



March 17, 2021—Gentleness

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

CALL TO WORSHIP

- ℣ Are there those among you who are truly wise and understanding?
- ☞ Then they should show it by living right and doing good things with a **GENTLENESS** that comes from wisdom. —James 3:13, New Century Version
- ℣ [Jesus said,] “Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me.
- ☞ I am **GENTLE** and humble, and you will find rest.” --Matthew 11:29, Contemporary English Version

SONG: SPIRIT OF **GENTLENESS**

ELW Hymn 396

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness  
 call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,  
 stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;





and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



“A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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### PAUL’S WORDS ON GENTLENESS

**L** [Christian,] you belong to God, so keep away from all ... evil things.

Try your best to please God and to be like him.

**C** Be faithful, loving, dependable, and GENTLE.

--1 Timothy 6:11, Contemporary English Version

**L** Always be humble and GENTLE.

**C** Patiently put up with each other and love each other.

--Ephesians 4:2, CEV

**L** Keep your GENTLE nature so that all people will know what it looks like to walk in His footsteps.

**C** The Lord is ever present with us.

--Philippians 4:5, The Voice Bible

### MEDITATION

#### HYMN: AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH

ELW Hymn 452



3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;



one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.

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### BENEDICTION

**L** God bless you as you live in peace, following Jesus’ example. Remember: A GENTLE tongue is a tree of life, but deceit in it crushes the spirit.

[Proverbs 15:4, World English Bible]

**C** Thanks be to God. Amen.

### HYMN: THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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The fruit of the Sprit is love for our sharing. It’s joy in the gospel that we have from you.

It’s peace that we live out with courage and daring;

it’s patience, for we know that we have sinned, too.

It’s kindness in all things and goodness in living; it’s faithfulness seeking to follow your way.

It’s GENTLENESS, Lord, and it’s self-controlled living;

now make us more fruitful in these things, we pray.

**L** Amen.