



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

3rd Sun. of Epiphany

Service of the Word

January 22, 2023

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*NOTE: **Bold text** indicates worshippers' response, and *' means please stand as able.*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME/MINISTRY MOMENT

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN *"This Little Light of Mine"* page #6

* 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.**

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please respond with **bold text***)

Happy are we when we delight in God's word.

We are like trees planted by living water.

Let us meditate on God's law and gospel,

And bear good fruit in its due season.¹

*KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for all salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

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☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

* P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray. L: Loving God, **your son Jesus taught many things that helped people know how deeply you love humanity. Help us to live in your love, so that we might be beacons of light for others. Amen.** ¹

GROWING

Please join me in reading the first 3 verses of Psalm 1.

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

As Jesus begins to call his disciples, he also goes throughout Galilee teaching the good news of the kingdom and curing people of every sickness among the people. His fame quickly spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him those afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics...and he cured them all. Now the people gather to hear from Jesus what this all means for their lives. THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew the 5th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." The Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

Blue #649 HYMN OF THE DAY "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" page 7

GIVING

*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.

The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary. 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 – as a 'bill pay' on your bank account – OR – go to <https://www.sothem.org/give> to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus offers you control over the amount & timing of your giving.

* OFFERING PRAYER You have planted us by streams of water, **O God, that we might bear good fruit. We offer now these gifts that they would be that good fruit, given for the sake of your children throughout the world, in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior. Amen.**¹

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Merciful God, **All: You 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/BLESSING Go now into God's world not only with the promise of being blessed, but also the responsibility of being a blessing to others. Go empowered by God the Father, the Holy Spirit, ✚ and through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

* Blue #699 SENDING HYMN "*Blessed Assurance*" page 8

* CLOSING LITANY/DISMISSAL

In Jesus, nothing is as we expect. **He turns everything on its head.**

He proclaims blessing for those we would see as the furthest from it.

He gives hope to a world in need.

Thus we ask that God would make us meek,

And that we would hunger and thirst for righteousness,

That we would be merciful and pure of heart, **That we would be peacemakers,**

That we would always strive to do the work God has called us to,

Even when that work is unpopular.

Let us be open to God's truth in the world. **Then we shall be blessed.**¹

Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Worship
	11:00am	- Fellowship
MONDAY	Pastor Mary @ Luther Park for Winter Theological	
	6:30pm	- Church Council Meeting
	7pm	- AA Meeting
TUESDAY	4-6pm	- Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	10am	- Bible Study
	3:20pm	- 7 th -8 th gr. Confirmation class
FRIDAY:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Brief Worship/Annual Meeting
	Followed by Potluck Meal	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW BIBLE STUDY "The Ten Commandments: Reviving the Soul" begins January 25th at 10am. We begin with Commandments 1 & 2 learning how God's laws are GIFTS for humanity. Copies of the study are on the WELCOME table or can be emailed to you. Just send an email to Pastor Mary if you'd like it emailed meide@luthersem.edu

You can watch part of or all of this introductory video on the study
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J4cCTNZWDI>

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 29th WORSHIP/ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING/BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE/POTLUCK, it all starts at 10am with a brief worship service.

The proposed change is to Chapter 18, Part IV, Line 4

Current: At its annual meeting, the congregation shall elect a Church Council of fifteen (15) members.

Proposed change: At its annual meeting, the congregation shall elect a Church Council of up to fifteen (15) members.

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This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Blessed Assurance

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:

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

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