





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 grasp the kingdom's worth. Jesus brings up the well-known topic of treasure to teach us that his kingdom is worth more than anything we value in this world. Indeed, those who know God have access to a value system of such infinite worth that their relationship to this world is fundamentally changed for the better. Jesus is our priceless treasure.

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

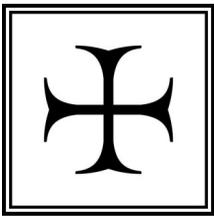
O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy 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 Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

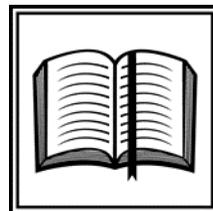
⁶ Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!



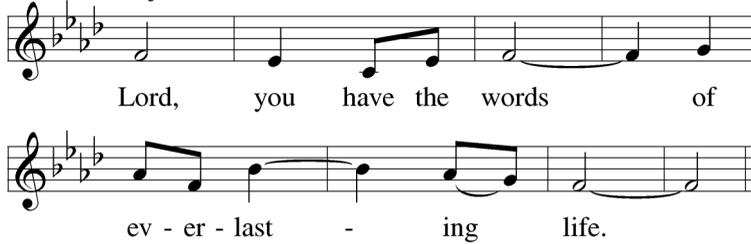
Solomon asks for wisdom rather than wealth.



PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119b

Refrain



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

In Psalm 119, the believer prays that God would turn our hearts from worthless things and keep them devoted to his word and his path.

Psalm tone



Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;
then I will keep them to the end.*

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.*

Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.*

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your Word.*

Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.*

How I long for your precepts!
Preserve my life in your righteousness.*

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

1 Timothy 6:17-21

Lay up treasures in the coming age rather than trusting the treasures of the present one.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

²⁰ Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith. Grace be with you all.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to 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!

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!").



*Christians consider
Christ their
greatest treasure.*

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴“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.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

M This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Depends on Our Possessing

Christian Worship 421

SERMON

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

- 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

What Is the World to Me
Christian Worship 477

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

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Elizabeth Hohenstein, *Pianist*
Andy Hinz & Joe Moya, *Ushers*
Claretta Coffey, *Altar Care*
Phil Prellwitz, *Elder*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Faculty Meeting
Saturday		Church Cleaners: McKenna & Cox/Huggans
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class and Sunday School

Next Sunday Ushers: Goforth
Next Sunday Snacks: Ehrlich & Gerken
Next Sunday Elder: Goforth
Next Sunday Communion Assistant: Goforth

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

Retro T-Shirts: “Retro” Shepherd of the Hills Grade School t-shirts are available for free on the table in the Fellowship Hall. T-shirts are Adult Small.

Also available for free are Thrivent “Live Generously” t-shirts of all sizes. Help yourself.

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.

WELS Marriage Enrichment: Routine maintenance pays off. You change oil in your car to keep it running longer. Give your marriage the attention it needs to flourish and run all the way to the end. Let the upcoming WELS Marriage Enrichment and Get-Away Weekend, Mysterious Marriage, help you. Spend the weekend growing closer to your Savior and each other at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Breckenridge, CO, October 5-7, 2018. See the poster in the Fellowship Hall or visit www.wels.net/adult-discipleship.

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.

FaithBuilders: *FaithBuilders* is our basic Bible course which covers the four key concepts of the Bible: Sin, Grace, Faith, and Works. *FaithBuilders* is for people interested in becoming members of Shepherd of the Hills, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. This study is offered quarterly. Please speak to or email Pastor Holtz (pastor@sothgreeley.org) if you'd like to attend the next session.

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.

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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.