



# FALL RETREAT

- Find a clear path forward by taking a step back -



*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: FALL RETREAT

- August 26:** A foundation that never fails  
September 2: Walls that need to come down  
September 9: The problem of pleasure  
September 16: Tolerance vs. true love  
September 23: No limit on letting go

## TODAY'S FOCUS

Sometimes before you can move forward, you have to take a step back to get everyone on the same page. Every fall we see it on the football field. It's just as true for the church. Before sending the church out into the world, Jesus reminded them of what Christianity was all about, and, as a result, what they had to offer.

*"On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."*

*Matthew 16:18*

This Sunday we see that Christianity builds on a foundation that won't fall. The name of the Lord is not just a title that distinguishes the true God from false gods, it is the very definition and who he is. By confessing the name of the Christ, Christianity builds on a foundation that won't fall.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

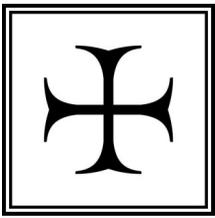
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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN

### In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,



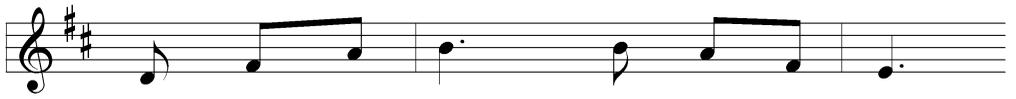
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.



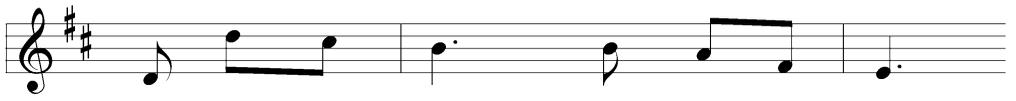
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,



Firm through the fier - est drought and storm.  
Scorned by the ones he came to save.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.

Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

(Fine)

**STAND**

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

*Matthew 28:19*

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M** 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.

*1 John 1:8,9*

**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.

Mark 10:47

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*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.

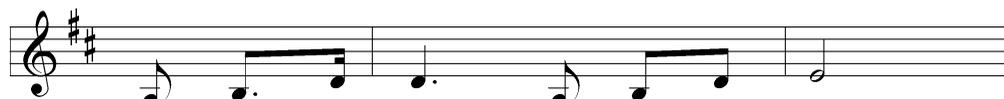
**M** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



**C** 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



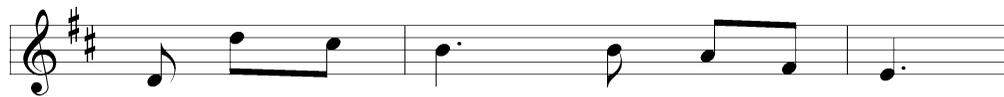
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



For I am his and he is mine—  
Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Lord commands his people to build their lives on the foundation of his word.*

## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

### Deuteronomy 6:1-9

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess,<sup>2</sup> so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.<sup>3</sup> Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

# PSALM OF THE DAY

# Psalm 62



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

*Psalm 62 expresses the believer's firm confidence as he builds on the unshakable foundation of God, our rock.*

## Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

## Psalm tone



*My soul finds rest in God alone;\*  
my salvation comes from him.*

*He alone is my rock and my salvation;\*  
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.*

*Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;\*  
my hope comes from him.*

## Refrain

*Though your riches increase,\*  
do not set your heart on them.*

*My salvation and my honor depend on God;\*  
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.*

*Trust in him at all times, O people;\*  
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.*

*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

All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:5-13

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

STAND

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!”).

### 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!

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 16:13-18**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

**M** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise be to you, O Christ!

*BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head**

*Christian Worship 536*

**SERMON**



*Built on Christ, the  
Church will never  
fall.*

*STAND*

## **APOSTLES CREED**

**C** 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**

### **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**

#### **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

*Christian Worship 382*

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

# SERVING IN WORSHIP

Caryn Heller, *Organist*  
Andy Hinz & Joe Moya, *Ushers*  
Linda Kennedy, *Altar Care*  
Phil Prellwitz, *Elder*

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

<b>Today</b> .....	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
<b>Monday</b> .....	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Circuit Meeting in Loveland
<b>Saturday</b> .....	9:00 a.m.	CPR Class
.....		Church Cleaners: Prenzlow & Henderson
<b>Sunday</b> .....	9:00 a.m.	Worship with the Lord's Supper
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School

**Next Sunday Ushers:** Nelson & Stuht  
**Next Sunday Snacks:** Kennedy & Krafft  
**Next Sunday Elder:** Ehrlich  
**Next Sunday Communion Assistant:** Prellwitz

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Bible Class Starts Today:** Have you ever been curious about the future? Have you wondered if things are going to get better or worse on earth? Have you wondered how the world is going to end? Have you wondered how much time is left for this world?

Then this Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class is for you!

*It's the End of the World as We Know It* will shine a light on what Scripture reveals about the end of the world, Christ's second coming, the resurrection of the body, judgment day, and events leading up to judgment day. Various misconceptions and false teachings about the last days and Christ's return will also be covered. Most important, the central focus of this study is continually on Christ our Savior, who is coming again "soon." Join us, this morning at 10:15 a.m.

**Sunday School:** Classes for children age 3 through Grade 8 will meet in the Bible Study Room in the Education Wing at 10:15 a.m.

**Children's Fall Festival - Save the Date:** This year's Children's Fall Festival will be on Sunday, September 30. We will once again need all of your help. A sign-up sheet for donations and volunteer positions will be posted next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

**Connect Group Sign-up:** Sign-up this Sunday to be a part of this Fall's *Connect Groups*. This Fall's *Connect Groups* are: Women's Book Group, Women's Bible Study, Choir Group and Christmas Lights Group. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall along with Group descriptions.

**T-Shirts:** We will be placing an order for “new” church t-shirts in September. The shirt color will be green with our logo printed across the chest. The shirt material will be the “Thrivent” shirt material.

Our hope is that these shirts would be worn by volunteers at our church events as well as being worn by you in order to get our church name in front of people during the week.

A donation of \$5 per shirt to the “Outreach Fund” (use the *Special Offering* envelope found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall) is recommended to help cover some of the shirt cost.

Order Forms can be found in your church mailbox. Completed Order Forms and donations can be put in the *Tuition Payment* mailbox in the church office area. Order deadline is September 9.

**Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) News:** Mission box offerings for LWMS are due by September 2, please place your donation in Joan Ingmanson's mailbox. Also, there is an offering donation jar on the snack table for our 2 Befriend a Missionary, (Grace in Grenada and Sure Foundation in NYC). May the Lord continue to bless our mission field.

# 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).