



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

June 25th, 2023

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

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

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* # 507 GATHERING HYMN *How Firm A Foundation* page 5

* 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.**

*DIALOG

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, **for in your wisdom you have formed us.**
You feed the hungry and clothe the naked. **We thank you and long to be generous like you.**
You set free those who are bound. **We bless you and praise your name forever.**
You raise up those whose courage falters. **We are thankful for the strength you give us.**
You provide for our every need. **Accept our grateful praise.**
You have called us your people, **for which we are forever grateful.**

#564 HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Teach us, good Lord God, **to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

Join in reading Psalm 69 responsively

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹¹I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

¹²**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD: "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.** ¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸**Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

In our second Bible reading we hear from the Apostle Paul on how in baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin. A reading from Romans, chapter 6.

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin.

⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Keith Lee, Lay Minister

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

KAYAK/CANOE OUTING Sun., July 9th after church, location TBD. Contact Holly Sweeny 715-456-6960 or Barb Vadnais 715-308-0252. Additional kayaks available. Sign up at church too!

VBS...SPORTS CAMP Don't forget to put these dates (7/30 to 8/3) on your calendar too...and have the kids invite a friend or 2!! Contact Jaime (715-821-0796) or Holly (715-456-6960).

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SEASON has begun:

- Trinity United Methodist Church 105 S. Holly Ave. **THIS WED. 6/28th** 4:30-7:30pm (Free will offering) BBQ, Hot dogs/Coney dogs, potato salad, chips, pie, ice cream, beverages. *Carry Out Available.*
- Barum Lutheran **Tue., July 11th**
- St. Joseph's Parish **Friday, July 21st** from 4-7pm. Serving Pies, Ice Cream, Sundaes, Floats, BBQ Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chips, and Beverages. CAR WASH and Grocery Raffle, too! Come, relax, and feed the family!"
- OURS...Thurs. **Aug. 10th 4-7pm** Free will offering for LOTS of delicious food and beverages.

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How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, early American

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Onward, Christian Soldiers

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
 let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.
 but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.

Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;
 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.

for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:

Refrain

On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,

with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924
 Music: ST. GERTRUDE, Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

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Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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