

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELS)**

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**WELCOME!**

We are happy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be blessed by God's Word while you are here, and that you will leave with the peace of his devoted love for you, the forgiveness of your sins, and the promise of eternal life. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know!

**WE'RE GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN!** Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) We know that having little children in church can be a challenge. Don't worry; many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes. We reserve the last two pews on either side for parents with young children. We also provide children's bulletins with fun activities that help keep little folks occupied and learning. If you need to take your child out of church, you can go outside the sanctuary, where you will still be able to hear and observe the worship service. There is also a "Quiet Room" to your right as you exit the sanctuary. Your fellow worshippers are happy that you have your children at worship, but also appreciate your sensitivity to how a fussing child or loud playing can make it difficult to concentrate during worship.

In our 10:30 a.m. worship service we provide child care in our classroom space (down the hall to the left as you exit the sanctuary) from following the Children's Lesson until the end of the service so parents can focus on the message for the day. When dropping off your child, please let the adult in charge that week know where you are located in the church in case the provider needs to come and get you for any reason. Parents are also asked to come and pick up your children right after church is over, please don't wait to be ushered out. Thank you.

**PLEASE SIGN THE PEW REGISTER** located at the end of each row. Members may simply sign and check "member" and also "communing", if applicable today. Sign and check "regularly attending non-member" if that applies to you and check "communing today" if that applies. Visitors are asked to check "visitor" and any of the other columns, which may apply and fill out a "Guest Card" located in the pew register and return it to the box in the narthex (*hanging on the wall to the left as you exit*). Member families are reminded to sign one line per confirmed member.

**RESTROOMS AND CHANGING TABLE**

Restrooms are in the education/fellowship area. Head left as you exit the sanctuary and take a left at the end of the hallway. A changing table is located in the "Quiet Room."

**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Large print worship materials and large print hymnals are together and available in the maroon colored binders on the ushers stand or ask an usher for assistance. A "loop system" provides amplification of the service sent directly to enabled hearing aids. Open spaces are provided throughout the sanctuary for those using wheelchairs.

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**BE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST**



**Find Your Identity And Calling In Christ**

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**THE WELCOME** (*Pastor Norman Burger, Jr.*)

**THE INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSES AND RESPONSES**

**P:** In the name of the "Father of the heavenly lights," (*James 1:17*) and of the Son, who is the "Light of the world," (*John 8:12*) and of the Holy Spirit, who works through the gospel, "to give us the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Christ." (*2 Corinthians 4:6*)

**C:** (*Sung*) **Amen!**

**P:** Arise! Shine! For your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

**C:** **The darkness of sin and unbelief blankets the earth.**

**P:** But you are honored to live in the Light of the Lord.

**C:** **His glory and grace are shining on us.**

**P:** Let us reflect the light of God's love,

**C:** **So that others may live in his light!**

**OPENING HYMN: 709 CWS** "Christ, Your Footprints Through  
The Desert" (*see insert*)

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

**P:** God's holy law has opened our eyes to see our sinfulness and need for a Savior. Let us then confess our sins and ask forgiveness in Jesus' name.

**C:** **O Most Merciful God, we confess that our thinking, speaking, and behavior has been darkened by sin. We admit that we do not deserve to live in the light of your presence. But since you have given your only Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for his sake, forgive us all our sins. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the light of Christ that we may have comfort and peace, and also strength to turn from sin and live for your glory.**

**P:** Having heard your confession, and at Christ's command 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. Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you!

