Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

4th Sunday of Lent | *Service of the Word* | March 14, 2021

NOTE: **Bold text indicates worshipers' 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.**

*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.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Creator God, **You made a world with abundant resources, enough to feed and clothe everyone. Help us to trust you for the future, to use our resources well, and become generous people so everyone will have what they need. Amen**.

GROWING

Jesus' parable tells of the dangers of wealth in our lives. He is not saying that physical treasures are evil, but instead that they can blind us to the longer lasting, and far more precious invisible treasures of a loving relationship with God…and all God has created.

*The Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with
me." **14** But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" **15** And he said
to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the
abundance of possessions." **16** Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced
abundantly. **17** And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my
crops?' **18** Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I
will store all my grain and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up
for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' **20** But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life

is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' **21** So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."
22 He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. **23** For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. **24** Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! **25** And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?[a] **26** If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? **27** Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;[b] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **28** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! **29** And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. **30** For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. **31** Instead, strive for his[c] kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.
32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON *God has provided an abundance, so why do we live with a scarcity mindset and worry do much about what we need?* Pastor Mary Eide
MUSIC TO MEDITATE ON *Listen and be filled with God's peace.* Jennifer Kinblom

GIVING

*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**) to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus is easy!*

***** 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.**

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

* 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 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 #754, LBW #316 SENDING HYMN "*Jesus the Very Thought of You*" next page
* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the Good News**. Thanks be to God.**
* POSTLUDE

SCHEDULE/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today 10:00am - Worship
Sunday School Stories for 3's to Kindergarten www.sothem.org (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
SUNDAY: 10:00am - Worship w/Holy Communion and First Communion
10:45-11:15am - Drive Thru Holy Communion

HOLY WEEK PLANS: Mar. 28th Palm Sunday; Mar. 31st 1pm 70+ Holy Week Worship; Apr. 1st 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship; Apr. 2nd 3pm Good Friday worship HERE & 6pm at **IRON CREEK UMC** (change in location from previous announcements)

ANNUAL MEETING DATE: Sunday, April 25th after a brief worship; meeting BOTH in-person and on Zoom, with instructions on how to have computer/phone access to meeting coming soon.

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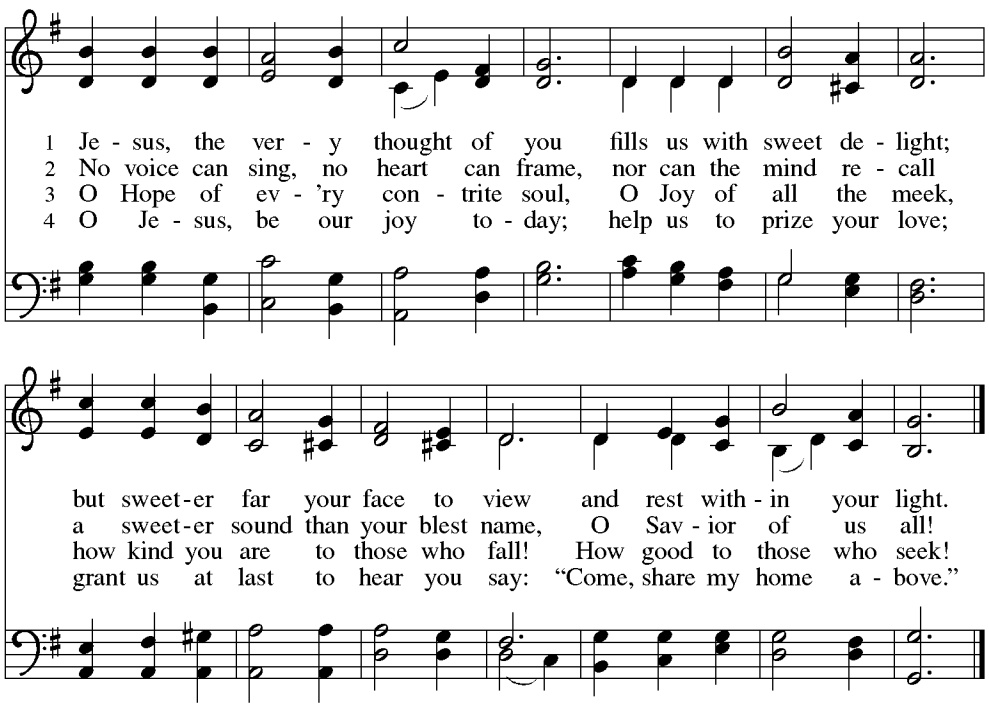

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