



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

Giving Thanks Sunday

Service of the Word

November 13, 2022

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

If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our Guest Book in the church or send an email to sothlc@sothem.org. We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship.

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

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please respond with **bold text***)

With what shall we come before our God? **With a passion for justice.**

With what shall we come before our God? **With a heart for kindness.**

With what shall we come before our God? **With a humble desire to walk with God.**

* Blue #790 GATHERING HYMN "*Praise to You, O God of Mercy*" (page 5)

* PRAYER OF THE DAY: Delivering God, **Your people, Israel, wondered what they had to sacrifice in order to be right with you. Remind us that you have made us right with you in Jesus, and that all you ask of us is a humble heart for service to you and our neighbors. Amen.**

GROWING

The Prophet Micah's name means "Who is like the Lord", which is meant to be a comparison of the difference between Israel and the God of this nation. The prophet has been a witness to the great sin of the divided nation: the Northern Kingdom of Israel and Southern Kingdom of Judah. He witnesses the Assyrian invasion of the Northern Kingdom, allowed by God because of their great sin. His prophetic message to Judah is their fate will be the same, if they don't repent...turning their hearts and lives back to the God who brought them out of slavery and gave them a land to call their own. A reading from the Prophet Micah, various verses from chapters 1, 5, and 6. [LISTEN TO THE DRAMATIC READING OF THE TEXT...but you can use the text from the Bible for your reflections this week.

^{1:3} For lo, the Lord is coming out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. ⁴ Then the mountains will melt under him and the valleys will burst open, like wax near the fire, like waters poured down a steep place. ⁵ All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins

of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem? ^{5:2} But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; ⁵ and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers. ^{6:6} 'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?' ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE **Ephrathah**: EHF-ruh-thuh **Assyrians**: uh-SIHR-ee-uhn

KIDS MESSAGE/SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

Blue #763 HYMN OF THE DAY "Let Justice Flow like Streams" (page 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.

* A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

O God, with our whole hearts, **we give you thanks.**

For your loving kindness and tender mercies, **we give you thanks.**

For the bounty of the harvest, **we give you thanks.**

Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, **we give you thanks**

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; **To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now**

and forever. Amen. W-ELCA Thank Offering Service 2022 resource, amended by Pr. Mary Eide

* OFFERING PRAYER Generous God, **we offer ourselves to you, imperfect as we are, to serve as you direct us. Accept us and these, our humble gifts, for your work in the world.**

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* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Merciful God, **ALL: You 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/BLESSING Remembering that you are never alone on your walk through this world, feel the freedom of having the Holy Spirit within you, your Savior beside you, and your divine Father reaching out to you. Know you go into God's world blessed by God the Father, Son, and **✝ Holy Spirit, now and forever Amen.**

* SENDING HYMN "*Let Streams of Living Justice*" Page 7

* DISMISSAL Now go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

SCHEDULE

TODAY	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Giving Thanks Sunday Worship
	11:00am	- Fellowship
MONDAY	7pm	- AA Meeting
TUESDAY	4-6pm	- Food Pantry
WEDNESDAY	3:20pm	- 3:20 7 th -8 th Gr. Confirmation Class
FRIDAY:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	8:45am	- Sunday School Class
	10:00am	- Communion Sunday
	5:30-7:30pm	- Surviving the Holidays (Trinity UMC or online)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Losing a loved one is hard, and the upcoming holidays can be difficult. *GriefShare* is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone during the holidays.

November 20, 2022 from 5:30-7:30 at Trinity United Methodist Church (105 S. Holly Ave., Elk Mound) for the program *Surviving the Holidays*. If you are not able to attend in person **you may join us via Zoom**. Please contact Denise at the church office (715-879-5596) for a reservation and the book.

Sun. 11/27/22 ADVENT BEGINS

- 8:45am Sunday School for 3's through 6th grade
- 10am 1st Week of Advent Worship
- 11am Lights on Tree and decorate sanctuary/Gathering Place

Mon. 11/28 CHURCH COUNCIL tree trimming 5:30pm; meeting at 6:30pm

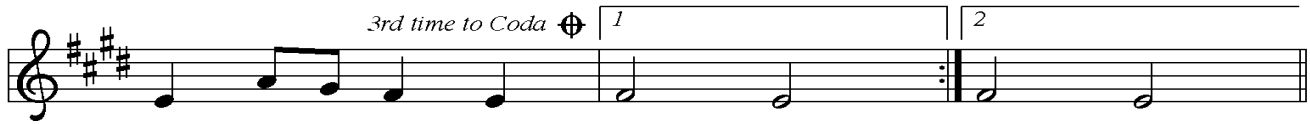
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