*(Sung immediately)*

**HYMN 82:1** "Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise"

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the Magi from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem,  
In your birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to you addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

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Almighty God, you fulfilled your promise to come to serve and save us in Jesus Christ. Empower us by your Spirit to fulfill our calling to share in his mission to serve and save others, for the glory of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*(Please be seated)*

## THE CHILDREN'S OBJECT LESSON:

*(Children may come forward and be seated on the altar platform steps. Parents of very young children may wish to accompany them and sit with them. Parent's with young children at our 10:30 a.m. service may take their children to the Sunday School room immediately following the Children's Object Lesson, please see note on page 1 of our service folder.)*

## THE WORD

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## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 61:1-6

The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to preach good news to the afflicted.  
He sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release for those who are bound,  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance for our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion,  
to give them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy instead of mourning, *continued....*

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a cloak of praise instead of a faint spirit,

so that they will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD to display his beauty.

<sup>4</sup>Then they will rebuild ancient ruins.

They will raise up what was formerly devastated,  
and they will renew ruined cities,  
which have been devastated for generations.

<sup>5</sup>Strangers will stand and shepherd your flock,  
and foreigners will be your farmers and vinedressers.

<sup>6</sup>You will be called the LORD's priests.

You will be named ministers of our God.

You will eat the wealth of nations,  
and you will boast about their riches.

**Lesson Notes:**

*Isaiah (an Israelite prophet from the early 700s) foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of God's chosen people as a result of their rejection of the Lord, but also their return from exile. He also foretold the greatest deliverance of all- salvation from sin and death- through the promised Savior. Here, Isaiah records the Savior's own words about what he would come to do, and the impact of his mission: the uniting of Jews and Gentiles (called "foreigners" and "nations" here) in the Christian Church.*

**For Personal Consideration Or Family Discussion:**

*Consider what the promised Savior says he will do when he comes. Then think about/discuss what draws people to Jesus. Consider also what the promised Savior says about how Gentiles (like you and me) will help build the Christian church by using their talents and wealth to bring the gospel to others. What opportunities do you have here in this church or beyond to do just that?*

**THE VERSE OF THE DAY**

P: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia. (*Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV*)

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!

**THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-21, 26, 27**

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup>For by one Spirit we all were baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free people, and we were all caused to drink one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>Furthermore, the body is not one member, but many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not part of the body," it does not on that account cease to be part of the body. <sup>16</sup>If the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not part of the body," it does not on that account cease to be part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But now God has arranged the members in the body, each and every one of them, as he desired. <sup>19</sup>If they were all one member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>But as it is, there are many members, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need for you," or again the head to the feet, "I have no need for you."

<sup>26</sup>So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it, or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

<sup>27</sup>You are the body of Christ, and individually you are members of it.

**Lesson Notes:**

Paul describes the sum total of believers in Jesus as “the body of Christ.” Christ serves us by uniting us in faith in him so we can help, support, and serve each other. Like the various parts of a human body each have an important function that benefits the entire body, so also each of us are uniquely placed and gifted by God in the body of Christ for our mutual benefit as we serve each other.

**For Personal Consideration Or Family Discussion:**

This lesson reminds us of our unity as believers in Jesus. What can threaten that unit...in our culture? In the attitudes and actions of believers you are connected to? In you? How does Christ work in us the right attitudes and actions so we keep loving, forgiving, appreciating, and serving each other?

**THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 4:14-21** (Please stand)

<sup>14</sup>Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through all the surrounding area. <sup>15</sup>He was teaching in their synagogues and being honored by everyone.

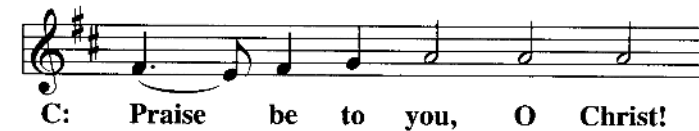
<sup>16</sup>He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. As was his custom, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he anointed me to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,

<sup>19</sup>and to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.

<sup>20</sup>He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup>He began to tell them, “Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

After the gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Please be seated)

**Lesson Notes:**

Two weeks ago we learned that the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus at his baptism. We see the power of Jesus in his powerful message: The good news that God has come to show his grace (favor) and set his people free from the tyranny of sin, guilt, death, hell and the devil. Good news embodied in Jesus himself!

