



**Welcome to Worship** with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person and online worshipers (live-streamed on Facebook @HSLCORinda or archived at [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org).) In whatever way you join us, may you know God's grace as we worship.

**Please Note** though many indoor masking requirements have been lifted in Contra Costa County – in-person worshipers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings while indoors on our campus. 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!

**Your Offerings** While continuing pandemic restrictions discourage the traditional 'passing of the offering plate', know that we welcome your gifts to the work of our congregation both locally and globally. An offering plate is located in our entryway / narthex area if you would like to share a gift to support our efforts. Alternatively, we'd invite you to visit our website at [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org) and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

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 at God's table of grace, that we might be fed by the Bread of life.

C: **May God's Spirit work of healing work in us and through us. May God's blessing alive in us becoming a blessing to those around us.**

▲ **GATHERING SONG** O DAY FULL OF GRACE (vss. 1/2/4)  
Lyrics by G. Thorson / Music by C. Weyse / ELW #627

**O day full of grace that now we see  
appearing on earth's horizon,  
Bring light from our God that we may be  
abundant in joy this season.  
God shine for us now in this dark place,  
your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**For Christ bore our sins and not his own,  
when he on the cross was hanging;  
And then he arose and moved the stone,  
that we, unto him, belonging,  
Might join with angelic hosts to raise  
our voices in endless singing.**

**God came to us then at Pentecost,  
the Spirit new life revealing,  
That we might no more in death be lost,  
its power over us dispelling.  
This flame will the mark of sin efface  
and bring to us all true healing.**

▲ **OUR OPENING LITANY** CALLED TO BE CHURCH  
based on the Book of Acts

L: The last time Jesus was with His disciples, he told them: "When the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."

C: **So we pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'**

L: And the Spirit came among them.

C: **And they began to speak to their neighbors about the amazing love of God.**

L: And the Spirit stayed among them.

C: **And they devoted themselves to learning and fellowship, to worship and prayer.**

L: And the Spirit wove them together.

C: **And they supported one another as they could, and were thankful for what they had.**

L: The Spirit called them into action.

C: **To speak the truth and to speak for God.**

L: The Spirit challenged their assumptions.

C: **And their eyes were opened to new possibilities.**

L: The Spirit invited them to journey

C: **And wherever they went, they spoke of the mighty acts of God.**

L: May the same Spirit which called, gathered, enlighten and sanctified those first Christians be present with us.

C: **For we pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'**

L: So let us pray ....

C: **Almighty and ever-living God, we give thanks that – when you sent your Advocate – the apostles were empowered to speak about your deeds of power in all languages, for every people. Give us boldness to share the Spirit's power with our neighbors, for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## THE LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

*The story of the Day of Pentecost recounts the coming of the Holy Spirit. Luke (the author of the Book of Acts) particularly highlights how the Holy Spirit comes in order to allow the earliest Christians to share the Good News of Jesus 'to the ends of the earth'.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans

and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:

"Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel – 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

A SONG OF CELEBRATION

ANCIENT WORDS

Lyrics and Music by Lynn DeShazo

***Holy words long preserved  
for our walk in this world,  
They resound with God's own heart  
Oh, let the ancient words impart.  
Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh let the ancient words impart.***

***Words of Life, words of Hope  
Give us strength, help us cope  
In this world, where e'er we roam  
Ancient words will guide us Home.  
Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh let the ancient words impart.***

***Ancient words ever true  
Changing me, and changing you.  
We have come with open hearts  
Oh let the ancient words impart.***

THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

▲ **OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** THE APOSTLES' CREED

*We confess the faith of the Church this Pentecost Day using words that have been used by worshipping Christian communities for the past 1400 years.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to manifest the Good News to the ends of the earth, we pray for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation, utilizing the prayer refrain "God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

**THE OFFERTORY**

SPIRIT BOUNDLESS

Lyrics and Music by Betty Ramseth

▲ **THE COMMUNION LITANY**

L: Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you came to us as a tiny Baby born in danger and discomfort. You grew into a Man whom the world can never forget. You offered up your body and blood for the sake of our broken lives and our broken world. So come to us now in this bread and this wine. Unite us and strengthen us by your presence and through your Word, that we might be your faithful children in this world.

For together we remember that – on 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 that same Jesus who called us to remember, and

who is present with us now, is the One who taught us all to pray:

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 sing the following song with our Worship Team.*

O SPIRIT OF LIFE (ELW #405)

Lyrics by J. Niedling / Music arr. By J.S. Bach

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
in ev'ry need thou bring us aid,  
proceeding forth from heaven's throne,  
from God, the Father and the Son;  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
increase our faith in our dear Lord;  
unless your grace the pow'r should give,  
none can believe in Christ and live;  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
make us to love your sacred word;  
the holy flame of love impart,  
that charity may warm each heart;  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

**O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,  
enlighten us by that same word;  
teach us to know God's radiant love,  
lead us to Christ who reigns above;  
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS (ELW #396)

Lyrics and Music by James K. Manley

Refrain:

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,**

***blow through the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.***

***You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings." [Refrain]***

***You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city  
you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind. [Refrain]***

***You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow  
all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions  
your people arise. [Refrain]***

## THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: Go out into the world, and labor to bring forth new life. Dream dreams, pursue visions and speak of God's goodness in the words of those who would hear. And may the Holy Spirit, your advocate and supporter, fill you with love and joy and peace.

C: **Amen!**

▲ **THE SENDING SONG**                      **COME, JOIN THE DANCE**  
Lyrics by Richard Leach / Music Traditional / ELW #412

***Come, join the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun —  
the interweaving of the Three,  
the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time  
did not arise by chance,  
but as the Three, in love and hope,  
made room within their dance.***

***Come, see the face of Trinity,  
newborn in Bethlehem;  
then bloodied by a crown of thorns  
outside Jerusalem.***

***The dance of Trinity is meant  
for human flesh and bone;  
when fear confines the dance in death,  
God rolls away the stone.***

***Come, speak aloud of Trinity,  
as wind and tongues of flame  
set people free at Pentecost  
to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death,  
our necks have worn it smooth;  
go tell the world of weight and woe  
that we are free to move!***

***Within the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun,  
we sing the praises of the Three,  
the Father, Spirit, Son.  
Let voices rise and interweave,  
by love and hope set free,  
to shape in song this joy, this life:  
the dance of Trinity.***

#### ▲ THE CHARGE

L: Go – in peace – to love God by serving your neighbor!

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

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