



**Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA**

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*Service of the Word*

January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021

NOTE: **Bold text indicates worshippers' 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 Almighty God, **by grace alone you call us and accept us in your mission. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who gives the worst sermon of all time, a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?" A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah, chapter 3*

<sup>3</sup> The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>6</sup>When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. <sup>7</sup>Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. <sup>8</sup>Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.  
The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

\*The Gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

<sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON *God calls us to follow and be part of what God is doing*  
MUSIC TO MEDITATE ON *Listen and be filled with God's peace.*

Pastor Mary Eide  
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](http://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 (For God alone my soul wait in silence, **from Him comes my salvation.**)

\* 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 God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace. **Amen.**

\* ELW #815/WOV #649 SENDING HYMN "*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*" next page

\* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

\* POSTLUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	10:00am	- Worship
Sunday School Lessons at <a href="http://www.sothem.org">www.sothem.org</a> (Faith Formation/Sunday School)		
Monday	6:30pm	- Church Council Meeting
	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
Wednesday	"Wednesday's Word from God" (pre-recorded devotional)	
	6pm	- Confirmation Class on ZOOM
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	10:00am	- Worship

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC the Church Council has decided to postpone our Annual Meeting until a later date. We have most of the Annual Reports in at this time, but ask that any additional reports be sent to Dale Adams at [daleadams80@outlook.com](mailto:daleadams80@outlook.com) by the end of this month to be added to our report.

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY Go to church website [www.sothem.org](http://www.sothem.org) and then go to GIVE tab to set up a *GivePlus* account through Vanco. These offering go directly into the church bank account, and are included in your Giving Statement

GivePlus is a secure site that allows you to identify **when/frequency** you want your offering to be sent electronically to the church checking account, **amount you give**, as well as **which funds** you are making a donation to for the church (*General operating, memorial, World Hunger, benevolence, and/or building*)

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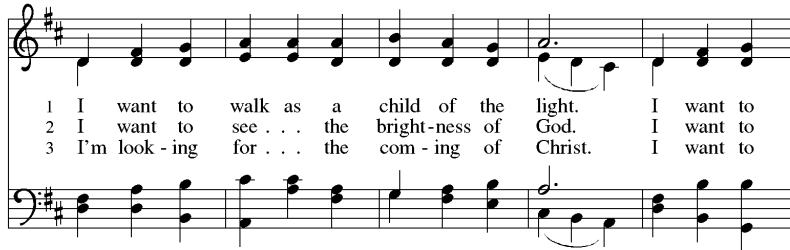
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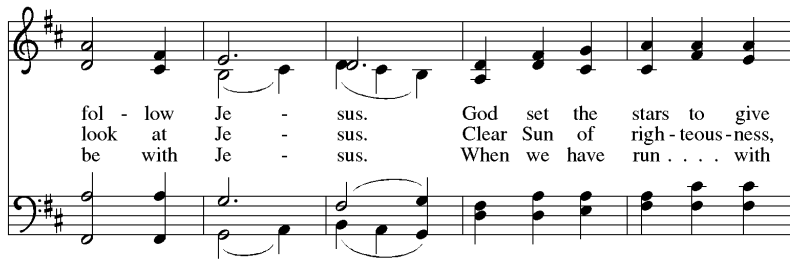
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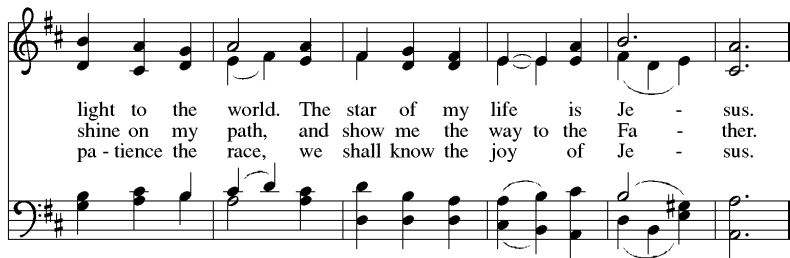
## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

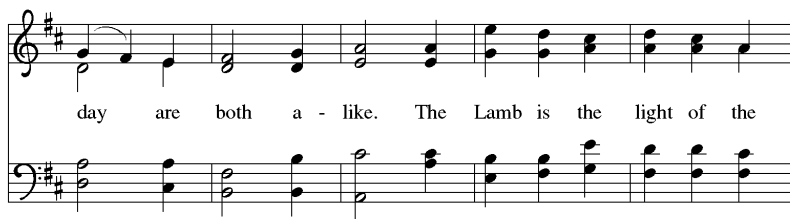


light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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