

# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Orinda, California  
9:30am on September 25, 2022

**Welcome to Worship** with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person or are 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. 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** YOUR LOVE MAKES ME SING  
Music and Lyrics by Dennis Brown

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### ▲ OUR WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity (+) one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires

known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another ..... Gracious God,

C: **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ (+) your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

▲ **OUR GATHERING SONG** SING A NEW SONG  
Lyrics and Music by Dan Schutte / Gather #384

#### Chorus

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.**

**Yahweh's people dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.**  
(Chorus)

**Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
your Savior now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song.**  
(Chorus)

### ▲ OPENING LITANY

L: In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.

C: **In the beauty of the rainbow, we see a sign of**

### God's grace for all creation.

- L: In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on tablets of stone, as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.
- C: **In those tablets of stone, we first learned of God's call to love the Lord our God and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.**
- L: In the days of the prophets, God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.
- C: **Blessed be the God who has written the promise of love on the World, in the Word and on our hearts. May our lives be reflections of our choice to honor God in thankfulness for all that God does and is.**

### ▲ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Let us pray ...
- C: **Ever-present God, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### THE LESSON

Genesis 39:1-23

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the Lord was on all that he had, in house and field. So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and with him there he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking. And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. He is not greater in this house

than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and ran outside. When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice, and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside." Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me, but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled outside."

When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care because the Lord was with him, and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

### KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

### OUR SONG OF THE DAY

BE NOT AFRAID

Music and Lyrics by Bob Dufford / Gather #608

***You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.***

Chorus

***Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

***If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,***

***you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.*** (Chorus)

***Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!*** (Chorus)

## THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

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

**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

*As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation, utilizing the prayer refrain "God of grace, hear our prayer."*

### ▲ OUR COMMUNION LITURGY

L: Let us gather around the table to share the meal which Christ makes possible for us all. This is the welcome table of God, where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come.

C: **We come, hungry for the hope which Jesus alone can give.**

L: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty."

C: **We come, thirsty for the peace which Jesus' presence offers.**

L: 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 so – gathered into one by the Holy Spirit – let us pray as 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 Holy Communion this morning, we invite you to come to the Altar Rail and kneel or stand as you are able. During the serving of Holy Communion, you are invited to join in singing the following songs:*

### GREAT IS THE LORD

Lyrics and Music by Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith

***Great is the Lord, he is holy and just,  
by his power we trust in his love.  
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true,  
by his mercy he proves he is love.***

***Great is the Lord and worthy of glory,  
great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,  
now lift up your voice,  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!***

***Great are you, Lord, you are holy and just;  
by your power we trust in your love.  
Great are you, Lord, you are faithful and true;  
by your mercy you prove you are love.***

***Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory;  
great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great are you, Lord, I lift up my voice,  
I lift up my voice,  
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!***

## THE SAME LOVE

Lyrics and Music by Michael Rossback and Paul Baloche

***You choose the humble and raise them high  
You choose the weak and make them strong  
You heal our brokenness inside  
And give us life***

Chorus: ***The same love that set the captives free  
The same love that opened eyes to see  
Is calling us all by name  
You are calling us all by name  
The same God that spread the heavens wide  
The same God that was crucified  
Is calling us all by name  
You are calling us all by name***

***You take the faithless one aside  
And speak the words "You are mine"  
You call the cynic and the proud  
Come to me now***  
(Chorus)

Tag: ***You're calling You're calling  
You're calling us to the cross***

## THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE BENEDICTION

L: God's promises endure from generation to generation. So now may the God of Abraham and Sarah, the God of Moses and of Miriam, the God of Ruth and of Esther, the God who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you abundantly and shape your life in God's image.

C: **Amen!**

## ▲ OUR SENDING SONG

BY GRACE ALONE

Lyrics and Music by Tom Henry

***He is the resurrection and the light unto the world  
Whoever believes in Him shall see the glory of God.  
Come out of the darkness and find the Son of Man.  
Open your hearts to Him and sing across the land.***

Chorus: ***We are saved by grace alone  
By our faith in this free gift of God.  
We've all sinned and fallen short;  
But by grace we are saved!***

***God revealed Himself to us in the presence of His Son.  
May you be strengthened by His power and His love.***

***Sing on high the ministry of the word, the truth, the light.***

***Everlasting life is ours, that's the good news of the Lord.***  
(Chorus)

***Harden not your hearts, my friends,  
but sing unto the Lord.***

***Everlasting love is ours, your faith has shown the way.  
Remember to do His will and praise His name on high.  
Come together and join your hands  
and share His news today.***  
(Chorus)

Tag: ***For by Grace we are saved!  
For by grace we are saved!***

## ▲ THE CHARGE

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

## SENDING MUSIC

BY GRACE ALONE (Reprise)

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

**Tom Henry** – Guitarist, Vocalist and Creative Director

**Elizabeth Humphrey** – Vocalist

**Diana Riveness Young** – Vocalist

**Bethany Valentine** – Vocalist

**Marci Bauer** – Vocalist

**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** – Vocalist

**Ed Szaky** – Vocalist

**Steve Swanback** – Vocalist

**Bob Schmalz** – Vocalist

**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist

**Marc Levine** – Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey through the Old Testament this Fall?

Next week's text is Exodus 14:5-29

**Give the Gift of Life!** The Lions Club and St. Monica's Catholic Church are co-sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 1:30 pm at 1951 Canyon Road, Moraga CA 94556. Visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) to sign-up or contact Karen Rose Kalvass for more details.

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