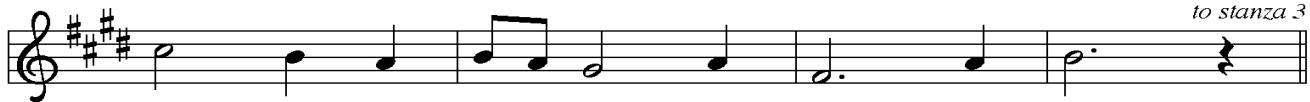
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Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



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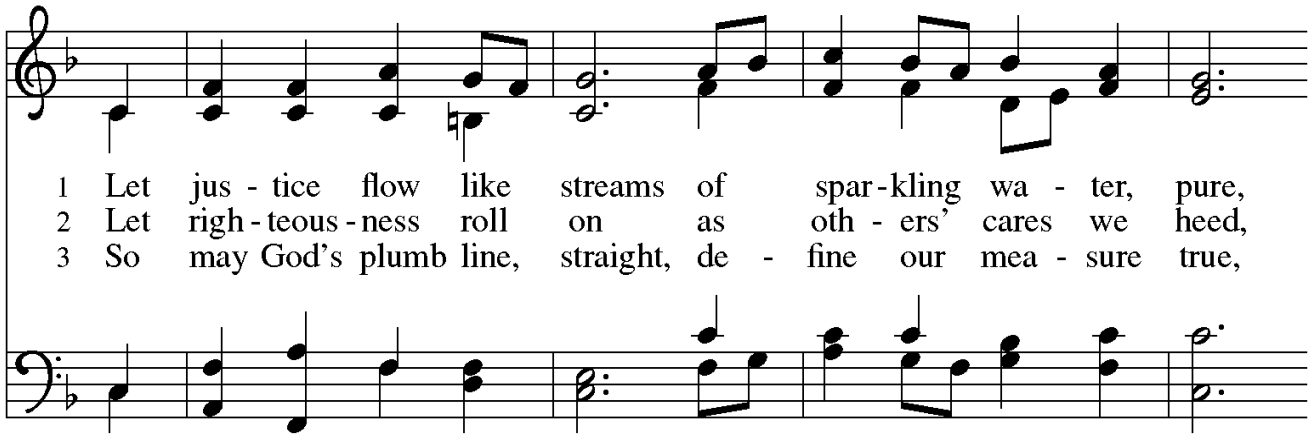


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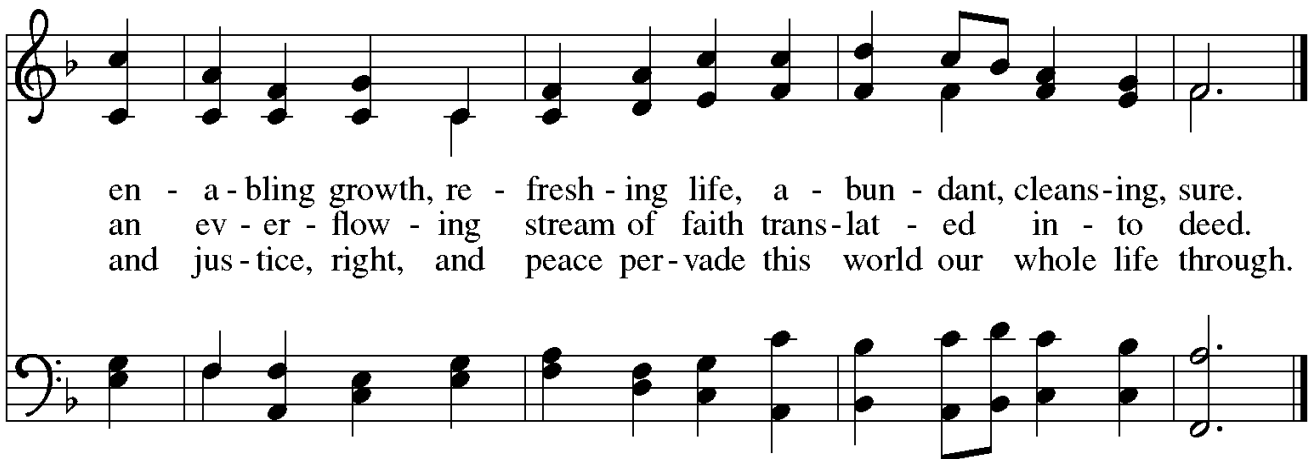
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Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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