



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

**Please Note** that – though some indoor masking requirements have been lifted in Contra Costa County – in-person worshipers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings because our youngest members are not yet able to be vaccinated. Wearing face coverings is one way we can actively love our neighbors as ourselves!

**Know that You Are Welcome!** We share in Holy Communion during the context of this morning's service. This is the Lord's table. He is the host. We are his guests. He welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live!

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

## ▲ WORDS OF WELCOME

P: During this season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**C: Merciful God, you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We have ignored your truth. We have neglected your commandments. And we have failed to love those whom you have called our neighbors. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God is the One who is merciful. Almighty God is the One who forgives us all our sins. Almighty God is the One who brings us to everlasting life. Know God's mercy – know God's forgiveness – and know God's gift of life.

**C: Amen.**

## ▲ GATHERING SONG

"JESUS CALLS US"

Lyrics by C. Alexander / Music by W. Jude / ELW # 696

***Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me":***

***Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."***

***In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."***

***Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.***

## ▲ THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## ▲ THE KYRIE

ELW pg. 147-148

*The biblical prayer "Kyrie, eleison" — "Lord, have mercy" — has been at the heart of Christian worship for nearly two millennia.*

P: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

#### ▲ THE HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW pg.148/149

P: *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.*

**C: Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
Receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you!

**C: And also with you!**

P: God of truth ....

**C: Too often we bend truth to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus — for we ask this in the name of the one who is the Way and the Truth and the Life. Amen.**

#### THE LESSON

John 18:28-40

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according

to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

#### KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

#### THE SONG OF THE DAY

"FREE FROM GUILT AND FREE FROM SIN"  
Lyrics and Music by Don and Jaree Hall

#### THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

#### ▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The words of the ancient "Christ hymn" – as recorded in Philippians 2 – constitute one of the earliest faith statements of the Church. They invite us to consider both who Jesus is and whom we are called to be.*

**As people of God, we find our hope and salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the**

name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### ▲ THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*We pray for the Church, for a world so desperately in need, for our community, for those near to us, and for our own needs, utilizing the responsive phrase "... let us pray — **Have mercy, O God.**"*

### ▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW pg. 152/153

P: *The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: *It is indeed right and salutary ..... and join their unending hymn:*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.' Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.' — And now gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray that prayer that Jesus taught us:

**C: 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*As we share in the gift of Holy Communion this morning, we invite you to come to the Altar Rail and kneel or stand as you are able. You are encouraged to remove your mask once you have arrived at the Altar Rail, and don it anew before returning to your seat. During the serving of Holy Communion, you are invited to join in singing the following songs as directed by our Worship Team.*

### WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST

Lyrics and Music by Ray Makeever / ELW #479

***We come to the hungry feast,  
hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied  
The love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.***

***We come to the hungry feast,  
hungry for a world released  
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,  
the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.***

***We come to the hungry feast,  
hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, though we eat our fill,  
the hunger will stay with us; still  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.***

### FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN

Lyrics by L. Benson / arr. by W. Rockstro / ELW #494

***For the bread which you have broken,  
For the wine which you have poured,  
For the words which you have spoken,  
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.***

***By this promise that you love us,  
By your gift of peace restored,  
By your call to heav'n above us,  
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.***

***With the saints who now adore you  
Seated at our Father's board,  
May the Church still waiting for you  
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.***

***In your service, Lord, defend us;  
In our hearts keep watch and ward,  
In the world to which you send us  
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

Lyrics and Music: anonymous Austrian / / ELW #414

***Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim,  
all in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
everlasting is your reign.***

***Hark! the glad celestial hymn  
angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"***

***Lo, the apostolic train  
join your sacred name to hallow;  
prophets swell the glad refrain,  
and the white-robed martyrs follow;  
and from morn to set of sun  
through the church the song goes on.***

***Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
though in essence only one;  
undivided God we claim you  
and, adoring, bend the knee  
while we own the mystery.***

**THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: Through the bread and wine we have just received, we share the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. So let us live as Jesus lived and love as Jesus loved!  
C: **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**▲ THE BENEDICTION**

L: So let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us, knowing that the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit go with us.  
C: **Amen!**

**▲ THE SENDING SONG** "JESUS SHALL REIGN"  
Lyrics by I. Watts / Music by J. Hatton / ELW #434

***Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;***

***his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.***

***To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.***

***People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.***

***Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.***

***Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.***

**▲ THE CHARGE**

L: Go – in peace – to love and serve the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING MUSIC**

Julie Hamre

Thank you to this morning's Worship Team for sharing their gifts of music with us today, including:

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