



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church- ELCA

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

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

June 21st, 2020

NOTE: Bold text indicates worshippers' response

GATHERING

WELCOME and MUTUAL MINISTRY (*Share your prayer requests now*)

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 69*)

ONE: For your sake I have suffered criticism, and some have tried to shame me.

ALL: My own family and friends have questioned by willingness to believe in you Lord.

ONE: It is not always easy to live out my faith, in a world so different from your love.

ALL: Answer my call for courage and wisdom. Chase away the fear.

ONE: Hide not your face from me, and be swift in answering my call for help.

ALL: Draw near to me, and liberate me from the doubt and uncertainty

ONE: I find comfort in knowing you hear my cry and know the troubles before me.

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 Teach us, good Lord God, **to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to notice the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, only knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, chapter 20

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers. The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

The Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter, **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter a against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

Masks on please if you are going to sing

#487 Green HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus* vs. 1-2 (See NEXT PAGE)

*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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Generous God, **receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. We give all this in thanks to your abundant love and mercy. We give as a faith practice signaling our desire to be generous like you, and a sign of our partnership in your work throughout your world. Amen**

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (P: Hear us O God **All: Your mercy is great.**

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1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, since you are our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, pil - grims here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Fa - ther's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
then by grace we all may win un - told fruits of his cre - a - tion.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, un - to you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, if I faith - ful be, life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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***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.

SOLO CLOSING HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story verses 1-2 (see next page)

BLESSING May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. ^{Romans 15:13} In the name of the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(USHERS will dismiss the sanctuary by pew/row, and we encourage you to exit outside for conversation. IF you picked up a disposable or handmade mask, you may keep them for next week)*

DISMISSAL Go in peace knowing Jesus Christ is with you always. **Thanks be to God.**

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SCHEDULE /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday	6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Tuesday	2pm	“Bible Study” Zoom Link is: https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/269844820?pwd=S1h1YW04dk9zMXBwcS9SVDZoYWRBUT09
	4-6pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	2pm	LIVE with God on Facebook (short worship)
Friday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	10am	Live worship (posted later in the day at www.sothem.org)

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