



## Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church- ELCA

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

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

October 18, 2020

**NOTE: Bold text indicates worshipers’ response**

### GATHERING

WELCOME and MINISTRY MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 96*)

ONE: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**ALL: Honor and bless the name of the LORD; share the news of God’s salvation.**

ONE: We are to declare God’s glory among the nations and God’s wonders to all peoples

**ALL: We make idols of people, things, and desires; but you alone are our God.**

ONE: Creation will rejoice and be glad for all God has done for it.

**ALL: You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.**

\* 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 Sovereign God, **raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.** Amen.

### GROWING

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities. A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly

<sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

<sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON *What are our intentions for giving to God?*

Pastor Mary Eide

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.

## 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](http://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 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: We are looking for volunteers to assist with recording worship, reading, and ushering. Please contact the church at 879-5115 if you would like to help.

\* 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 LBW #252 You Servants of God verses 1, 2 and 4

\* 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	4-6pm	Food Pantry
	6:30pm	Finance Meeting
Wednesday	2pm	LIVE with God on Facebook (short worship)
	6pm	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Learn @ Home day
Friday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	10am	Confirmation worship service
Sunday worship live on Facebook and posted later at <a href="http://www.sothem.org">www.sothem.org</a>		

SUNDAY 10/25/20 is both REFORMATION Sunday and CONFIRMATION Sunday. Our entire worship service will be celebrating the Affirmation of Faith (Confirmation) of our 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. We will have groups of 3 to 4 - 9<sup>th</sup> grade families coming into the sanctuary at a time. There will be a sharing of faith statements and students will be Affirmed/Confirmed in their faith. During the periods when groups of students and families are transitioning in an out of the sanctuary, there will be readings and instrumental music

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# You Servants of God

Singing verses 1, 2 and 4

1 You ser - vants of God, your mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 Our God rules on high, al - might - y to save; and still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and

broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with

Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: LYONS, Johann M, Haydn, 1737–1806, adapt.

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