



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

July 9th, 2023

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

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN *Just A Closer Walk with Thee* page 4

* 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.**

*DIALOG

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, **for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked. **We thank you and long to be generous like you.**

You set free those who are bound. **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

You raise up those whose courage falters. **We are thankful for the strength you give us.**

You provide for our every need. **Accept our grateful praise.**

You have called us your people, **for which we are forever grateful.**

#564 HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY** You are great, O God, **and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

Join in reading verses from Psalm 145 responsively with me

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹LORD, you are good to all, **and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, **and your faithful ones shall bless you.**

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; **your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, **and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall **and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer. Hear now the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew the 11th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord***

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Eide

HYMN OF THE DAY *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* page 4

***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

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain

Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;

dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional
 Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

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Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in

me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
 fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is

bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
 fore you; do not run from me in fright."
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

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Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 thron - to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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