



**Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA**

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Holy Communion Sunday*

March 7, 2021

NOTE: **Bold text indicates worshippers' response**, and \*' means please stand as able  
*Feel free to add you prayer requests on our Facebook page*

PRELUDE

Jennifer Kinblom

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

\* 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.**

\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ the one God who is a source of unwavering love and divine treasures, who is our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.** God encourages us to share our joys and sorrows in the faith practice of prayer, which brings us closer to God. **In obedience to God, we humbly turn our hearts, minds, and lives to you.** *Silence is kept for reflection.* Fountain of living water, **wash away our sin which weighs us down, so we may feel the freedom of your forgiveness. Help us to understand and appreciate the treasures you have given us. Make it clear to us if our hearts are filled with desire for things that easily lose their value, break, or distract us away from you. Forgive us for the times we have ignored you, or have not been willing to make our relationship with you a priority in our lives.** Beloved of God, hear this Good News...God's love and forgiveness never fails. By the grace of God, and the saving love of Jesus Christ, your sins are ✚ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy God, heavenly Father, **you have created all that we see, all that we are, and you offer us an abundance of treasures for our lives. Thank you for it all! We ask that the Holy Spirit inspire us to understand Jesus' words, "For where your treasure is, thee your heart will be also." May we learn how to daily treasure our relationship with you. Amen.**

GROWING

*At some point in our lives, many of us have wondered, "What else do I need to do to secure the promise of eternal life with God?" We are **so certain** it is up to US to make sure it will happen. Hear Jesus' response to a rich man who asks him the question that is burning in his heart.*

\*The Gospel according to Matthew, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> Then someone came to him and said, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" <sup>17</sup> And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." <sup>18</sup> He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear

false witness; <sup>19</sup> Honor your father and mother; also, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>20</sup> The young man said to him, "I have kept all these; what do I still lack?" <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>24</sup> Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>25</sup> When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>26</sup> But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

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

SERMON *It's not about what we DO, but what Jesus HAS DONE!*

Pastor Mary Eide

*FIRST COMMUNION Brayden Zillmer, Dru Schiszik and Logan Osborne*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**LORD'S PRAYER** **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**

*(At this time Brayden, Dru, Logan and their families will be asked forward to receive communion.)*

MUSIC TO MEDITATE ON *Listen and be filled with God's peace.*

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.*

\* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS *(Pastor: As one people we pray, **ALL: Have mercy, O God.**)*

### GIVING

\* OFFERING PRAYER Dear Jesus, **you have created, and you have lived among the created. We thank you for the love, life and light you've given us. We give of our time, talents and treasures to support your work that is being done in and through this congregation. We give as a faith practice and an act of trust in you. Amen.**

**NOTE: Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can be mailed to (Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739 – OR – by going on our website ([www.sothem.org](http://www.sothem.org)) to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus is easy!**

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING You are what God made you to be: holy and loved, free to serve your neighbor. God bless you ✝ that you may be a blessing to others, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

\* ELW #494, LBW #200 SENDING HYMN "*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*" next page

\* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

\* POSTLUDE

#### SCHEDULE

Today	10:00am	- Worship w/First Communion
	1-5pm	- Community Table
Sunday School	Stories for 3's to Kindergarten	<a href="http://www.sothem.org">www.sothem.org</a> (Faith Formation/Sunday School)
Monday	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
Wednesday	"Wednesday's Word from God" (pre-recorded devotional)	
	7pm	- Holden Evening Prayer Service
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
Saturday:	6:45-10:30am	- Volunteer for Ruby's
	8:30-10am	- Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution
Sunday:	10:00am	- Worship

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 JUSTICE ISSUES are being voted on at the upcoming NW Synod Assembly. Anyone can participate in <sup>[ME1]</sup> 'hearings' set up to present and discuss these topics. You can also follow this link to the Synod website for the individual resolutions, videos, and discussion guides: [Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Social Justice & Advocacy \(nswsi.org\)](http://Northwest Synod of Wisconsin | Social Justice & Advocacy (nswsi.org)) JUSTICE ISSUES ARE: Hunger, Care for Creation, Gender Equity, Reconciling in Christ Conversations (LGBTQIA), and Racial Justice

