

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

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Orinda, California  
9:30am on October 23, 2022

**Welcome to Worship** with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person or are online worshippers (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 worshippers 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

Julie Hamre

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### ▲ WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

P: Amen.

L: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does ....

P: **God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

L: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

P: Amen.

### ▲ GATHERING SONG

GREAT GOD, YOUR LOVE

Lyrics by B. Wren / Music by N. Cocker / ELW #358 (1/3/5)

**Great God, your love has called us here  
as we, by love, for love were made.  
Your living likeness still we bear,  
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
your call to hear, your love to find.**

**Great God, in Christ you call our name  
and then receive us as your own,  
not through some merit, right or claim,  
but by your gracious love alone.  
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat  
and find you kneeling at our feet.**

**Great God, in Christ you set us free  
your life to live, your joy to share.  
Give us your Spirit's liberty  
to turn from guilt and dull despair  
and offer all that faith can do  
while love is making all things new.**

### ▲ THE GREETING

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

P: **And also with you.**

### ▲ THE KYRIE

ELW #157

L: *In peace, in peace, Let us pray to the Lord ...*

P: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

- L: *For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord ...*
- P: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**
- L: *For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word. Let us pray to the Lord ...*
- P: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**
- L: *Help, save and defend us, O God.*
- P: **Amen.**

## ▲ THE HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW #167

(Refrain) **Now the feast and celebration,  
All of creation sings for joy  
To the God of life and love and freedom:  
Praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
Whose blood has freed and united us  
To be one great people of God.** (Refrain)

**Power and riches, wisdom and might  
All honor and glory to Christ forever.** (Refrain)

**For God has come to dwell with us,  
To make us people of God;  
To make all things new.** (Refrain)

## ▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: The Lord be with you!
- P: **And also with you!**
- L: Let us pray:
- P: **God of forgiveness, you showed your servant David the error of his ways, and forgave him for his sins. Forgive us, and help us to see how we might live differently to honor you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE LESSON

2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the

king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

## 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.

#### A MUSICAL OFFERTORY

MERCY STILL

Lyrics by Charles Wesley / Music by Nicole Elsey

#### ▲ THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*We gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation, utilizing the prayer refrain "God, in your mercy, hear our prayer."*

#### ▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW #191

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: ***And also with you.***

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

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

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

P: ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

L: *It is our duty and delight ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

P: ***Holy, holy, holy are you, God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in your name  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

L: 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 that same Jesus who called us to remember, and who is present with us now, invites us all to pray:

P: ***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:*

#### OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED

Lyrics by K. Nichols / Music by H.L. Hassler / ELW #606

***Our Father, we have wandered  
and hidden from your face;  
In foolishness have squandered  
your legacy of grace.  
But now in exile dwelling,  
we rise in fear and shame,  
as distant but compelling,  
we hear you call our name.***

***And now at length discerning  
the evil that we do,  
Behold us, Lord, returning  
with hope and trust, to you.  
In haste you come to meet us  
and home rejoicing bring,  
In gladness there to greet us,  
with calf and robe and ring.***

***O Lord of all the living,  
both banished and restored,  
Compassionate, forgiving,  
and ever-caring Lord,  
Grant now that our transgressing,  
our faithlessness may cease,  
Stretch out your hand of blessing,  
in pardon and in peace.***

#### MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

Lyrics by R. Palmer / Music by L. Mason / ELW #759

***My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day  
be wholly thine!***

*May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!*

*While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.*

*When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love  
fear and distrust remove;  
oh, bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!*

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of the feast to come. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: **Amen.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE BENEDICTION

▲ **SENDING SONG** THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY  
Lyrics by F. Faber / Music Trad. Amer. / ELW 588

*There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment giv'n.*

*There is welcome for the sinner,  
and a promised grace made good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.  
There is grace enough for thousands*

*of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.*

*For the love of God is broader  
than the measures of the mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make this love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal God will not own.*

*'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;  
it is something more than all:  
greater good because of evil,  
larger mercy through the fall.  
Make our love, O God, more faithful;  
let us take you at your word,  
and our lives will be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.*

#### ▲ THE CHARGE

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

P: **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  
**Diana Riveness Young** — Vocalist  
**Sharon Tissue** — Vocalist  
**Elizabeth Humphrey** – Vocalist  
**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** – Vocalist  
**Joe Zingale** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey through the Old Testament this Fall?  
Next week's text is 1 Kings 3:3-28

Our annual 'Marty Party' – a community celebration honoring the Reformers of the Church – takes place on Sunday, October 30 from 11am to 1pm. Plan to join us as you are able as we eat and laugh and learn together!

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