



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church- ELCA

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

September 27, 2020

NOTE: Bold text indicates worshipers’ response

GATHERING

WELCOME and MUTUAL MINISTRY

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Holy Spirit, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts so we may perfectly love you and keep your holy name. **Amen.** P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*Silence for reflection and personal confession.*) Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen** P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

* 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 God of love, **giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PSALM 25:1-9

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.
A reading from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. The word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

The Gospel according to Matthew the 21st chapter, **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

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

Pastor Mary Eide

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.

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* OFFERTORY PRAYER Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **You have given us all that we need, and we are thankful for your generosity. We give to the church, supporting your ministry in our community, and beyond our borders. We give in partnership with the One who gave all he had for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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 can give of your time.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS (3 yr. olds-6th graders) for THE MONTH OF OCTOBER can be picked up by the **Front Door...TODAY & next Sunday**; -OR- at the **back door Tuesday afternoons** after school and through Food Pantry hours of 4-6pm.

* BLESSING May God be merciful to you and bless you; may the light of God's face shine upon you, and give you his peace. In the name of God, the Father, † Jesus, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN ELW #674/WOV #754 *"Let us talents and tongues employ*

* DISMISSAL Go in peace knowing Jesus Christ is with you always. **Thanks be to God.**

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SCHEDULE /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	10am	Worship / Pickup Sunday School lessons by Front Door
Tuesday	3-6pm	Pick up Sunday School lessons at Back Door
	4-6pm	Food Pantry

SCHEDULE /ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont'd)

Wednesday	2pm	LIVE with God on Facebook (short worship)
	6pm	ZOOM for 7 th -8 th grader Confirmation students
Friday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	10am	Worship

Sunday worship live on Facebook and posted later at www.sothem.org

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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