



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

Confirmation Sunday

*Holy Communion Worship*

October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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*If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our Guest Book in the church or send an email to [sothlc@sothem.org](mailto:sothlc@sothem.org). We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship.*

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

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

\* 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.**

\*Blue 713 GATHERING HYMN "Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil" (sung 2 times)



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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\* CONFESSIO We confess our sins before God and one another. We pause for silence and reflection. Gracious God, **We have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have taken what is not ours, and justified our actions. We have turned away from your wisdom. We have not done justice, loved kindness, nor walked humbly with you. Forgive us for the harms we have caused through word and action, and restore us to the joy of following your will for us.**

\* FORGIVENESS God knows our every weakness and yet loves us without ceasing. Rejoice and be glad, for the God of grace and mercy forgives you all your sins, for the sake of our savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY Generous God, **You promised Solomon whatever he wanted, and he asked you only for the wisdom to serve you. Grant us that same wisdom, that we might work for your justice in the world. Amen.** Narrative Lectionary Programs 1 22-23 Worship resources Copyright © 2022 Clergy Stuff

### GROWING

*King David has died and his son Solomon, son of Bathsheba, was chosen to rule over the land. He is young. When God asks what Solomon wishes to receive from God, he humbly acknowledges what he needs most...wisdom. Hear how God responds in this reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Kings, chapter 3, beginning in verse 4.*

<sup>4</sup> [King Solomon] went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup> I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup> If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life." <sup>15</sup> Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Proverb 2 (Please join in with **the bold verses**)

<sup>1</sup>...if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,

**<sup>2</sup> turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—**

<sup>3</sup> indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,

**<sup>4</sup> and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,**

<sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

**<sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.**

- 7 He holds success in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless,  
 8 **for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.**  
 9 Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path.  
 10 **For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul.**  
 11 Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you.

Blue # 693 HYMN OF THE DAY *Baptized in Water*

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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*Our Confirmands will now share their faith statements.*

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM** Confirmation students

**KEITH:** Grady Larson, Kenzie Peterson, Cheyennah Millermon, and Terra Millermon have been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of her Baptism.

PASTOR: We rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. In Holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church. Throughout your life, this, and perhaps other communities of God's people, have helped you to hear and understand the God's living word, the Bible. They have sought to help you understand God's loving purpose for your life. You have been fed at his holy table, and called to be a witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. Grady, Kenzie, Cheyannah, and Terra, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you reject the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so say together, "I reject them."

**STUDENTS: I reject them.**

Do you reject the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so say together, "I reject them."

**STUDENTS: I reject them.**

Do you reject the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so say together, "I reject them."

**STUDENTS: I reject them.**

\* P: *(to congregation)* Please stand, and as a body of Christ, let us join with these siblings in Christ, in professing our faith by answering these questions:

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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**

\*P: *(Addressed to students)* You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the promise God made with you in Holy Baptism, promises previously made by your parents and godparent: to live among God's faithful people - to hear his Word and share in his supper - to proclaim the Good News of Jesus through your words, actions, and attitudes, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus - and to work for justice and peace in all the earth? If so, *respond individually* by saying, "I do, and ask God to help and guide me.

**ONE AT A TIME: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*(Congregation may be seated as the students kneels at communion rail...and parents/family members come forward and place their hands on them, or family members nearby)*

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young women and young men your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace-

**All: Amen**

LAYING ON OF HANDS P: Stir up in (Name) the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **INDIVIDUALLY: Amen**

*(All the students stand and face the congregation)*

P: People of God, do you promise to support these siblings in Christ and pray for them in their Christian life? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*NOTE: The Offering Plate is located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Your generous giving supports God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill. You can mail your offering to 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739*

\* OFFERING PRAYER Gracious God **we have not earned your grace or the abundance with which you shower us. In gratitude for your favor, we give back what we have been given, for the sake of all your people. Amen.** Narrative Lectionary Program 1 2022-23 Worship Resources Copyright © 2022 Clergy Stuff

\* GREAT THANKSGIVING 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**

\* 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 God provides a feast for all servants of God's beloved son, Jesus. Come and celebrate with all people everywhere, for you are invited to the table. Narrative Lectionary Program 1 2022-23 Worship Resources Copyright © 2022 Clergy Stuff

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

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING May the Lord walk *beside* you to comfort you. May the Lord walk *above* you to watch over you. May the Lord walk *behind* you to keep you safe. May the Lord walk *before* you to show you the way. In the name of the Father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

\* Blue #768 SENDING HYMN *He Comes to US as One Unknown* page 7  
*Newly confirmed members exit into the Gathering Place to form a receiving line*

\* CLOSING LITANY

For what shall we ask our God, **Whose generosity knows no bounds?**  
Do we seek after the things that perish, **Or after qualities of the spirit?**  
With Solomon let us ask our God for wisdom, **The discernment of right and wrong,**  
That we might recognize what we are called to do, **That we might work for God's justice in all things.** Narrative Lectionary Program 1 2022-23 Worship Resources Copyright © 2022 Clergy Stuff

Now go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

\* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

<b>TODAY:</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Confirmation worship with communion</b>
Monday:	7pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday:	11am-Noon	Pop Up Pantry at Village Hall parking lot
	4-6pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	3:20-4:30pm	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmation Class – Plemon snacks
Friday:	10-Noon	Food Pantry
Saturday	<i>Set your clocks BACK before you go to bed for Daylight Savings Time</i>	
Sunday:	8:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am	All Saints Day Worship with communion

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**Thank you for your generosity...**you helped our 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students raise \$465 for *ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response for Hurricane Ian*.

**LEFSE MAKING** We are looking for individual (couples/families) who know how to roll lefse or join in other necessary duties related to this activity. **Saturday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 9am-Noon** is the set time, BUT ONLY if we get enough people committed to the task. Please sign up at church OR contact the church at 715-879-5115 or [sothlc@sothem.org](mailto:sothlc@sothem.org) to let us know if you will help.

**POTATO PEELING/BOILING/PREPARING Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Noon-whenever done.** You can also sign up for this part of the Lefse making process.

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# He Comes to Us as One Unknown



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

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