



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

August 8th, 2021

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We are unaware of who has or has not received the vaccine, and so it is a personal choice as to whether or not an individual feels more comfortable wearing a mask. Please respect people's choices at this time, being fully aware we are gathered in this place for nearly an hour.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* 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***)

L: Our faith is in the creator of heaven and earth; **I believe in God, the Father almighty**

L: God so loved the created, that he sent his only Son; **I believe in Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

L: Jesus came to this world to teach us to love God and one another, and how to live well with and love our neighbors. He came with a mission from our creator; **He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

L: But death and sin had no hold on him, and so he went on to proclaim this good news; **He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again.**

L: And then it was time for the believers to continue Jesus' work from the Father, **so 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.**

L: But as promised, God sent an Advocate, a helper for the universal Christian Church. **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.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Gracious God, **your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

PRAYING BEFORE READING/HEARING GOD'S WORD "Lord, **here I am. Show me something about you today; show me something about myself today. Give me eyes to see where I am falling short. Give me a heart to receive your truth. Transform me and help me to engage in the world around me. Amen.**" "How to Read Your Bible" IF: EQUIP/rightnow Media p. 26

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death. A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 4, beginning at verse 25 4:25

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

The Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

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 www.sothem.org 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 Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Hear us, O God, **All: Your mercy is great.**)

* 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 blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever. Amen.

* WOV #649 SENDING HYMN "*I Want to Walk as the Child of the Light*" (last page)

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

SCHEDULE

Today	10:00am	- Worship
	11:00am	- Fellowship
Monday	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday	2:30pm	- Sunday School meeting
	6:00pm	- Finance meeting
Wednesday	9am	- " <i>How to read your Bible</i> " study (up in sanctuary)
Thursday:	4-7pm	- Our Ice Cream Social
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
Saturday	8:30am-10am	- Ruby's Pantry
SUNDAY:	10:00am	- Communion Worship
	10-3pm	- <i>Heart for Luther Park</i> Quilt/Art Auction & MORE (see below)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEART FOR LUTHER PARK Quilt/Art Auction and MUCH more on **Sunday, August 8th**

10 - 3 Kids Camp 11:00 AM - 2PM Lunch

12:30 PM Live Auction 3:00 PM Raffle Drawings.

Buy QUILT AUCTION TICKETS from Kris Jenson (\$5 each/5 for \$20)

Luther Park Bible Camp is located at 944 24 ¼ Street, Chetek.

OUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL is going to be held on **THUR. AUG. 12th 4-7pm**. You can help make this a success by donating items used for the meal (or make a financial donation)...oh, and of course, come and enjoy the meal.

YOUTH please review SHIFT LETTER/EMAIL, and let organizers know you are coming.

If you'd like to follow the story of the Schweers' family journey toward their son's birth, you can visit

Ariel's Site: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/archerschweers>

Site Name: archerschweers

BLOOD DRIVE is Monday, August 23rd from 12-6pm
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: *Elk Mound* to schedule an appointment.

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BIBLE STUDY THOUGHTS/OBSERVATIONS

OBSERVE _____

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OBSERVE *What do you see/hear within this text? Who is part of the story? What words catch your attention/make you curious? What is God doing? What are the people doing?*

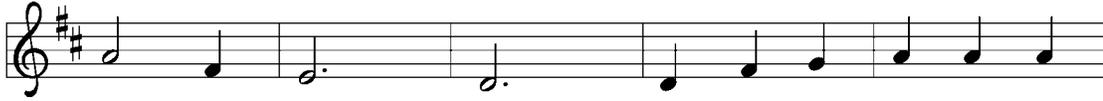
INTERPRET *What does this text make you understand about God? People of the 1st century? What call to action to you hear for believers/scoffers/enemies?*

APPLY *What do you hear God telling YOU? Inspiring you? Causing you to consider about your faith or life? Do you find HOPE? ENCOURAGEMENT? JUDGMENT? Is God asking you to go deeper? Does God offer wisdom for our congregation?*

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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