



## Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church- ELCA

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

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      Service of the Word for online worship      August 23, 2020

**NOTE: Bold text indicates worshipers' response**

### GATHERING

WELCOME and MUTUAL MINISTRY

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (Inspired by Psalm 138)

ONE: Lord, you see all we do, and your creation is all around us.

**ALL: We give thanks to you, O Lord, with our hearts and voice we sing your praise.**

ONE: Because of your unfailing, and steady love for us, we have strength for the day ahead.

**ALL: We thank you for caring for all that happens to us, and for walking through the trials of life with us.**

ONE: Your steadfast love endures forever.

**ALL: Show us the purpose you have for us as your church, and for our individual lives**

\* 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 O God, **with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### GROWING

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living full, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live, but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, chapter 12

<sup>1</sup>So, brothers and sisters, because of God's mercies, I encourage you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and pleasing to God. This is your appropriate priestly service. <sup>2</sup>Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is—what is good and pleasing and mature.

<sup>3</sup>Because of the grace that God gave me, I can say to each one of you: don't think of yourself more highly than you ought to think. Instead, be reasonable since God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. <sup>4</sup>We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in

proportion to your faith. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.*

The Gospel according to Matthew the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter, **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

GRADUATE QUILT/BLESSING

Before these young men begin college, we are privileged to celebrate important lifetime milestones in their lives...their graduation from high school and continuing their education outside of our community. Today we want to show them that we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow Christians.

P: Graduates, hear these words from the Bible:

*Deuteronomy 31:8* "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Graduates, as you begin a new time of learning and discovery, do you acknowledge God going with you, before you, behind you, below you, above you and within you? If so, say "With God's help, I do." **Graduates: With God's help, I do.**

Congregation, we now have an opportunity to bless these young members of our church, so please raise a hand toward the graduates...we bless them together by praying

**All: Dear graduates: We are delighted that you've reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith, we rejoice with you. and want you to know of our pride and excitement, as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. Know also that wherever you go. and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength. Amen.**

\*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, thank you for all you have given to us in life, and for teaching us how to be generous like you. We give our financial offerings as a sign of our trust in you, and our desire to be part of what you are doing in the world. Bless the offering we give of our time, and talents, and treasures. Amen

*NOTE: Remember that you can provide financial offerings via mail, go our website ([www.sothem.org](http://www.sothem.org)) go to GIVE tab and use a secured site to give electronically 1 time or on a monthly basis; or set up a payment via your bank)*

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

#### 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 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 creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter. **Amen.**

\* CLOSING HYMN *"Take My Life"* (Pastor will sing verse 1, congregation verses 2-3)

\* 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	4-6pm	Food Pantry
Wednesday	2pm	LIVE with God on Facebook (short worship)
Friday	10am-12pm	Food Pantry
Sunday	10am	Live and in person worship (posted later at <a href="http://www.sothem.org">www.sothem.org</a> )

\*\*\***NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP SEPT. 6...a special pre-recorded worship will be on website [www.sothem.org](http://www.sothem.org) and our Facebook page**

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# Take My Life, That I May Be

Pastor will sing verse 1  
Congregation joins in for  
verses 2-3

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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*The Common English Bible Study Bible*. Nashville: The Common English Bible, 2011.

## WORSHIP NOTES

is provided for **ANYONE** to use for in-home conversation or personal reflection

Today's reading from the Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Rome **highlights how we are ALL connected to one another and to God, through our faith in God.** He refers to members of the Christian Church as *the body of Christ*. This connection is often experienced when we gather to worship God, and when we live into the ministry God has given us to do in our lives. Some of this ministry is what we do that is directly connected to the church: worship, learning, and serving others. But there are ways we serve God in the daily activities we do at home, in school, our workplaces or within the community.

Paul explains how **God gives each of us faith and gifts/talents, which are meant to be used to fulfill the purpose God has for our individual lives, the work the church, and in order to build relationships with others and God.** As a *body of Christ*, each member of the church body has skills God has given them, and roles to perform in order for God's work to be done in the world. Again, these skills/talents (also called 'gifts') can be done within in the church building, as part of the congregation's caring for our neighbors, and in our every day lives.

Read through Romans 12:6-8 and list below the "gift" and corresponding "roles" members of God's church (body of Christ) may have: (i.e. gift is prophecy, you should prophesy)

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I can **guarantee** that you have skills that can be used to share God's love and be an active member in the body of Christ. Here are some ideas (*optional, check off skills you have or hope to have in the future*)

☐ read aloud ☐ greet people ☐ draw ☐ use computer ☐ sew ☐ clean ☐ paint  
play sports: ☐ soccer ☐ football ☐ baseball ☐ basketball ☐ run ☐ swim ☐ ride a horse  
use tools: ☐ hammer ☐ nail gun ☐ saw; ☐ take pictures ☐ make movies ☐ scrapbook  
☐ mow grass ☐ work in garden ☐ use a copier ☐ hand out food ☐ organize people  
☐ play with kids ☐ teach kids ☐ teach adults ☐ preach ☐ drive a car ☐ drive a pickup  
☐ lead a meeting ☐ create powerpoint presentation ☐ create a Google survey  
☐ write a blog ☐ produce a podcast ☐ serve food ☐ cook food ☐ bake ☐ can food  
☐ encourage people ☐ listen with compassion ☐ counsel people ☐ call people  
☐ video various parts of a worship/event and put it all together into a movie

Get the idea...there are SO MANY talents God has already given you, or will give you. The sky is the limit as to the number of ways you can use these gifts to serve God: in the church, doing ministry work, and in your daily lives. No one person can do it all...but together we can be the body of Christ...doing the work of God.

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