



**Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA**

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

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Service of the Word*

July 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

*We are unaware of who has or has not received the vaccine, and so it is a personal choice as to whether or not an individual feels more comfortable wearing a mask. Please respect people's choices at this time, being fully aware we are gathered in this place for nearly an hour.*

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

PRELUDE

Jennifer Kinblom

WELCOME & 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.**

\* OPENING LITANY (*Please respond with **bold text***)

L: Our faith is in the creator of heaven and earth; **I believe in God, the Father almighty**

L: God so loved the created, that he sent his only Son; **I believe in Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

L: Jesus came to this world to teach us to love God and one another, and how to live well with and love our neighbors. He came with a mission from our creator; **He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

L: But death and sin had no hold on him, and so he went on to proclaim this good news; **He descended into hell.\* On the third day he rose again.**

L: And then it was time for the believers to continue Jesus' work from the Father, **so 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.**

L: But as promised, God sent an Advocate, a helper for the universal Christian Church. **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.*

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, **from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GROWING

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.**" "How to Read Your Bible" IF:EQUIP/rightnow Media p. 26

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.* A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter. 1

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.* The Gospel according to Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.

<sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

<sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

MUSIC TO MEDITATE ON *Listen and be filled with God's peace.*

Pastor Mary Eide

Jennifer Kinblom

## 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 – as a 'bill pay' on your bank/credit union account – OR - by going on our website ([www.bothem.org](http://www.bothem.org)) to **GIVE** tab to make a one time or reoccurring donation. Setting up an account with GivePlus offers you control on amount and timing of your giving.*

\* OFFERING PRAYER God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us be part of what you are doing in the world. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to your world; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: 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/BLESSING The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever. Amen.

\* WOV #778 SENDING HYMN "*O Christ the Same*" (last page)

\* DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## SCHEDULE

<b>Today</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>- Worship</b>
	<b>10:45am</b>	<b>- Fellowship</b>
Monday	7pm	- Natn'l Youth Gathering Meeting
	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	2:30pm	- Sunday School organizing meeting
	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
	6pm	- Finance Meeting
Wednesday	9am	- "How to Read Your Bible" study (meet in the basement)
	6-8pm	- Growing Young Summit #2
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	10:00am	- Communion Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMORROW Mon., 7pm July 12<sup>th</sup> ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING meeting ***Any student entering into 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is invited*** (along with a parent) to learn more about this AMAZING event being held July 24-28, 2022. No commitment needed that night, just come to hear what it's all about. Holly and Steve Sweeney are heading up this adventure, and can be reached at 715-874-5199. MEETING IN 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR SANCTUARY

OUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL is scheduled for Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

**Please contact Keith Lee (715-829-4480) or Pastor Mary (715-879-5115) to help with running the audio/video for our worship.**

Tue., 2:30pm SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING **for anyone (youth/adult)** interested in planning or teaching 2021-22 school year.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE is Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 12-6pm

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Elk Mound to schedule an appointment.

(You will be entered into a chance to win gas for a year, a \$5,000 value! *(There will be 3 winners)*)

WOMEN'S RETREAT Aug. 18-19<sup>th</sup> at Luther Bible Camp Applications at church or can be emailed/mailed to you.

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## O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto-ry's pag-es—  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin-ners, shar-ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se-cure with-in whose keep-ing

our loves and hopes, our fail-ures and our fears;  
 our in-most thoughts, the se-crets none can hide;  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re-main;

e-ter-nal Lord, the king of all the a-ges,  
 still as of old up-on your bod-y bear-ing  
 our work and rest, our wak-ing and our sleep-ing,

un-chang-ing still a-mid the pass-ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri-umph glo-ri-fied:  
 our calm and storm, our plea-sure and our pain:

O liv-ing Word, the source of all cre-a-tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav-en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor-rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a-blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav-ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal-va-tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv-en:  
 O Christ the same, be-yond our brief to-mor-rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes-ter-days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres-ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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