



The Lord's Day

September 13, 2026 at 9:30am (EDT, UTC-04)

Leading us in worship this morning:

Richard Murray, Elder; Michael Rupke, Assisting Elder
Leo Ortel, Deacon & Liturgist
Mary Baker, Organist
Randall Engle, Pastor
Carol Kenney, Pianist
Willie Yuhas, Technician

Gathering Music: *Here I Am, Lord* Daniel Schutte, arr. Janet Linker

***Our Call to Worship:**

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Our help is in the name of the Lord
All: who made heaven and earth.
One: This is the day the Lord has made;
All: we will rejoice and be glad in it.
One: O Lord, open our lips,
All: And our mouths shall declare Your praise.

***Our Opening Psalm:** *O Worship the King* (Psalm 104) Hymnal 2

***God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings**

A common greeting, used by Christians for millennia, is "The Lord be with you" or "God's peace";
the response, "And also with you."

We Commit Ourselves to God

The Recognition of 2026–2027 Teaching Staff

***Our Thanks:** *Tell Your Children* Hymnal 314

Our Morning Offerings are Received

God Speaks to Us

The Scripture Lesson: Matthew 18:21–35 The Bible, page 1527

One: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon: *Forgiving Right*

Our Morning Prayers

God Feeds Us

The Thanksgiving:



Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right for us to give thanks.**

**It is our joy and our peace at all times
and in all places to give thanks to You,
Holy Father,**

**Almighty,
Everlasting God,
through Christ our Lord.**

Minister: We bless You for Your continual love . . .

Therefore with the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth
we worship and glorify You, God most holy, and we sing with joy:

People (singing hymnal 538:4):

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky and sea

Holy, holy, holy merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity

The Institution

The Memorial

People: We shall do as our Lord commands.
We proclaim that our Lord Jesus was sent by the Father into the world, that He took upon Himself our flesh and blood, and bore the wrath of God against our sin.

We confess that He was condemned to die that we might be pardoned, and suffered death that we might live.

We proclaim that He is risen to make us right with God, and that He shall come again in the glory of His new creation. This we do now, and until He comes again.

Prayer of Consecration

The Invitation

The Communion:

You may come forward to receive the elements from the Pastor and Elder; the assisting Elder will usher you forward when it is time. If you prefer not to receive the elements, cross your arms as a signal. The instrumentalists will first offer Jesus Loves Me arranged by Albin Whitworth.

Then the organist will lead our devotion. When it's time to conclude, we'll all sing stanza 1 of Jesus Loves Me (Hymnal 709).

The Prayer after Communion (prayed together):

Almighty God, we thank You for feeding us
with the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ.
Through Him we offer You our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of Your Holy Spirit
to live and work
to Your praise and glory.
Amen.

*God's Blessing

***Our Closing Hymn:** *Here I Am, Lord* Hymnal 869

*The Organ Postlude

Blessed to be a Blessing!

You have been fed and blessed by God!
You are now invited to take flowers from the picnic tables to bless someone else.

Join us for the church picnic.

Adult Education Opportunities

2026–2027

Sundays:



Pastor Jim Vander Slik will lead an in depth, interactive study on the book of I Corinthians. Bring your own Bible! The sessions meet at 11:00am in the church Council Room.

Pastor Engle leads an overview of the Reformed, Christian faith using the *Heidelberg Catechism* as a guide. This group is intergenerational, and a good introduction to the teachings of North Hills Church. The group meets in the Pastor's office.



Wednesdays:

The 10:00am **Women's Bible study** draws women both from North Hills Church and our community. The group is currently working through the book of Acts.

6:30pm **Joys of Recovery** is an Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets in our Fellowship Hall.



7:00pm online sermon discussion group is hosted by **Judy Hunsberger**. Email Judy at judy.hunsberger@gmail.com to receive meeting code and password.

Thursdays:

New for this year, **Debtors Anonymous** meets at 4:00pm in the Director of Youth and Administration (DYA) office.

