



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

August 6th, 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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. *Pause for reflection.* Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

* FORGIVENESS God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ☩ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

- *All hymns today are in the Green book.*

* GATHERING HYMN *We Praise You, O God* #241- all verses

* 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.**

* GRATITUDE and THANKS

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.**

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

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Glorious God, **your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.** Amen.

GROWING

Join in reading verses from Psalm 145 responsively

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call up on you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21 *After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

MESSAGE

Keith Lee

HYMN OF THE DAY *Break Now the Bread of Life* #235- all verses

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHEPHERD OF THE HILL PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL- **Thursday August 10th, 4-7 pm**

Serving BBQs, CAL Packer Hotdogs, potato salad, chips, beverages and of course **Pie & Ice Cream!** Please come support our youth and enjoy visiting with your neighbors. Free will offering for all the deliciousness!

School supply drive and Angel Fund donations for EM Schools- Thursday August 10th, 4-7 pm during Pie & Ice Cream Social!

EM Lions Club School Supply Drive now thru August 22nd. Drop off at EM Mercantile.

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We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring,
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been,
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963, alt.
 Music: KREMSER, A. Velerius, *Niederländisch Gedenckliedek*, 1626

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Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
 with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

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God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord

1 God of our life, all - glo - rious Lord, be now and
 2 Make clear our path, that we may see where we must
 3 Give us thy help in ev - 'ry task, nor let us
 4 At e - ven - tide then will we raise a grate - ful

ev - er - more a - dored! In - to the o - p'ning
 walk to be with thee and ev - er lis - ten
 fail of thee to ask for grace in speech, for
 heart in songs of praise, and wor - ship thee and

of this day bring grace and love and peace, we pray.
 for thy voice, that we may make thy way our choice.
 love in deed, from wrong - ful ac - tions to be freed.
 thy dear Son with God the Spir - it, ev - er one.

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947

Music: GROSSER GOTT, Maria Theresa, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774, adapt.

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