after the service.*

*During the distribution is a fitting time to pray. Silently speak to God in your own words and thoughts. Remember people in need of help. Think of both spiritual needs and physical needs. These prayers may also be helpful:*

**Before Receiving Communion** - *Lord, I am not entitled to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.*

**After Receiving Communion** - *Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.*

*Note also the prayers on pages 134-139 in the front section of the hymnal.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**From Heaven Above to Earth I Come**  
*Christian Worship 38*

**STAND**

**M** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **THE BLESSING**

**M** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

*BE SEATED*

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**O Lord, Our Father, Thanks and Praise**  
*Christian Worship 72*

*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*

Jamie Sinner, *Organist*

Kevin & Nathan Goforth, *Ushers*

Kevin Goforth, *Elder*

Kevin Goforth, *Bret Bollmeier*

Linda Kennedy, *Altar Care*

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

<b>Today</b> .....	9:30 a.m.	Worship with the Lord's Supper
<b>Saturday</b> .....		Church Cleaners: Lind & Bollmeier
<b>Sunday</b> .....	9:30 a.m.	Worship with the Lord's Supper
	10:45 a.m.	Bible Study & S.S.

**Next Sunday Ushers:** Nelson & Stuht

**Next Sunday Snacks:** Moya & Nelson

**Next Sunday Elder:** Ehrlich

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Adult Bible Class**

No Adult Bible Class this morning. Join us next Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Adult Bible Class.

### **Sunday School**

No Sunday School classes this morning. Sunday will begin again next Sunday. Sunday School is for children age 3 through Grade 8 will meet in the Bible Study Room in the Education Wing at 10:45 a.m.

## **New Year's Sermon Series**

Join us starting January 6 for a four week sermon series entitled *God's "Let us" Plan for a Happy New Year.*

## **Book Club Group**

This month our Book Club Group will be meeting on Saturday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Teen Room. Even if you haven't read the book, come and join us for coffee, treats and great fellowship. The book we will be discussing this month is *Sarah's Quilt* by Nancy E. Turner. Come and join us and see what our next read will be!

## **Thank You**

Thank You to Dan Hohenstein for waxing the Fellowship Hall floors and for filling the pot holes in the parking lot. These projects were funded by Thrivent Funds. Thanks Dan for all of your help.

## **Offering Envelopes & Giving Statements**

Church members can find their 2019 offering envelopes in the Fellowship Hall on the table next to the church mailboxes.

## **Divine Call to Pastor Paul Kuckhahn**

A Divine Call was sent to Pastor Paul Kuckhahn to serve as our new Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills. Pastor Kuckhahn is currently serving at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lewiston, Minnesota and Jehovah Lutheran Church in Altura, Minnesota.

I would encourage all of you to consider taking a few minutes of your time to call Pastor Kuckhahn 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 Kuckhahn, his family and our brothers and sisters in Christ at both St. John's & Jehovah Lutheran and here at Shepherd of the Hills in your prayers.

If you would like to contact Pastor Kuckhahn, his cell phone number is 920-915-9060 or email ([paul.kuckhahn@stjohnslew.org](mailto:paul.kuckhahn@stjohnslew.org)). Keep in mind the 1 hour time difference between here and Minnesota.

# 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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## 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](http://www.wels.net).