



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion Sunday

September 19, 2021

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

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & CREATION MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* 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.**

* CONFESSIO Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. *Silence is kept for reflection.* God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. While we experience abundance in our lives, too often we only see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS We acknowledge that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ☩ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, **our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

PSALM 54 (*Please respond with **bold** verses*)

¹Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others. A reading from the Letter of James, various verses of chapters 3 and 4.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Jesus' teaching and action in this text reminds us as individuals and as a church to be on the watch for how we can be seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them (for the second time), "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

SERMON

Pastor Mary Eide

BLUE #666 HYMN OF THE DAY *"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"* verses 1-3 p. 5

GIVING

*NOTE: Giving to support God's ministry at Shepherd of the Hill can be mailed to (Mailing address: 207 University St., Elk Mound, WI 54739 – OR – by going on our website (www.sothem.org) to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus is easy!*

*** OFFERING PRAYER** * OFFERING PRAYER Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: Lord, in your mercy, **All: Hear our prayer.**)

* GREAT THANKSGIVING 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.**

* 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 TO COMMUNION All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready, all are welcome.

HOLY COMMUNION

(Ushers will begin in the back of the sanctuary, directing you to the front of the sanctuary.)

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✠ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

* Green #290 SENDING HYMN "*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*" (p. 6)

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. The living Word of God dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

SCHEDULE

Today	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday	6pm	- Brief, Autumn Fest Meeting, upstairs
	6:30pm	- Church Council Meeting
	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
Wednesday	3:20pm	- 7 th -8 th gr. Confirmation class
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	8:45am	- Sunday School Classes
	10:00am	- Worship
	11:00am	- Fellowship <i>WE NEED a HOST(S)</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING DINNER/MEETING **Wed. 10/13th at 6pm.** Students in grades 8th – 12th, join us for Tacos and bring a bag of candy. We will assemble some Halloween Baskets to sell after church as a fundraiser for our trip to Minneapolis next summer. **Your entire family is welcome to the dinner.** Please RSVP to the Sweeneys

thesweeneys@wwt.net 715-456-6960

AUTUMN FEST is coming on Sunday, OCTOBER 3rd. We ***urgently need volunteers*** to contact Heidi Schiszik (715-223-5491) or Vicki Adams (715-563-3730) to join our team. Sign up at church or by contacting us. **MEETINGS: Mon. 9/20 at 6pm upstairs; Tues. 9/28th at 6:00pm church basement.**

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PRAYING BEFORE READING/HEARING GOD'S WORD "Lord, here I am. Show me something about you today; show me something about myself today. Give me eyes to see where I am falling short. Give me a heart to receive your truth. Transform me and help me to engage in the world around me. Amen." *"Howe to Read Your Bible" IF:EQUIP/rightnow Media p. 26*

BIBLE STUDY THOUGHTS/OBSERVATIONS

OBSERVE *What do you see/hear within this text? Who is part of the story? What words catch your attention/make you curious? What is God doing? What are the people doing?*

INTERPRET *What does this text make you understand about God? People of the 1st century? What call to action to you hear for believers/scoffers/enemies?*

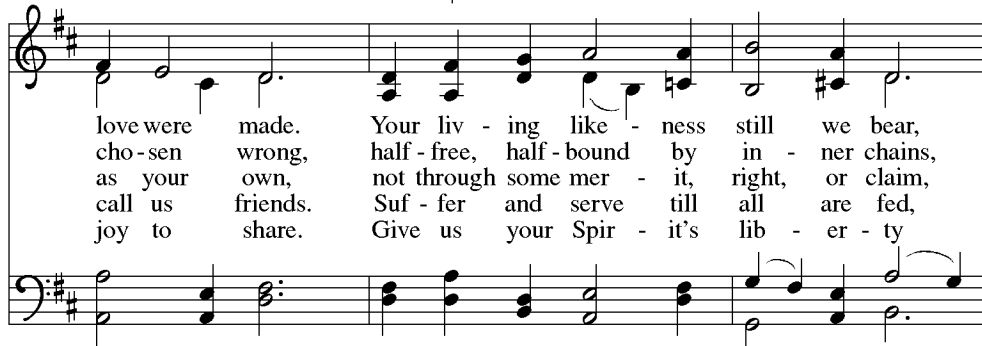
APPLY *What do you hear God telling YOU? Inspiring you? Causing you to consider about your faith or life? Do you find HOPE? ENCOURAGEMENT? JUDGMENT? Is God asking you to go deeper? Does God offer wisdom for our congregation?*

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

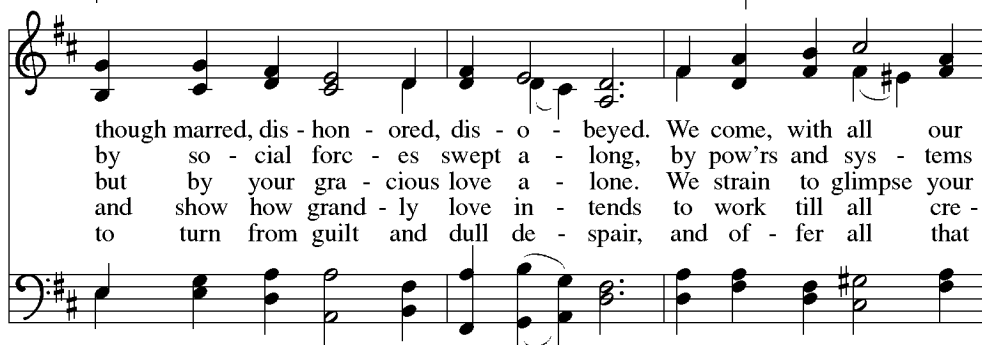
VERSES 1-3



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more sim - ple, we should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the head.
 and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweet - ness of our Lord.

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