



The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church of Orinda, CA
November 14, 2021

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.) In whatever way you join us, may you know God's grace as we worship.

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 "COME, YOU THANKFUL PEOPLE"
Lyrics by Henry Alford / Music by George Elvey (ELW #693)

***Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.***

***All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.***

***For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take the harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.***

▲ OUR OPENING SENTENCES

L: Autumn – for the community in which we live – is a season of thankfulness. It is a time to remember the abundance with which we have been blessed. It is a time to remember those with whom we are called to share. So let us begin our time of worship by recalling words first penned by our nation's sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God."

P: **Forgive us our forgetfulness, Lord God.**

L: "We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."

P: **Forgive us our arrogance, Lord God.**

L: "Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

P: **Forgive us our blindness to our own failings and to the needs of our neighbors.**

L: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. To all who believe in Jesus Christ God grants freedom from the power of sin, and through the Holy Spirit gives life, forgiveness, and resurrection from the dead.

P: **Amen!**

L: So let us pray:

P: **God of all, show us how to let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an every-flowing stream. Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE LESSON

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

OUR SONG OF PRAISE

"LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE"

Lyrics by Albert Bayly / Music Source Anonymous (ELW #713)

*Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that you impart.*

*Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.*

*As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.*

*Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live*

KIDTALK Pastor John Valentine

THE SERMON Pastor John Valentine

▲ WORDS TO LIVE BY Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God, our Maker to whom we belong; God is the Shepherd and we are God's flock. Enter the temples gates with thanksgiving, the courtyard with thanks and praise. Give thanks and bless God's name. For the Lord is good indeed! God's steadfast love endures forever, faithful to all generations.

THE OFFERTORY "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"
Lyrics by M. Rinkhart / Music by J. Cruger / Arr. M. Rosewall

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(Utilizing 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / BENEDICTION

▲ OUR SENDING SONG "SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST"
Lyrics by John Monsell / Music by Johann Steurlein (ELW #694)

*Sing to the Lord of harvest
your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices
your hallelujahs raise;
by him the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest
a joyous song of love.*

*God makes the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness,
all things with large increase,
and crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty and with peace.*

*Bring to this sacred altar
the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,
the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.*

▲ THE CHARGE

Go, in peace, to love God by serving your neighbor!
Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC Julie Hamre

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

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