



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Service of the Word

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This worship is being livestreamed. Your presence in the sanctuary signifies your agreeing to be on our live broadcast.

There is great joy in gathering with one another to lift up praise and thanksgiving to God. Measures have been put in place to provide a safe environment for us to gather in church to worship, and we ask that you do your part in this endeavor, as well.

Warm welcome to those of you joining in worship online today.

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

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME/MINISTRY MESSAGE

GATHERING

* P: As we gather for worship today, I greet you in the name of our God who is always being revealed to us – in a manger, in a river, at a wedding, in the words of God spoken to us through prophets. We gather now in the expectation that God will once again show up in our gatherings at home, in church, and throughout our community. 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.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Blessed Lord God, **you have caused the holy scriptures to be written to feed the faith of your people of all time. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvations, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

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

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

All: Amen.



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

GROWING

Some of those exiled to Babylon have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. In doing so, they have uncovered the Book of the law of Moses buried in the rubble of their Holy temple. ¹Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that "the joy of the LORD is your strength." A reading from Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10.

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of

the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

After his baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness where he would be tempted by the devil. From the wilderness Jesus, while still filled with the Spirit, Jesus returns to Galilee. Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

The Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.** ¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Eide

ELW #726 HYMN OF THE DAY "*Light Dawns on a Weary World*" p. 5

GIVING

*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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Blessed are you, O God, **who offers us new beginnings and guides us on our journey. We give in thanksgiving for what you have already given us. Now prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God of grace **All: Hear our prayer.**)

* 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, who leads you in pathways of right living, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✚ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

* Green #559 SENDING HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs. 1-2 p. 6

* DISMISSAL Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

SCHEDULE

TODAY	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Worship
	11:00am	- Fellowship-hosted by Keith and Rita Lee
MONDAY	7pm	- AA Meeting
TUESDAY	4-6pm	- Food Pantry
	7pm	- 3 rd GriefShare online session (not too late to join)
WEDNESDAY	3:20pm	- 7 th -8 th gr. Confirmation class
FRIDAY:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Brief Worship followed by...
		- Annual Congregational Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget to get your SUPERBOWL SUB ORDERS IN by **Tuesday, Feb. 8th!!** *Did you hear that this year we have delivery service within the Elk Mound area? That's right folks, spread the news!* Order forms can be found: at church and in your January newsletter (which is also on our church website www.sothem.org)

WE NEED YOU! Check out sign-up sheets for *WORSHIP ROLES* for upcoming months or *HOST FELLOWSHIP* after worship on 2nd or 4th Sunday. You can also call or email if you'd like to sign up.

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Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

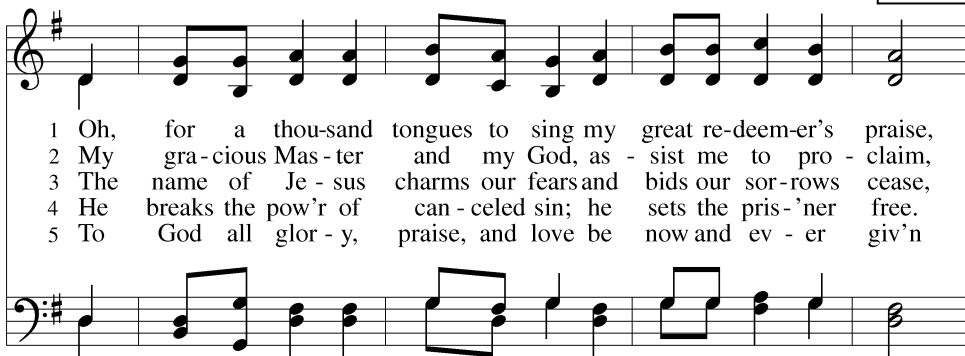
In Luke's Gospel we are reminded that Jesus has stayed true to the faith traditions of his youth, even though other Jews have not been true to their faith, and the teachings/lives of their leaders are wrong and harmful to God's kingdom.

1. Have you ever been turned off by your faith or church by your fellow believers or its leaders?
2. What did you say or do in response?
3. Did you stay and become a voice for reflection and change? Or walked away?
4. How has your response built up/diminished your faith?
5. How has your response helped/hurt the body of Christ (church) you belong to?

NOTE: Here is a good website for learning more about the Bible <https://enterthebible.org/>
You can also check out <https://bibleproject.com/>

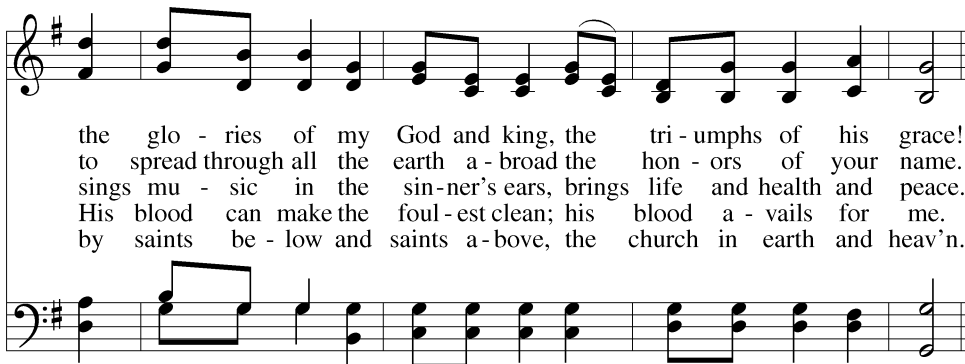
Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Verses 1-3



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n

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the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872