



Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church – ELCA

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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word

July 25th 2021

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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

Michelle Young

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 Gracious God, **you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, 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

We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 3, beginning at verse 14.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

The Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter. **All: Glory to you O Lord.**

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

* Green #235 HYMN OF THE DAY "*Break Now the Bread of Life*" (page 4)

Pastor Mary Eide
Michelle Young

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.sothem.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: 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** The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever. Amen.

*** Blue #711 SENDING HYMN** "*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*" (last page)

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

SCHEDULE

Today	10:00am	- Worship
	11:00am	- Fellowship
Monday	6:30pm	- Church Council Meeting
	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
Wednesday	9am	- "How to Read Your Bible" study (meet in the basement)
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
SUNDAY:	10:00am	- Communion Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL is going to be held on THUR. AUG. 12th 4-7pm. You can help make this a success by donating items used for the meal (or make a financial donation)...oh, and of course, come and enjoy the meal.

YOUTH will be getting a SHIFT LETTER/EMAIL soon, to help serve/clean-up at the ICS.

*If you'd like to follow the story of the Schweers' family journey toward their son's birth, you can visit Ariel's Site: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/archerschweers>
Site Name: archerschweers*

It's not too late to register for the WOMEN'S RETREAT at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek. You can find applications and information in the Gathering Area or in our August newsletter (which can be found at www.sothem.org . Attend 1 or 2 days. Wed-Thu., 8/18-19.

BLOOD DRIVE is Monday, August 23rd 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.

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BIBLE STUDY THOUGHTS/OBSERVATIONS

OBSERVE _____

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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?*

Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me, your ho - ly
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me, that he may

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blest the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
 touch my eyes and make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
 with - in your word, and in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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