





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 and for others.

If you are a guest today, know that we are glad you have joined us for worship, and hope that you will join us again soon. Later in the worship service you'll be asked to fill out your contact information in the worship register binder in your row. We would simply like to thank you for joining us for worship today. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Holtz.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP 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.

WORSHIP SERIES: UNLOCKED

July 1:	The Keeper of the key
July 8:	The kingdom's power
July 15:	The kingdom's foe
July 22:	The kingdom's worth
July 29:	The kingdom's providence
August 5:	The kingdom's protection

TODAY'S FOCUS

The ways of God sometime confuse more than they comfort. At times we are painfully aware that Christ's kingdom "is not of this world." Thankfully, the Lord unlocks the secrets of his heavenly kingdom using simple, down-to-earth terms. He not only reveals the way his kingdom operates, he also convinces us of its beauty and wisdom.

This Sunday we "taste" the kingdom's providence. Jesus miraculously provides food for a massive crowd of people. However, even in this extraordinary act, Jesus involves the ordinary. He starts with a boy's food and employs his disciples as its distributors. In Jesus' heavenly kingdom, his providence for his creation involves the open hearts and willing hands of his creatures.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:44

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

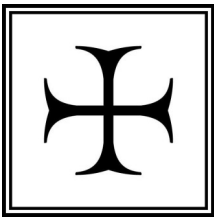
O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord
Christian Worship 533

STAND

Matthew 28:19

M In the name of the Father and of the (✚) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8,9

C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M 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 holy life and innocent death.
Trusting in him, I pray:
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

ABSOLUTION

M 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

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

M In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

M 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.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:1-6

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

² Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³ “Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

⁵ So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!



*The Lord
miraculously
provides for his
prophet.*



PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalms have been used in worship by God's people since the Old Testament.

In Psalm 145 expresses the believers confidence in God's power and willingness to provide all that is needed.

Psalm tone



***Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.***

***One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.***

***The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.***

Refrain

***The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.***

***The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.***

***He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.***

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28-39

He who did not spare his own Son will surely and graciously give us all things.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Because we are about to hear the very words and works of Jesus in the Gospel, the congregation acknowledges the Lord's presence in their midst through the Gospel by standing and singing "Alleluia" (which means "Praise God!").

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



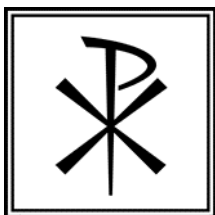
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Jesus demonstrates his power to provide.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

M This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

What God Ordains Is Always Good

Christian Worship 429

SERMON

STAND

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

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

Brief intercessory prayers may be added at the beginning of the prayer.

- M** Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.
- C** **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**
- M** Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.
- C** **Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**
- M** Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.
- C** **Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**
- M** Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.
- C** **Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

M Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

M Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

M 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.

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.

C Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God
Christian Worship 610

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rachel Meyer, *Organist*
Kevin Goforth & Aaron Goforth, *Ushers*
Claretta Coffey, *Altar Care*
Kevin Goforth, *Elder*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Preschool Committee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Outreach Committee Meeting
Saturday		Church Cleaners: Moya & Ehrlich/Kennedy
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship with the Lord's Supper
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School

Next Sunday Ushers: Nelson & Stuh
Next Sunday Snacks: Heller & Henderson
Next Sunday Elder: Ehrlich
Next Sunday Communion Assistant: Ehrlich

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: Classes for children age 3 through Grade 7 will meet in the Bible Study Room in the Education Wing at 10:15 a.m. for "30 Minutes in the Son."

Summer Adult Bible Class: 30 Minutes "In the Son": Summer brings a change in all of our schedules — but it's still a great time to be growing stronger in our faith. This summer we'll gather together to spend 30 minutes "In the Son" on Sunday mornings after worship (10:15 — 10:45 a.m.) The adult class will meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Summer Bible Class Resource "Growing in Grace & Knowledge" is available in the church entryway

Pastor Out of Town: Pastor Holtz will be out of town Monday - Thursday attending a Continuing Education class on Ezekiel. It will be taught by Professor Emeritus John Brug. Professor Brug is the Old Testament editor for the new Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV) Bible translation. He translated and helped produce the Study Bible notes on the book of Ezekiel for the EHV.

If you are in need of pastoral assistance while Pastor is out of town please call or text him at 970-576-1154.

Preschool Cleaning: Our preschool classes will be starting soon and we could use your help in getting some final things cleaned up before classes start. There is a list of about a dozen things to be done by August 13. Choose one or two that interest you and sign your name by your project(s). Please check your project as "completed" when you've finished your project. Thanks.

Position Opening: Beginning immediately, our church leadership will be accepting applications for our open position of *Office Assistant*. Our current Office Assistant is willing to continue working while we find someone for that position, as well as train our newly hired person.

The role of *Office Assistant* is to oversee all activities of the church and preschool office and provide a welcoming, positive, and confidential environment for all visitors during office hours. This position handles many aspects of behind-the-scenes communication, administration, and logistical duties to support the church and its preschool.

A Job Description and Application Form can be found on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Completed applications can be given to Pastor Holtz.

Connect Groups: Your chance to create a Fall *Connect Group* starts today. The Fall *Connect Groups* will run from September 15 - December 15. Have you thought about hosting one?

Connect Groups are an important part of our ministry at SOTH. We want to do more than be a friendly church. We want to be a church of friends. *Connect Groups* are where friendships are made. We have three types of *Connect Groups*: Study Groups, Service Groups, and Social Groups. Would you consider coordinating a connect group? It's not hard (See the information packet that will be handed out by the ushers after the worship service today).

Fill out a *Connect Group* form found in the packet that is in your church mailbox and return it to the Church Office. An online form can also be completed at www.sothgreeley.org. Deadline for completed forms is August 15.

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 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.