

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
Orinda, California
9:30am on October 2, 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.) 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 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 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 THE GOD OF ABR'AM PRAISE Lyrics by Thomas Olivers / Music Trad. Jewish / ELW #831

*The God of Abr'ham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love -
"I Am the One I Am," -
by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.*

*The God of Abr'ham praise!
Your all-sufficient grace
shall guide me all my pilgrim days
in all my ways.
You deign to call me friend;
you call yourself my God!
And you will save me to the end
through Jesus' blood.*

*Your promise you have sworn;
I on your oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold your face;
I shall your pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of your grace
forevermore.*

▲ 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: **God of salvation, you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Rescue us from the things of this world that threaten our lives and livelihoods, so that we might forever place our trust in you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE LESSON

Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him; he took six hundred elite chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians'? For it would have

been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

KIDTALK

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

OUR SONG OF THE DAY

BLESS NOW, O GOD ...

Lyrics by S. Dunstan / Music Trad. Welsh / ELW #326

***Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.***

***Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.***

***Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.***

THE SERMON

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

▲ 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:

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

Lyrics by J. Rippon / Music Early American / ELW #796

***How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say
than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?***

***"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."***

***"When through fi'ry trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you;
I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."***

***"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs
shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."***

ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

Lyrics by W. Whiting / Music by J. Dykes / ELW #756

***Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.***

***O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.***

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 LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING
Lyrics by K. Davis / Lyrics Welsh Folk Tune / ELW #881

***Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator
triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on***

***to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
A pillar of fire
shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
As forward we travel
from light into light.***

***God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses.
And sun in its orbit
obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean
proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration
a song let us raise
Till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest,
hosanna and praise!***

▲ THE CHARGE

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

Thank you, **Julie Hamre, Gretchen Koellermeier Stenson, Joe Zingale and Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson**, for sharing your gifts of music with us today!

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

Next week's text is Exodus 19:3-7; 20:2-17

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