



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church- ELCA

“Encouraging faith and proclaiming God’s love by Gathering, Growing and Giving”

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

October 11, 2020

NOTE: Bold text indicates worshipers’ response

GATHERING

WELCOME and MUTUAL MINISTRY

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: You have been invited to a special feast.

ALL: We need more details, for our schedules are very busy.

ONE: This is celebration of commitment between God and God’s people.

ALL: Maybe next time, we have other plans. What is God going to do if we don’t come?

ONE: Your response is noted. There are many others who would be delighted to come, even on a last minute notice. God looks forward to greeting them and celebrating with them.

ALL: Will we get a second chance? God forgive us for placing our schedules and other plans before coming to your celebration. AMEN.

SOURCE: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8449/worship-connection-october-11-2020>

* 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 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.**

SOURCE: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/1717/worship-connection-october-4-2020>

GROWING

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation. A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, the 25th chapter

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears

from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful. A reading from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, chapter 4

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

The Gospel according to Matthew the 22nd chapter, **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

SERMON *God has invited you to a feast. Will you RSVP?*
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

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* GENEROSITY STORY TIME

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Washed in your peace and love, **O God, we bring our gifts to you. Bless the gifts and the lives that they represent, that all may 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: We are looking for volunteers to assist with recording worship, reading, and ushering. Please contact the church at 879-5115 if you can give of your time.

* BLESSING May God be merciful to you and bless you; may the light of God's face shine upon you, and give you his peace. In the name of God, the Father, † Jesus, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** SOURCE: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/1717/worship-connection-october-4-2020>

* CLOSING HYMN ELW#720 *We are called*

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

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SCHEDULE /ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	10am	Worship
Tuesday	4-6pm	Food Pantry
	6:30pm	Finance Meeting
Wednesday	2pm	LIVE with God on Facebook (short worship)
	6pm	7 th -8 th grader Confirmation ZOOM class
Friday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	10am	Worship

Sunday worship live on Facebook and posted later at www.sothem.org

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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