



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

Communion Worship

March 5th, 2023

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

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

- * CONFESSION We confess our sins before God and one another. *Pause for silence and reflection.*
God of grace and mercy, **we admit to you, to ourselves, and to this community that we have caused harm to others through our actions and through our failure to act. Give us the humility to accept our failings and make things right where we can. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves.**
- * FORGIVENESS Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. In that love God forgives you all your sin, for the sake of our savior, **✝ Jesus Christ. Amen.¹**

HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk With You* pg. 6

* 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.**

*KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for all salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of Christ, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

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☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



Ⓜ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



Ⓜ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

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

* PRAYER OF THE DAY P: Let us pray. Gracious God, **You call us all into your holy work, and reward according to your generosity, rather than our deserving. Give us the same heart of generosity toward others, in Jesus' name. Amen.¹**

GROWING

Please read Psalm 16:5-8 with me responsively

⁵The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; **you hold my lot.**

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I **have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; **in the night also my heart instructs me.**

⁸I keep the Lord always before me; **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Jesus shares yet another lesson about the Kingdom of Heaven, one that may be uncomfortable for some life-long Christians to accept. Jesus teaches that ALL believers are EQUALLY valuable to God; that God's generosity is more expansive than ours. THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Matthew the 20th chapter **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus: "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them,

Landowner: 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'

Jesus: So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them,

Landowner: 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

Jesus: They said to him,

Congregation: 'Because no one has hired us.'

Jesus: He said to them,

Landowner: 'You also go into the vineyard.'

Jesus: When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,

Landowner: 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

Jesus: When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying,

Congregation: 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

Jesus: But he replied to one of them,

Landowner: 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

Jesus: So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord **Congregation: Praise to you O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

#710 Blue Hymnal Hymn of the Day *One Bread, One Body* verses 1-3 pg. 7

*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

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Merciful God, **All: hear our prayer.**)¹

The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary. 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 – as a 'bill pay' on your bank account – OR – go to <https://www.sothem.org/give> to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus offers you control over the amount & timing of your giving.

* OFFERING PRAYER O God, **do not let us think we can decide what others deserve to have. Give us hearts as generous as yours, that we might offer our gifts in service to your children with no strings attached. Bless what we bring before you today, for your work of compassion and justice in the world. Amen.**¹

* 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 Christ calls us into service for the sake of the world, and nourishes us on his own body and blood. Come share in the feast of generosity that knows no bounds. This holy meal is for you. Come and eat.¹

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 Pour out upon us... **Amen.**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING Go now into God's world not only with the promise of being forgiven, but also the responsibility of forgiving others. Go empowered by God the Father, the Holy Spirit, ✠ and through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

* 755 Blue Hymnal SENDING HYMN *We All Are One In Mission* pg. 8

* CLOSING LITANY/DISMISSAL: *As we close our time of worship, we imagine the varied voices of the faithful in community, as they relate to those who've been here for years, and others who are just joining in this life of faith (please respond with **bold-faced text**)*

We have labored long in the vineyard. **We have only just arrived.**

We have lived our whole lives in the faith. **We are new to everything, open to learning.**

We have sweated and toiled for this community. **We have not yet done much service.**

We have built everything you see here. **We have new ideas for changes.**

Elk Mound Powerlifting team will be hosting a PANCAKE FEED Fundraiser in the church basement **Saturday March 18th from 8-11am.** This is to raise funds to cover costs for lifters going to the Nationals competition. \$10/13 yrs. and older, \$5 6-12 yrs. old, FREE for younger. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice, milk and coffee.

O Master, Let Me Walk with You Sing verses. 1-3

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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One Bread, One Body



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



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|---|------------|-----|---------|--------------|-----|--------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or | Jew, | ser - vant | or | free, |
| 2 | Man - y | the | gifts, | man - y | the | works, |
| 3 | Grain for | the | fields, | scat - tered | and | grown, |



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

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We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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