

# **Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church- ELCA**

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

All Saints Day/Intent Sunday

Service of the Word

November 1, 2020

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NOTE: **Bold text indicates worshipers' response**, and "\*' means please stand as able BELL & PRELUDE Jennifer Kinblom

### WELCOME AND GENEROSITY STORY

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: See what great love has been given to us, **ALL:** That we should be called children of God.

ONE: The Kingdom of Heaven is for ALL who believe

ALL: They are blessed with God's favor.

ONE: Come, let us be in the presence of this sacred love. **ALL:** Even as we live through difficult and trying times.

ONE: God generously loves and gives to us.

ALL: Let us live and love generously like God.

- \* 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.**
- \* PRAYER OF THE DAY Eternal God, you know our yesterdays, our todays, and our tomorrows. Thank you for working in the lives of all your saints, those living and those passed. Give us faith to live in the world according to your ways, living in hope and confidence of your saving love. Amen.
- P: Please be seated as we remember members who've died since last All Saint's Sunday.

+ Marcia Meyer + Marlene Mizer + James Parquette + Paul Franz

TIME FOR PERSONAL REMEMBRANCES (All are welcome to come forward to light a candle in honor of a loved one who has passed away. NAMING OF THOSE BEING REMEMBERED (names listed as candle is lit)

#### **GROWING**

#### FIRST READING:

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading provides a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer responds to the faithful with the assurance of God's protection and a vision of eventual victory. A reading from the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of this book.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is. Our second reading comes from 1<sup>st</sup> John, chapter 3, verses 1 to 3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he\ is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

The Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.** 

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- <sup>3</sup> Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- <sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- <sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- <sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- <sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON Blessed to be a blessing – knowing we are saint & sinner MUSIC TO MEDITATE ON Listen and be filled with God's peace.

Pastor Mary Eide Jennifer Kinblom

\*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.

#### **GIVING**

NOTE: Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can be mailed in – OR - go to GIVE tab on our website (<a href="https://www.sothem.org/give">https://www.sothem.org/give</a>) to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739

- \* OFFERTORY PRAYER Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world. Bless the gifts we offer, so they may all be used in your service and to your glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.
- \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (P: Lord in your mercy... 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: Today between 10:45-11:45am ICE CREAM for STATEMENT OF INTENT FORMS RECEIVED...yes FREE ice cream sandwiches for everyone who has completed a STATEMENT OF INTENT FORM and is dropping it off today, already sent by mail, or completed with this by Google form

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Today between 10:45-11:45am Families can pick up Sunday School lessons

- \* BLESSING May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give us reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. Amen.
- \* CLOSING HYMN WOV #780 What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine
- \* DISMISSAL Go in peace knowing Jesus Christ is with you always. Thanks be to God.

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1919 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

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## SCHEDULE /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday 10am Worship

10:45-11:45 Ice Cream Sandwiches for Statement of Intent Forms

Sunday School Advent/Christmas lessons ready for pickup

Tuesday ELECTION DAY

4-6pm Food Pantry

Wednesday 2pm LIVE with God on Facebook (short worship)

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Learn @ Home day

Friday 10am-12pm Food Pantry

Saturday 6:30-8pm 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship of Women Clergy in the ELCA

Register for Zoom worship here:

http://nwswi.org/home/50th-anniversary-rsvp

Sunday 10am Worship with New Member Recognition Sunday worship live on Facebook and posted later at <a href="https://www.sothem.org">www.sothem.org</a>

TODAY between 10:45-11:45am FREE ice cream sandwiches for everyone who has completed a STATEMENT OF INTENT FORM and is dropping it off today, already sent by mail, or completed with this by Google form

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ALSO TODAY from 10:45-11:45 Sunday School families can come pick up Advent and Christmas Sunday School lessons, Advent Wreath Kit, & Christmas letter

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