

**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 worshipers 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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated in our service today. Guests are asked to refer to the note at that point in our service before communing.

OUR SERVICE

THE WELCOME (*Pastor Joel Tullberg*)

ORDER OF SERVICE: Common Service, found on **page 15** in the front of our hymnals.

OPENING HYMN: 93 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: 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: A - men. (*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 66:18-24

¹⁸As for me, because of their works and their thoughts, the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages. They will come, and they will see my glory.

¹⁹Then I will set up a sign among them, and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers, to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands, who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory. Then they will declare my glory among the nations.

²⁰Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house. ²¹Even from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD.

²²For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will stand. ²³As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD.

²⁴They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them.

For Personal Consideration Or Family Discussion:

1. What is being described in these verses?
2. What important point is the Lord making through Isaiah?

THE EPISTLE LESSON (Sermon Text): Hebrews 12:18–24

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, ¹⁹to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, ²⁰because they could not endure what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." ²¹The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

²²Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly;

²³to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people, who have been made perfect; ²⁴to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

For Personal Consideration Or Family Discussion:

1. What does the scene described in verses 18-21 represent?
2. What does Mount Zion represent and by what means can we approach this "mountain?"

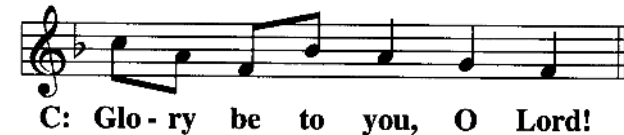
VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. (1 Timothy 1:10b cf. NIV)



THE GOSPEL

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:22–30 (Please stand)

²²He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone said to him, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?"

He said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open for us!' He will tell you in reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷And he will say, 'I don't know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.' ²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside.

29 People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. 30 And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

following the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

For Personal Consideration Or Family Discussion:

1. Why does Jesus describe the entrance into heaven as being a "narrow door," and how does one enter through this narrow door?
2. True or false: Many people will be surprised come day of judgment that they stand condemned.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED *(Spoken by the congregation)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him
all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF THE DAY: 384 "By Grace I'm Saved"

SERMON TEXT (The Epistle Lesson): Hebrews 12:18-24 *(Printed on pages 3-4)*

THE SERMON

(Following the sermon)

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



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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.

As the offering is gathered we ask that you please sign the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank you!

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

P: "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing." We thank you, Heavenly Father, that you have fulfilled those words in our lives. We gather here today as those who lack no good thing.

C: We also have the ability to enjoy what you have supplied because we live with the knowledge that, in Jesus, you have forgiven all our sins and called us to be your own. Even the difficulties we have are blessings because we know that you will use them for our good.

P: We pray, O Lord, on behalf of those who do not know you. Cause your Word to be proclaimed to them that they may hear of your love and promises and what you have done to redeem them to be your own.

C: Send your Holy Spirit into their hearts to believe the good news so that their lips may confess that Jesus is Lord.

P: Lord Jesus, your disciples called you "Rabbi" because you were their teacher. A new school year is upon us. Be with students and teachers as they return to the classroom.

C: Enable those taught to acquire the knowledge, skills, and wisdom that will let them serve your purposes in our world; enable those who teach to do so with diligence and excellence.

P: We intercede, O Lord, on behalf of those who are struggling with any of the difficulties that come to us in life because we are sinners living in a sinful world: sickness, mental or physical disability, financial reversals, family turmoil and strife, or any other challenge.

C: Whether you grant them relief or allow them to struggle a little longer, allow them to see your hand and your love

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

P: Heavenly Father, you are able to do immeasurably more than we can either ask or imagine, accept these and all our other prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings in the name of your Son who has taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(Spoken immediately 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 SACRAMENT, found on **page 21** in the front of our hymnals.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We practice "Close Communion", which means that we follow God's will (1 Corinthians 1:10 & 10:17) to express unity in our beliefs by communing with those who have been instructed in and share our Biblical convictions.

We therefore ask our guests who are not members of our church or denomination (the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) to refrain from communing until you have had the opportunity to learn about our teachings and beliefs and express agreement. One of the pastors is eager to speak with you about this if you have any questions. We welcome the opportunity to share with others our faith and our fellowship.

COMMUNION HYMN: 309 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

(Following the distribution, please stand)

SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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)

CLOSING HYMN: 539 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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

Organist: Ken Axtell

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.