

Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church - ELCA

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

6th Sunday of Easter

Service of the Word

May 14th, 2023

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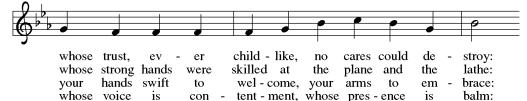
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GATHERING

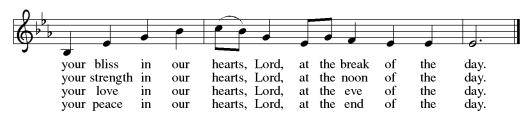
RELUDE WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

Michelle Young









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

^{*}CALL TO WORSHIP Jesus calls us into his presence. **When we are tired and struggling.** Jesus promises us rest. **We find peace in Jesus' loving arms.**



- * P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
- * PRAYER OF THE DAY P: Let us pray. Loving God, you sustained the early church in their suffering through hope in the promise of your salvation. Give us this same hope, and walk with us through our own challenges, in Jesus Christ our savior. Amen. ¹

GROWING

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

The Apostle Paul has the unenviable task of trying to bring together groups of people who have been taught they should be separated, seen as enemies. It is an uphill battle, but one he is completely committed in pursuing because he understands the divine nature of the task. His repeated message is that their faith in Jesus is what connects them, strengthens them, and ultimately unites them to God and one another. Hear within his message the reality we all face, there is suffering in life. But he has Good News about suffering, news of how we are never alone in it, and we can come away from it stronger and more faithf A reading from Romans, verses from chapters 13 and 15.

READER 1: 3:28 We firmly believe that a person is made right with God because of their faith. They are not saved by obeying the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Isn't he also the God of Gentiles? Yes, he is their God too. 30 There is only one God. When those who are circumcised believe in him, he makes them right with himself. Suppose those who are not circumcised believe in him. Then God also will make them right with himself. 31 Does faith make the law useless? Not at all! We agree with the law.

READER 2: ^{5:1} We have been made right with God because of our faith. Now we have peace with him because of our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through faith in Jesus we have received God's grace. In that grace we stand. We are full of joy because we expect to share in God's glory. ³ And that's not all. We are full of joy even when we suffer. We know that our suffering gives us the strength to go on. ⁴ The strength to go on produces character. Character produces hope. ⁵ And hope will never bring us shame. That's because God's love has been poured into our hearts. This happened through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

READER 1 ⁶ At just the right time Christ died for ungodly people. He died for us when we had no power of our own. ⁷ It is unusual for anyone to die for a godly person. Maybe someone would be willing to die for a good person. ⁸ But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

READER 2: ⁹ The blood of Christ has made us right with God. So we are even more sure that Jesus will save us from God's anger. ¹⁰ Once we were God's enemies. But we have been brought back to him because his Son has died for us. Now that God has brought us back, we are even more secure. We know that we will be saved because Christ lives. ¹¹ And that is not all. We are full of joy in God because of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of him, God has brought us back to himself. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE Pastor Mary Eide

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*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. ** universal

The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary.

- * OFFERING PRAYER Gracious God, you have poured out your love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. In gratitude we offer these gifts, that the world might be blessed through them. Accept them for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen. ¹
- * PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of Life, All: hear our prayer.) 1
- * LORD'S PRAYER Members of our 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School class will be praying the Lord's Prayer for us today.
- * ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe. May the Lord guide your every step. May you always know of God's unending love for you. In the name of the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
- * 487 SENDING HYMN *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* Page 9
- * CLOSING LITANY/DISMISSAL (please respond with bold-faced text)
 We all experience suffering in our lives. God does not cause us to suffer.
 Suffering just happens, and God is there. With God's help, we can weather our challenges.
 And in so doing, learn endurance. And by endurance, build character.
 And through character, develop hope. And hope will not disappoint us,
 Because God's love has been poured into our hearts, Through the Holy Spirit given to us.
 Go in peace. Share the Good News of hope through Jesus. Thanks be to God

 *BELLS/POSTLUDE

 Michelle Young

To those who gave birth this year to their first child—we celebrate with you

To those who lost a child this year – we mourn with you

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains — we appreciate you

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away—we mourn with you

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment — we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms – we need you
To those who have warm and close relationships with your children – we celebrate with you
To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with your children – we sit with you
To those who lost their mothers this year – we grieve with you

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother — we acknowledge your experience

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood – we are better for having you in our midst

To those who are single and have longed to be married and mothering your own children — we mourn that life has not turned out the way you longed for it to be

To those who step-parent – we walk with you on these complex paths

To those who envisioned lavishing love on grandchildren -yet that dream is not to be, we grieve with you

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year – we grieve and rejoice with you To those who placed children up for adoption — we commend you for your selflessness and remember how you hold that child in your heart

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising —we anticipate with you This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We remember you.

