



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

New Year. Same God

Communion Worship

January 2, 2022

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

There is great joy in gathering with one another to lift up praise and thanksgiving to God. Measures have been put in place to provide a safe environment for us to gather in church to worship.

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

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* 771 GATHERING HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* vs. 1 & 3 pg. 5

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God's people, what is your source of comfort and encouragement?

ALL: Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1)

L: With joy receive these words of greeting from God: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. (Galatians 1:3,4)

ALL: Amen!

L: Praise, O children of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. (Psalm 112:1)

ALL: We love you, Lord, for you hear our voices; you hear our cry for mercy. (Psalm 28:2)

L: How can we repay the Lord for all his goodness to us? (Psalm 116:12)

ALL: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. We will fulfill our vows to the Lord, in the presence of all his people. (Psalm 116:13,14)

SOURCE: <https://worship.calvin.edu/resources/resource-library/first-sunday-of-a-new-year/>

* 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.**

* CONFESSION Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth. **Amen.** In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Holy God, **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin to you. For those times when we've failed to believe your good news is for us; when we've forgotten your command to love you and love others; how too often we are quick to anger, but slow to forgive. Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word. Swaddle our hearts with your peace, that all we do, in word or deed, may reflect your love born among us. Amen.**

* FORGIVENESS I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. ✝ In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace. **Amen.**

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

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray. Ever-present God, **as we face a new year with the joys and struggles it will bring, we find hope and strength in knowing you will be with us. May your steadfast love, mercy, and wisdom guide us through each day. May the Holy Spirit make us thirst and hunger for what only you provide, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

Moses is preparing the Israelite nation for their journey into the land God promised them, which will offer them a new beginning as a nation of God. As their leader, Moses is all too aware of how easily the people turn their hearts and lives away from God. He does not want them to forget all God has given them, including laws that will lead them in a right relationship with God and one another. A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 4.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

This particular book of the Bible is only 108 verses long, and is more like a sermon than a letter. Within it, James repeatedly urges Christians to conduct their lives according to the wisdom that is from above, from the God who is the giver of "every perfect gift," rather than according to earthly wisdom, which leads to death. Empowered by God's "implanted word," Christians are called to be not merely "hearers" but "doers" who show forth their faith in specific and practical acts of love and mercy that shape and sustain community. <https://enterthebible.org/courses/james/lessons/summary-of-james>

A reading from the Letter of James, chapter 1, various verses

¹James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. ²My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; ⁴and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

⁵If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.

¹²Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. ¹³No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to

death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

NEW YEAR. SAME GOD MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Eide

#713 HYMN OF THE DAY *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* Sung twice p.6

GIVING

*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.*

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* OFFERING PRAYERS Gracious God, **your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

* PRAYERS (*L: Ever-present God. ALL: Receive our prayer.*)

* GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* LORD'S PRAYER **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**

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

HOLY COMMUNION (*Ushers will begin in the back of the sanctuary, directing you to the front of the sanctuary. Children not receiving communion may be brought forward for a blessing. Please let the ushers know if you would like communion brought to you.*)

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **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, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

* #746 CLOSING HYMN *Day by Day* page 7

BELLS AND DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

Today: NO Sunday School

10:00 am - Communion Worship

Monday 7:00 pm - AA meeting

Tuesday: 4-6 pm - Food Pantry

Wednesday 3:20-4:30pm - 7th-8th Grade Confirmation Class

Friday: 10am-Noon - Food Pantry

Next Sunday: 8:45am - Sunday School

10:00 am - Worship

11:00 am - Fellowship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESUMING Confirmation Classes 1/5th (Wed. 3:20pm) and Sunday School 1/9th (Sun. 8:45am)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is JANUARY 30th. It will be held in the sanctuary after a shortened service. More information to come

GRIEF SHARE Beginning January 11, 2022, we will be starting a thirteen-week grief support group meeting on Tuesdays of every week at 7:00 PM via ZOOM. This program consists of video seminars featuring leading grief recovery experts, group discussions about the weekly video content, and a personal workbook with study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

Because this is by ZOOM, we are not limited by geographics of the attendees. If there is someone you know outside our community who you feel could benefit from this program, please encourage them to contact us. Call Denise at Trinity United Methodist Church Elk Mound at (715) 879-5596 to register and purchase your workbook for \$15.00. Workbooks are available at Trinity Elk Mound or Hudson UMC Hudson. Those outside the community will have to order their workbook from Grief Share but register first. We will furnish that information at the time of registration.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

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Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my

com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
 serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
 bur - dens grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will

send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
 guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
 hear me when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.

Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to
 I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will
 Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, you will

naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
 trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and
 hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to

treasure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 sorrow till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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