**For Personal Consideration Or Family Discussion:**

It took boldness- from God’s Spirit- for Jesus to announce in that synagogue filled with people who had watched him grow up, “I am the fulfillment of Scripture. I am the promised Savior Isaiah wrote about.” It takes boldness from the Spirit for us to confess before others that Jesus is the promised Savior. Why is that? What does the Spirit use to make us passionate about doing that, despite our fears?

**THE SERMON HYMN: 533** "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

**THE SERMON TEXT (The Epistle Lesson): 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26,27**

(Printed on pages 6-7)

**THE SERMON**

(Following the sermon, please stand)

P: The peace of God which transcends understanding will guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED** (Spoken by the congregation)

**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. *(Please be seated)*

## THE GATHERING OF OUR THANK-OFFERINGS

*Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please stand)*

P: Almighty God, we thank you for giving us your Spirit to show us how your Son fulfilled the Scriptures, so we can be confident that he is the promised Savior and be certain of our salvation in him.

C: **By your Spirit make us confident of who we are as your children, and as brothers and sisters in the faith, that we may honor Christ in acts of selfless love for each other and in selfless service in the mission of proclaiming your saving gospel.**

P: To that end, grant us faithful pastors, teachers, missionaries and church workers.

C: **And give to us government leaders that truly work for the welfare of all citizens.**

P: Bless and keep safe those who serve us in the armed forces, or as police, firefighters, and first responders.

C: **Provide what is needed for the hungry and homeless, the widowed and orphaned, all those in prison, the mentally ill, those struggling with addiction, those who live in solitude, and all who are without hope in Christ.**

P: Show your grace to the sick and the hospitalized, the dying and grieving. We ask for your mercy today for \_\_\_\_\_ and for all those who care for them.

C: **Show your Fatherly care to children, including those who are unborn, those awaiting adoption, and those in foster care. Give us a high respect for life at any age.**

P: Finally, Lord we thank you for the faithful who now rest from their labors and who modeled for us lives of faith. Until you bring us to heaven to join them in your presence, hear us as we pray:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken by the congregation)*

**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 CLOSING PRAYER:

P: 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.



## THE CLOSING BLESSING:

P: 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*(Please be seated)*

## THE CLOSING HYMN: 492 "Son Of God, Eternal Savior"

*Following the announcements, please take the time to greet your fellow worshipers around you.*

***Organist: Bill Stiefel***

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Believing that God has called us to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), we at Shepherd of the Hills will share God's Word through daily contacts and outreach to the community and beyond, while providing a caring and nurturing atmosphere in which to learn more about our Savior and to better serve Him.*

### PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR:

*If you will be going into the hospital, please let either Pastor Burger or Pastor Tullberg know so that they can visit you. Please also let one of them know when any friends or acquaintances of the congregation are ill. If you would like a special prayer offered for a friend, relative, etc. during the worship service, please inform Pastor Burger or Pastor Tullberg. Both pastors are also available for counseling as needed.*

# 709 CWS "Christ, Your Footprints Through The Desert"

1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to  
 2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by  
 3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at  
 4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with

Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you  
 Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though  
 last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up -  
 Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us,

heard the her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's  
 sin - less, with your peo - ple In the  
 on the cross for - sak - en, You ful -  
 claimed us, cleansed, for - giv - en Through the

old pro - phet - ic dream: "He is com - ing! He is  
 riv - er's cleans - ing flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens  
 filled the Fa - ther's will. Lamb of God, we see you  
 wa - ter and the Word. Help us hear your ur - gent

com - ing! He will cleanse the earth with  
 o - pened; Came the Spir - it as a  
 dy - ing, Sin - less, yet for sin - ners  
 sum - mons, Call - ing us to serve you

flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the  
 dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all  
 slain. But where death rose up to  
 now. Send us forth, your sons and

wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"  
 hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"  
 tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!  
 daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.