Author: Amy Young

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

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TODAY 8:45-9:45 - FINAL Sunday School

10am - 6th Sunday of Easter Worship w/kids singing

MONDAY 7pm - AA Meeting TUESDAY 4-6pm - Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY 10am - Adult Bible Study in church library

FRIDAY: 10am-Noon - Food Pantry SUNDAY: 8:45am - Sunday School

10am - 7th Sunday of Easter Communion Worship, w/Baptism

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY Wed., 5/17 in church library where we continue to look at: *The Ten Commandments: Reviving the soul: Commandments 7-10.* All are welcome! Copies available at the WELCOME table at church or at this website https://www.gathermagazine.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Apr2023 TenCommandments Session4 GatherBibleStudy final.pdf

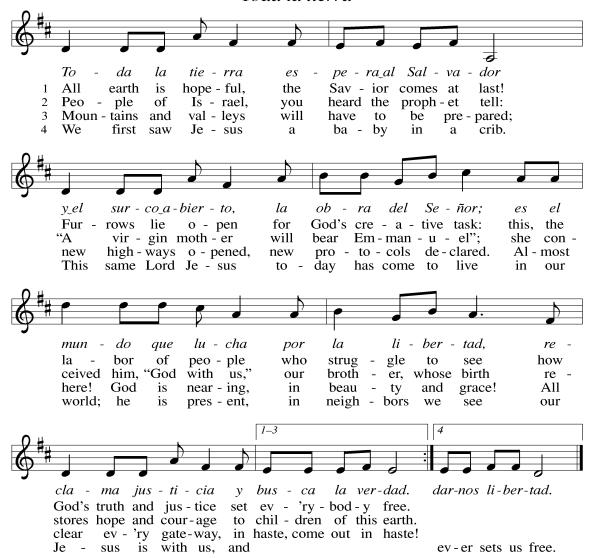
BRING IN YOUR THRIFT SALE ITEMS (clean, working, and priced)

Many thanks to our Sunday School staff for an amazing year of learning, fun, and music. Jaime Folczyk and Holly Sweeney (co-superintendents, Jaime subs, and Holly teaches 5-6th grade); Bobbi Jo Carothers (3s to K); Kris Jenson and Ashley Edin (1st-2nd grade, Kris led music); Brad Zillmer (3rd-4th grade); substitutes also include Diane Johnson-Rose and Claudeen Oebser. If you see any of these folks, please thank them for their dedication to our children and passion to teach them about God and our Christian faith!

VBS...SPORTS CAMP Sun. 7/30/23 Family time to TIE DYE t-shirts; Mon.-Thurs. VBS activities ensue with lots of fun, music, sports, laughter, and of course...Bible stories! Hold your spot for the week by signing up at church, or contact Jaime (715-821-0796) or Holly (715-456-6960). Don't forget to put these dates (7/30 to 8/3) on your calendar too...and have the kids invite a friend or 2!!

All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



- 1 Let us ev er walk with Je sus, fol low his ex am ple pure,
- 2 Let us suf fer here with Je sus, and with pa-tience bear our cross.
- 3 Let us glad ly die with Je sus. Since by death he con-quered death, 4 Let us al so live with Je sus. He has ris en from the dead



through a world that would de-ceive us our spir - its and to sin lure. will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss. will free us from de-struc-tion, give im - mor - tal breath. he to us that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy: Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin; we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, all dis-com-forts that an - noy and the grave that shuts us in in your pres-ence con-stant-ly, let us do our Sav-ior's bid-ding. shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. shall but prove the gate of heav-en. liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



I shall fol - low where you guide. Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know. Je - sus, here with you Ι die, there to live with you on high. Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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