Debtors Anonymous is a free, peer support fellowship to help individuals who struggle with compulsive debting, overspending, under-earning, and financial avoidance.



Men's Bible study attendees meet biweekly for a light dinner at 5:30pm in the Council Room, and begin Bible study at 6:00pm.

A brochure with the complete schedule—exact meeting dates, locations, and time—is in your church mailbox, and available online at our website.

O Worship the King

PSALM 104

G C D G

1 O wor-ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the
3 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

G/B D7 G D

sing his power and his love: our shield and de - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -

D7 G G/B D7

An - cient of Days, pa - vil-ioned in splen-dor and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der-clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
scends to the plain, and sweet-ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

5 O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

For another setting of Ps. 104 see 11

Words: Robert Grant, 1833, alt, P.D.

Music (LYONS 10.10.11.11): W. Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; attr. Johann Michael Haydn, P.D.

Tell Your Children

E^b Gm A^bmaj7 B^b7 Cm A^b E^b/B^b B^b

1 God the Fa-ther, God of glo-ry, mir-a-cles, and mys-te-ry;
 2 Lift the fal-len, feed the hun-gry; God pro-vides for ev-ery-thing.
 3 Awe-in-spir-ing deeds of splen-dor— these pro-claim his might-y power;

E^b Gm A^bmaj7 B^b7 Cm A^b E^b/B^b B^b7 E^b

gen-er-a-tions all a-dore him, God the same through his-to-ry.
 He is fair and full of kind-ness, sav-ing those who call him King.
 in-ter-wov-en with com-pas-sion is his strength for ev-ery hour.

Refrain A^b B^b7 Gm7 Cm Fm7 B^b E^b

Par-ents, tell your chil-dren, age to age the same.

E^b9 A^b Gsus G Cm A^b Gm7 Cm

Glo-ri-fy the liv-ing Lord a-bove, mag-ni-fy his

Fm7 Gsus G B^b7 Gm7 Cm Fm B^b7 E^b

ho-ly name, mag-ni-fy his ho-ly name.

538 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Descant

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 D Bm A D G D

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! ly!
 A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! ly!
 D Bm A D G D

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,

Words: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt., P.D.

Music (NICAEA 11.12.10): John B. Dykes, 1861; desc. David McK. Williams (1887-1978), P.D.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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 who wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The musical score is written for three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major (one sharp) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a melody with a long note on 'Trin' and a final note on 'ty!'. The middle staff is a guitar accompaniment in G major, showing chords Bm, D, G, D7, G, and A7. The bottom staff is a bass line in G major, providing harmonic support with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line corresponding to the vocal melody and the subsequent lines providing additional text for the piece.

Jesus Loves Me

C G C F C

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me— he who died heav - en's gate to o - pen wide.
 3 Je - sus loves me, this I know, as he loved so long a - go,

G C F C C/G G7 C

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
 He will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain F C G

Refrain
 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

C F C/G G7 C

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Words: st. 1-2 Anna B. Warner, 1859, st. 3 David R. McGuire, 1971, P.D.

Music (JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7 refrain 5.5.5.6): William B. Bradbury, 1861, P.D.

Here I Am, Lord

G C/G G C/G G D

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em Am7 C Am Am7/G D/F# D7/C

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

G C/G G C/G G D

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em Am7 C Am G/B C D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain D G Gsus G C/G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

G Am7 G/B Am/C

I have heard you call - ing in the night.

D G Gsus G C/E

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

G Am7 D7 G Gsus G

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Optional prayer of blessing for commissioning

God of all grace,
 we bless and thank you for the call
 you have given to your servant(s) [names].
 We bless and thank you for
 prompting of your Spirit
 which equips *them* to respond in faith.
 Continue to pour out your Spirit upon *them*.
 Bring forth in and through *them* the fruit of
 love, joy, and peace; patience, kindness, and

goodness; faithfulness, gentleness,
 and self-control.

**May this harvest of righteousness
 be multiplied**

in every ministry,

every prayer,

every opportunity

for service to which you lead *them*.

In Jesus name, Amen.