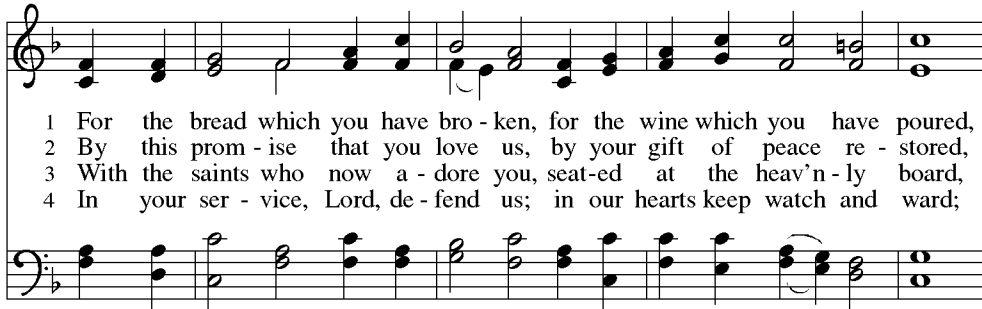
Gail Small from Spirit Lutheran Church is organizing the Zoom link for each discussion, and you can read her instructions below on how to register.

*Anybody interested in joining any/all of the meetings send me an email at [gsmall@spiritlutheran.org](mailto:gsmall@spiritlutheran.org) or call the office at 715-832-2421 and ask for me. I will be sending out a new zoom link each Monday afternoon. They have until noon on the Monday of the meeting to sign up for that night's call. The information I will need from them is **name, email and church they attend**. If you have any questions please let me know. - Gail Small*

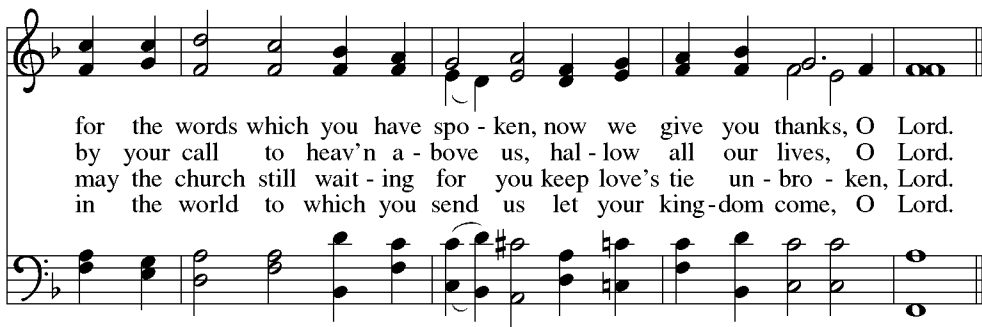
GIVE OF YOUR FINANCIAL TREASURES: QUARTER SHEETS are available to help raise funds for the MOUNDER MEALS of Elk Mound. Join our Sunday School families in in Lenten Project.

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## For the Bread Which You Have Broken



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 1823–1895

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MONDAYS IN MARCH  
JUSTICE & JOY

The NW Synod of WI's theme for the 2021 Synod Assembly is Justice & Joy. Spirit Lutheran's Mission & Outreach Committee (in Eau Claire) invites you to Mondays in March, a series of virtual (online) facilitated conversations. Sessions include a presentation, devotion and prayer, and an invitation to talk about and ask questions one of the resolutions being presented at the Synod Assembly on April.

To participate, please call Gail at Spirit Lutheran's office, (715) 832-2421, or send an email to [gsmall@spiritlutheran.org](mailto:gsmall@spiritlutheran.org) to sign up. The deadline to register is noon the day of each scheduled session. You will receive an email on the afternoon of the scheduled session with a ZOOM link to the session(s) you registered to attend.

Here is a link to the synod's website and the resolutions, which offers: 1) The resolution, 2) A brief video, 3) A discussion guide <http://nwswi.org/social-justice-advocacy>

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| Mar 1<br>6-7:30pm  | Hunger<br>Ministry                       | The number of people experiencing hunger and food insecurity in the world has risen since 2018. Let's talk about ELCA World Hunger, regional, and local hunger ministries and how we can become more engaged.   |
| Mar 8<br>6-7:30pm  | Care for<br>Creation                     | The ELCA's Social Statement Caring for Creation affirms 'we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth'. How can we celebrate Creation and continue to care for it individually and as a church?   |
| Mar 15<br>6-7:30pm | Gender<br>Equity                         | Explore sexism and gender inequality in our congregations, in our culture, and in our world as a whole, especially as it relates to compensation inequities and sexual harassment in our church.  |
| Mar 22<br>6-7:30pm | Reconciling<br>in Christ<br>Conversation | The ELCA declares 'this church, in faithfulness to the Gospel, is committed to be an inclusive church in the midst of division in society'. How can the Church follow the example of Jesus to love one another by including LGBTQIA brothers and sisters in worship and the ministries of the Church? |
| Mar 29<br>6-7:30pm | Racial<br>Justice                        | Broaden your understanding of racism and the impact it has had within our church and our communities. Let's talk about how the church can influence change.   |