



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church- ELCA

“Encouraging faith and proclaiming God’s love by Gathering, Growing and Giving”

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

November 8, 2020

NOTE: Bold text indicates worshipers’ response

GATHERING

WELCOME and MINISTRY MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Book of Joshua chapter 24*)

ONE: God is the creator,

ALL: And we are the created.

ONE: We are in a covenant relationship with God.

ALL: It is a relationship of love, respect, and dedication to a divine cause.

ONE: Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve God with sincerity and faithfulness

ALL: Therefore we will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

ONE: Choose this day whom you will serve

ALL: As for our households, we will serve the Lord.

* P: The grace of the 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 O God of justice and love, **you light our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

The Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter, **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ. A reading from 1st Thessalonians, chapter 4

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Are we prepared? Jesus could return any day now?*
MUSIC TO MEDITATE ON *Listen and be filled with God's peace.*

Pastor Mary Eide
Jennifer Kinblom

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Or, He descended to the dead.

GIVING

NOTE: Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can be mailed in – OR - go to GIVE tab on our website (www.sothem.org) to make a one time or reoccurring donation. (Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739

* GENEROSITY STORY TIME

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Created in the image of God, **we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world. Bless the gifts we offer so they may all be be used in your service and to your glory. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (P: Lord in your mercy... **All: Hear our prayer**)

* LORD'S PRAYERS

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday School lessons for Advent and Christmas are available now for 3 year-olds through 6th graders. Pick up on Tuesday 11/10 from 3pm to 6pm at the rear door of the church.

RUBY'S PANTRY next Saturday Nov. 14th **here at church**. Our guests will remain outside in their vehicles. Our volunteers will be both inside and outside of the church building. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!! Contact Vicki Adams at 715-563-3730 if you will be able to volunteer.

* BLESSING May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give us reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #699 Blessed Assurance verses 1 and 3

* DISMISSAL Go in peace knowing Jesus Christ is with you always. **Thanks be to God.**

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SCHEDULE /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	10am	Worship
Tuesday	3-6pm	Sunday School lesson pick-up at back door
	4-6pm	Food Pantry
	6pm	Finance Meeting
Wednesday	2pm	LIVE with God on Facebook (short worship)
	6pm	7 th -8 th grade Confirmation ZOOM class
Friday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Saturday	6:30-10:30am	Ruby's Volunteer
	8:30-10am	Ruby's Pantry distribution
Sunday	10am	Worship
Sunday worship live on Facebook and posted later at www.sothem.org		

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Blessed Assurance

Singing verses 1 and 3

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

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