



**Welcome to Worship** with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Amid these days of COVID-19, we welcome some of you in-person and others online (via Facebook @HSLCORinda and our webpage [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org).) In whatever way you join us, may you know God's grace as we worship.

**This Week** we begin a five-week Sermon Series on the Means of Grace – those ways in which God promises to be at work to make the Good News of Jesus real to us. The earliest Lutherans identified five ways in which God brings that Good News close to home: Preaching, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, 'Confession and Forgiveness' and 'Mutual Conversation and Consolation'. We pray that this series will help bring that Good News close to home for you!

**Please Note** that indoor masking requirements have been reinstated in Contra Costa County and thus all in-person worshippers are required to wear face coverings while in our Sanctuary. More importantly, wearing face coverings is one way we can actively love our neighbors as ourselves!

▲ indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

## GATHERING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

▲ **OUR GATHERING SONG** "CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT"  
Lyrics and Music by Bernadette Farrell / ELW # 715

*The Worship Leaders will sing the verses and you are invited to join in the refrain after each verse:*

**Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.**

## ▲ OUR OPENING LITURGY

- L: We gather here in this place in a spirit of honesty — just as we are, not just as we hope we might be. Whole yet broken, filled yet empty, hopeful yet hopeless.
- C: **May God's Spirit of wholeness blow through our lives.**
- L: We gather in a spirit of humility. Thankful that God has given us in Jesus Christ a gift which we could never obtain on our own.
- C: **May God's Spirit of truth open our eyes to God's goodness.**
- L: We gather in a spirit of unity. Side by side – in community – we gather to encounter God's grace.
- C: **May God's Spirit of healing work in us and through us. May God's blessing alive in us becoming a blessing to those around us.**
- L: So together, let us pray:
- C: **Holy God, we give you thanks for the many ways in which your grace is made real to us. In preaching and teaching, in the waters of Baptism and the bread and wine of Holy Communion, in words of forgiveness and words of consolation, you bind us together as your people. Make us people who are eager to embrace your grace, and to share that same grace with others, that your kingdom might come in all its fullness. Amen.**

## THE LESSON

Romans 10:11-17

The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

**A SONG OF PRAISE "SPREAD, O SPREAD, ALMIGHTY WORD"**  
Lyrics by J. Bahnmaier / Music by J. Freylinghausen / ELW #663

**Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word,  
Spread the reign of God the Lord.  
Tell how his own Son he gave,  
All from sin and death to save.**

*Tell of our Redeemer's grace,  
Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price,  
Gave himself as sacrifice.*

*Tell of God the Spirit giv'n  
Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.*

*Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See your light and heed your call.*

**KIDTALK** Pastor John Valentine

**THE SERMON** Pastor John Valentine

**▲ WORDS TO LIVE BY** Psalm 23

The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want. He makes us lie down in green pastures; he leads us beside still waters; he restores our souls. He leads us in right paths for his name's sake. Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil; for you are with us; your rod and your staff, they comfort us.

You prepare a table before us in the in the presence of our enemies; you anoint our heads with oil and our cups overflow. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord to the end of days.

**THE OFFERTORY** "HOW BEAUTIFUL"  
Lyrics and Music by Twila Paris

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*(Gathered together as the people of God in Christ Jesus, we pray for ourselves, for our community, and for our world using the prayer refrain "God, in your mercy .... **Hear our prayer**" and concluding with the 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, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**▲ THE BENEDICTION**

**▲ OUR SENDING SONG** "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY"  
Lyrics and Music by Kate Hankey and William Fischer / ELW #661

*I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.*

Refrain

*I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.*

*I love to tell the story:  
how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. [Refrain]*

*I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]*

**▲ THE CHARGE**  
Go, in peace, to love God by serving your neighbor!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SENDING MUSIC**

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Thank you to this week's Worship Team, including:

**Bethany Valentine** – Vocalist, and Creative Director  
**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** – Vocalist  
**Gretchen Koellermeier Stenson** – Vocalist  
**Joe Zingale** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist

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