



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Sunday

November 19th, 2023

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

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

Pastor Ron Gerl

Reader: *Brandy Carothers* Acolyte: *mystery guest* Video: *Dave Young*

Ushers: *Tim Jensen* Communion Assistant: *Kris Jensen*

GATHERING

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

* GATHERING HYMN *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* LBW#389- all verses

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, as soldiers of the cross,
lift high his royal banner; it must not suffer loss.

From vict'ry unto vict'ry his army he shall lead,
till ev'ry foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; the trumpet call obey;
stand forth in mighty conflict in this his glorious day.
Let all his faithful serve him against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor; each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
this day the din of battle, the next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see,
and with the King of glory shall reign eternally.

Text: George Duffield, 1818-1888, alt.

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* CONFESSION Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.**

Amen.

* FORGIVENESS Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Righteous God, **our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow* LBW#564

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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GROWING

Please join in reading Psalm 90 responsively.

Psalm 90:1-12 NIV

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

²**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

³You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

⁴**A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**

⁵Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death— they are like the new grass of the morning:

⁶**In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.**

⁷ We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

⁸ **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

⁹ All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.

¹⁰ **Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

¹¹ If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

¹² **Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Our Reading Today is from 1st Thessalonians chapter 5.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 NIV

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand if you are able.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 NIV

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' ²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ ²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ ²⁴“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ ²⁶“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O, Christ.

MESSAGE **“Exploring our Hidden Value”**

Pastor Ron Gerl

* HYMN OF THE DAY *What Wonderful Love Is This* LBW#385- all verses

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

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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

* PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth's resources.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you (*especially*). **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*) we praise your goodness. **Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary. Your generous giving supports God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill.

*OFFERING HYMN *We are an Offering* ELW#692

We are an Offering

We lift our voices we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering, we are an offering. Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

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* OFFERING God of all goodness, **generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.**
Amen.

* ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
It is indeed right and salutary.....

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* LORD'S PRAYER **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.**

* INVITATION All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat and drink what is good.

HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.*

* POST COMMUNION PRAYER: Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

* SENDING HYMN *Wake, Awake for Night is flying* LBW#31- all verses

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen
on the heights are crying; awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the
thrilling cry rejoices: “Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!”
Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the
Lord, whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

Zion hears the watchmen singing, and in her
heart new joy is springing. She wakes, she rises from her gloom,
for her Lord comes down all-glorious, the strong in
grace, in truth victorious. Her star is ris’n; her light is come.
Oh, come, you Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God’s own Son.
Sing hosanna! We go until the halls
we view where you have bid us dine with you.

Now let all the heav’ns adore you, and saints and
angels sing before you. The harps and cymbals all unite.
Of one pearl each shining portal, where, dwelling
with the choir immortal, we gather round your dazzling light.
No eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained to hear,
what joy is ours! Crescendos rise; your halls re
sound; hosannas blend in cosmic sound.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.

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* DISMISSAL Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* BELLS/POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY 11/19- 8:45 am - Sunday School
8:45 am - Adult Bible Study
10 am - 25th Sunday after Pentecost worship with communion

MONDAY 11/20- 9:30-10:30 - Secretary in Office **please note different hours**
7 pm - AA Meeting

TUESDAY 11/21- 4-6 pm - Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY 11/22- - **No Confirmation**

THURSDAY 11/23- - *Happy Thanksgiving!*
5-7 pm - Secretary in Office- tentative

FRIDAY: 11/24- 10-Noon - Food Pantry

SUNDAY: 11/26- 8:45 am - Sunday School
8:45 am - Adult Bible Study
10 am - 26th Sunday after Pentecost Worship

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*November 11th was Veterans Day {Veterans Day honors those who have served or are currently serving}- bring in a picture of your veteran and put it on Our Church Family bulletin board located in the education wing hallway. *Please label photo**



Love Lights Forms are Now Available. Forms are on Welcome table in gathering area. Lights are \$10.00 per person honored. Proceeds split as such 50% to Christmas for Kids Program and 50% to general fund.

Effective 10/16 Secretary will be in office Mondays 9:45-11:45 am or occasional Wednesday 6-8 pm depending on her schedule.
{Please note different hours this week due to the holiday and her schedule}

SIGN UP TO HOST A SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP~

Serve with family or friends **or** pair up with a "veteran" fellowship server- we'll help! ☺

Entails: Making/serving coffee, cut/serve summer sausage and cheese, and crackers (found in the church refrigerator/ cabinets), and bring one treat (fruit or sweets or popcorn...you choose). Then just clean up after the event.

MAILING ADDRESSES for those folks who you may want to send words of encouragement, care, concern, cheer or sympathy.

Please let the secretary know if you would like to be added and/or know someone who might like to be.

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Thanksgiving

WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to find the word

1. RNOC _____
2. DER _____
3. RAONEG _____
4. LLOWEY _____
5. LEBECBRTAINO _____
6. AFIMYL _____
7. UATMNU _____
8. LLAF _____
9. EALM _____
10. NNERDI _____
11. RUTEYK _____
12. PPLEA _____
13. EALVSE _____
14. REET _____
15. OOFBLLA _____
16. UMPPINK _____
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19. EASTF _____
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