



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

1st Sunday of Advent

Service of the Word

November 27, 2022

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

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME/MINISTRY MOMENT

GATHERING

*GREEN #234 GATHERING HYMN *"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"* page 5

* P: 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.**

* OPENING LITANY (*Please respond with **bold text***)

We begin our wait for your coming, O God, **In a world shrouded in darkness.**

Destruction and violence are before us. **Justice never seems to prevail.**

We are standing on the watch tower, **To see what you will do.**

You promise us a vision—justice will come. **Justice in our promised savior, Jesus.**

If it seems to delay, be patient. **God's promises are sure.**

And so, as we begin this season of Advent, **We wait for your coming, O Christ.**

ADVENT WREATH READING/LIGHTING

READER: Just as the prophet Habakkuk stood at the watch post to see what you would say, O God,
ALL: So we, too, see the brokenness of the world and long for your message to be made plain.

READER: (*light candle 1*) We light this first candle as a sign of hope that you have heard your people and will answer us in our distress.

ALL: Let this light be a beacon to all who wait, a sure sign that our redemption is coming to us.

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(*Light a blue candle.*)

*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.**



☒ 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 Let us pray. God of grace and mercy, **With Habakkuk we cry out to you in despair at the evil in the world. As we begin our waiting for your promised savior, give us hope that all will be made right in you. Amen.**

GROWING

Habakkuk was a prophet who spoke to Jerusalem when it was just about to fall to the Babylonians, and the people would be exiled to Babylon. But the people did not believe they could be conquered, and yet their enemy was at their doorstep. Their faith in God wavered, and they questioned where God was. God's response is not what they had anticipated, and yet his suggestion of faith as a way of life, even in the hard times is a message of hope they would need for years to come. A reading from the Prophet Habakkuk, various verses of chapters 1 and 3. 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:17-19

1:1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴ Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. ^{3:17} Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹ God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

GREEN #29 HYMN OF THE DAY "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" page 6

GIVING

*NOTE: 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/credit union account – OR – go to <https://www.sothem.org/give> to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus offers you control on amount and timing of your giving.*

* OFFERING PRAYER God we rejoice in you **no matter our circumstances. With generous hearts we offer what we can for the life of the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: We call on our God **All: O come, o come Immanuel.**)

* 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 The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, ✠ through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

* Green #320 SENDING HYMN "God, Our Help in Ages Past" p. 7

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

TODAY	NO Sunday School Classes
	10:00am - Worship
	11:00am - Fellowship w/Christmas tree decorating
MONDAY	5:30 - Church Council Decorate Tree
	6:30pm - Church Council Meeting
	7pm - AA Meeting
TUESDAY	#GivingTuesday2022...help us raise funds to provide Christmas food boxes
	Go to https://www.sothem.org/give
	4-6pm - Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	3:20pm - 7 th -8 th gr. Confirmation class
	6pm - FREE Soup Supper
	7pm - Blue Christmas Service
FRIDAY:	10am-Noon - Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	8:45am - Sunday School Classes
	10:00am - Communion Worship
	11:00am - Special 40 th Anniversary Fellowship for Sandy & Conrad Barth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP WITH THE CHRISTMAS TREE after worship today, to get our lights on the tree. You can also help with Christmas décor inside the sanctuary and the Gathering Place

#GivingTuesday2022 Nov. 29th Together we can...provide Christmas meal boxes for others. Just go to this website to DONATE <https://www.sothem.org/give> You can also donate cash or a check (made out to *Shepherd of the Hill* with GivingTuesday in memo portion of check)

LOVE LIGHTS forms are now available to remember/honor those you love. Half of \$10 donation goes to support the Christmas for Kids program to support local families for Christmas, and half for God's ministry here at Shepherd of the Hill.

Did someone say SOUP SUPPER? That's right, **Wednesday, 6pm Nov. 30th** we will be having soup, salads, and sandwiches to nourish our bodies before the BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE at 7pm. BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP **Wednesday, 7pm Nov. 30th** We take time to create a space to gather and acknowledge our state of mind and/or the events of the world around us don't always connect with the cultural expectation of a joy-filled or laughter-filled holiday season. Come to find some peace and hope within a time of worship.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS POTLUCK is Wed. Dec. 14th at Noon...men are invited too. Short program to be held after the meal.

WOMEN'S LEFSE/BAKE/CRAFT SALE happening December 18th

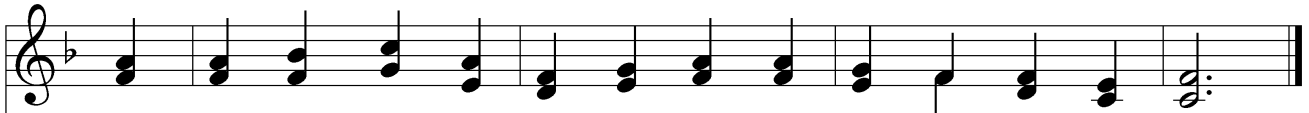
INTENT AND VOLUNTEER FORMS DUE BY Dec. 18th.

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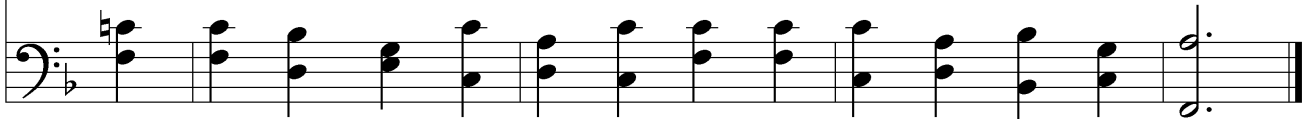
Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, your quick-'ning grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.



Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.
Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, Psalter, 1562

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Comfort, Comfort Now My People



1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

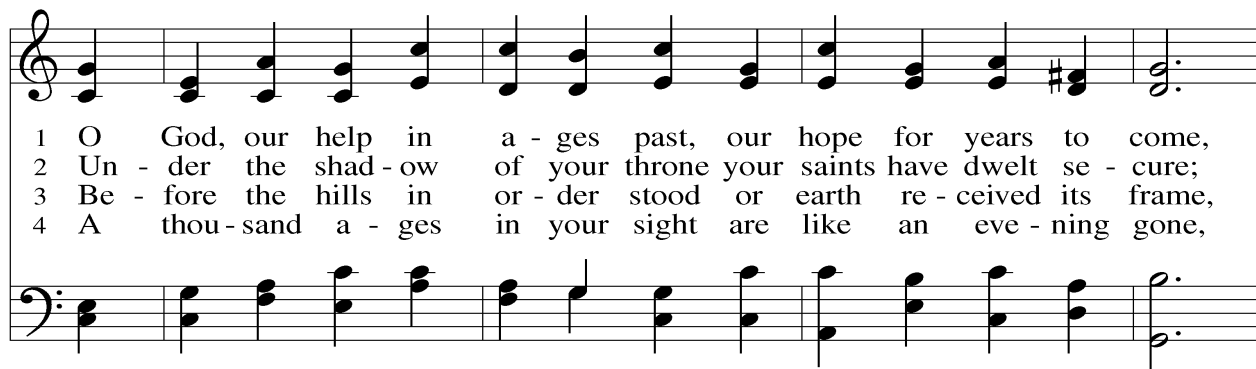


Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

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