



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church- ELCA

"Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving"

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Dwelling in the World Service

November 15, 2020

NOTE: Bold text indicates worshippers' response

GATHERING

WELCOME and MINISTRY MOMENT

Today's service is adapted from a prayer service created by Erin Nelson, NWSWI Synod Minister

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP – *THE LIGHT ENTERS INTO OUR HEARTS, LIVES & WORLD*

Breath Prayer – by Dr. Mary Hess – Luther Seminary

Breathe in the breath of God

Breathe out your cares and concerns

Breathe in the love of God

Breathe out your doubts and despairs

Breathe in the life of God

Breathe out your fears and frustrations

We sit quietly before the One who gives life and love to all creation

We sit in awe of the One who formed us in our mother's wombs

We sit at peace surrounded by the One who fills every fibre of our being

Breathe in the breath of God

Breathe out your tensions and turmoil

Breathe in the love of God

Breathe out your haste and hurry

Breathe in the life of God

Breathe out your work and worry

We sit quietly before the One who gives life and love to all creation,

We sit in awe of the One who formed us in our mother's wombs

We sit at peace surrounded by the One who fills every fibre of our being

CALL TO WORSHIP *From "In the Breath, Another Breathing" by Jan Richardson*

ONE: Let it be that on this day we will expect no more of ourselves than to keep breathing with the bewildered cadence of lungs that will not give up the ghost.

ALL: Let it be we will expect little but the beating of our heart, stubborn in its repeating rhythm that will not cease to sound.

ONE: Let it be that we will still ourselves enough to hear what may yet come to echo: as if in the breath, another breathing; as if in the heartbeat another heart.

ALL: Let it be we will not try to fathom what comes to meet us in the stillness but simply open to the mystery we hardly dare to dream.



GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *By Reverend Nadia Bolz-Weber*

Dear God, If anxiety produced a sound, it would be deafening right now.

Open our ears to the sounds we need most.

If fear could be seen, it would be obscuring everything else right now.

Open our eyes to the sights we need most.

If sorrow could be tasted, the bitterness would overcome me.

Open our mouths to the sweetness we need.

Help us remember that you are in the other side of today, no matter what.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

DWELLING IN THE WORLD TOGETHER

EPHESIANS 4:30-32

From The Living Bible Translation

³⁰ Don't cause the Holy Spirit sorrow by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who marks you to be present on that day when salvation from sin will be complete. ³¹ Stop being mean, bad-tempered, and angry. Quarreling, harsh words, and dislike of others should have no place in your lives. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ.

***Music played by Jennifer as we spend a moment in thought or aloud at home

Where have you encountered God in the past week?
*What is one way that **forgiveness** was shared with you in the past week?*
*What is one way you have shared **forgiveness** with the world in the past week?*

PSALM 46

From The New Living Translation

¹ God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

² **So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

³ Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

⁴ **A river brings joy to the city of our God, the sacred home of the Most High.**

⁵ God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed. From the very break of day, God will protect it.

6 The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble! God's voice thunders, and the earth melts!

⁷ The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world."

¹¹ The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

***Music played by Jennifer as we spend a moment in thought or aloud at home

Where have you encountered God in the past week?

What is one way the marvels of God were shared with you in the past week?

What is one way you have shared the marvels of God with the world in the past week?

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9

From The Message Bible

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

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Where have you encountered God in the past week?

*What is one way that **prayer** was shared with you in the past week?*

*What is one way you have shared **prayer** with the world in the past week?*

GOSPEL OF JOHN 14:15-27

From the New Revised Standard Version

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." ²² Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

***Music played by Jennifer as we spend a moment in thought or aloud at home

Where have you encountered God in the past week?
*What is one way **peace** was shared with you in the past week?*
*What is one way you have shared **peace** with the world in the past week?*

OFFERING PRAYER God, our Creator, **you open wide your hands and satisfy the needs of every living creature. We thank you and bless you for your tender nurture and care. Through the gifts we give to our congregations and others who serve their neighbors, help us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bring justice to the oppressed in our world. Help us to boldly go where you send us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Please respond* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Remembering Christ's life, death and resurrection we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us: **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We are looking for help to decorate the church's Christmas tree on Sunday, November 29th after worship, or during the day Mon. 11/30 or Dec. 12/1
Blue Christmas Worship Wed. 12/2/20 7pm in person and LIVE on FB

BENEDICTION

May the God who knows your sorrow, your grief, your fear, your weariness, and your pain; bring you the healing, energy, peace, joy and gladness you need in the week to come. May you be strengthened for the journey to be a blessing to others. In the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN WOV#748

Bind Us Together

(refrain) Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together in love

There is only God there is only one King
There is only one body that is why we can sing (refrain)

You are the family of God You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine (refrain)

DISMISSAL Go with God's peace before you, behind you, beside you and within you. **Thanks be to God.**

SCHEDULE /ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Sunday | 10am | Worship |
| Monday | 7pm | AA Meeting |
| Tuesday | 4-6pm | Sunday School lesson pick-up at back door |
| | 4-6pm | Food Pantry |
| Wednesday | 2pm | LIVE with God on Facebook (short worship) |
| | 6pm | 7 th -8 th grade Confirmation Learn @ Home day |
| Friday | 10am-12pm | Food Pantry |
| Sunday | 10am | Worship |
| Monday | 6:30pm | Church Council Meeting |
| | 7pm | AA Meeting |

Sunday worship live on Facebook and posted later at www.sothem.org

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