



## Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

Pastor Ron Gerl

Reader: *Barb Vadnais* Acolyte: *Khloe Lee* Video: *Mystery Guest* Ushers: *Tim Jenson*  
*Serving Fellowship: Edie Litzkow and Holly Sweeney*

### **GATHERING**

\* GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

\* GATHERING HYMN *O Savior, Precious Savior* LBW#51- all verses

#### **O Savior, Precious Savior**

O Savior, precious Savior, whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor, all other names above:  
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, who wondrously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation of love beyond our thought:  
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, our gracious Lord and King.

In thee all fullness dwelleth, all grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee; to thee alone we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation of this our song above,  
In endless adoration and everlasting love;  
Then shall we praise and bless thee; where perfect praises ring,  
And evermore confess thee, our Savior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

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\* CONFESSION Blessed be God, the one who forms us, † Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. Amen. Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

\* FORGIVENESS Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord of the feast, **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow* LBW#564

### **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

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## **GROWING**

Please join in reading Psalm 23 responsively.

### **Psalm: Psalm 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Our reading is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Philippians

**Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 NIV**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Here ends our reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

MESSAGE **"No Anxiety"**

*Pastor Ron Gerl*

\* HYMN OF THE DAY *Now We Join in Celebration* LBW#203- all verses

**Now We Join in Celebration**

Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,  
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in  
joy and wonder; for the Lord of all existence,  
Putting off divine transcendence, stoops again in love to  
meet us, with his very life to feed us.

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy  
rapture! For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the  
sure possessing of your loving deed on Calv'ry,  
Of your living self, our vict'ry, pledge of your unfailing  
presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's  
children, reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with  
God our Father. Give us grace to live for others,  
Serving all, both friends and strangers, seeking justice, love, and  
Mercy till you come in final glory.

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Text: Joel W. Lundeen

\*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. \*\* universal

\* PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

By Pastor Ron

**Amen.**

*The OFFERING PLATE is located at the entrance of the church sanctuary. Your generous giving supports God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill.*

\*OFFERING HYMN *We are an Offering* ELW#692

### **We are an Offering**

We lift our voices we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:

We are an offering, we are an offering. Text: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

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\* OFFERING PRAYER God of power, **God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

\*ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION 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.**

It is indeed right and salutary.....

\* 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 All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat and drink what is good.

*(All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing. If you or a family member would like communion brought to them, please tell an usher.)*

\* BLESSING The God of glory, † Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

\* ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* BENEDICTION *\*Please stand as you are able.*

\* SENDING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore thee* LBW#551- all verses

**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933

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\* DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\* BELLS/POSTLUDE

Michelle Young



THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

- TODAY 10/15 8:45 am - Sunday School
- 8:45 am - Adult Bible Study
- 10 am - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost worship with communion
- MONDAY 10/16- 7 pm - AA Meeting
- TUESDAY 10/17- 4-6 pm - Food Pantry
- WEDNESDAY 10/18- 3:20 pm - Confirmation
- 6-8 pm - Secretary in Office**
- FRIDAY: 10/20- 10-Noon - Food Pantry
- SUNDAY: 10/22- 8:45 am - Sunday School
- 8:45 am - Adult Bible Study in Sanctuary
- 10 am - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship
- \*Celebrating our Youth\***
  - *Sunday School will be singing,*
  - *Confirmation Class will present the 10 commandments*
  - *Noisy Offering!*
  - Fellowship following Worship
- 11 am - Church Council

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday 10/22 *Celebrating our Youth!*

There will be singing, acting and a noisy offering too (bring your change)!

***Luther League (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) is going to the NEWSBOYS concert at Pablo Center 11/3 @ 7 pm. Let Kris Jenson know if you are interested, limited tickets left.***

**Effective 10/16 Secretary will be in the office Mondays 9:30-11:30 am or occasional Wednesday 6-8 pm depending on her schedule.**

SIGN UP TO HOST A SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP (do with your family or friends) Entails: Making/serving coffee, cut/serve summer sausage and cheese, and crackers (found in the church refrigerator/cabinets), and bring one treat (fruit or sweets or popcorn...you choose). Then just clean up after the event. *This is only sustainable if people volunteer* 😊

MAILING ADDRESSES for those folks who you may want to send words of care/concern/sympathy.

***Please let the secretary know if you would like to be added and/or know someone who might like to be.***

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