

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Orinda, California  
9:30am on November 13, 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** YOUR LOVE IS AMAZING  
Lyrics and Music by Brenton Brown

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### ▲ OUR WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Autumn – for the community in which we live – is a season of thankfulness. It is a time to remember the abundance with which we have been blessed. It is a

time to remember those with whom we are called to share. So let us begin our time of worship by recalling words first penned by our nation's sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God."

P: **Forgive us our forgetfulness, Holy One.**

L: "We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."

P: **Forgive us our arrogance, Holy One.**

L: "Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

P: **Forgive us our blindness to our own failings and to the needs of our neighbors.**

L: Hear the Good News! God is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. To all who believe in Jesus Christ, God grants freedom from the power of sin, and through the Holy Spirit gives life, forgiveness, and resurrection from the dead.

▲ **OUR GATHERING SONG** COME, NOW IS THE TIME ...  
Lyrics and Music by Brian Robert Doerksen

#### Chorus

**Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come**

**One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God  
One day ev'ry knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly serve you now  
(Chorus)**

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Still the greatest treasure remains for those,  
Who gladly serve you now  
(Chorus)**

## ▲ OPENING LITANY

based on Psalm 136

- L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.  
P: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
L: O give thanks to the One who creates all things.  
P: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
L: Who by understanding made the heavens and the earth.  
P: **Who crafted stars and distant galaxies.**  
L: Who spread out the earth on the waters.  
P: **Who planted the earth with redwoods and oak trees.**  
L: Who gives food to all living things.  
P: **Who provides for our every need.**  
L: Who remembers us in our low estate.  
P: **Who rescues the broken and the hurting.**  
L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.  
P: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
L: So let us pray ...  
P: **God of justice, you sent your servant Micah to proclaim justice and peace to a world that lacked both. Make us instruments of justice and peace, so that your world might prosper. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE LESSON

Micah 1:3-5; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

*The Prophet Micah declares:* "For the Lord is coming out of his place and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth. Then the mountains will melt under him, and the valleys will burst open like wax near the fire, like waters poured down a slope. All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what is the high place of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?"

"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

"With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased

with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

**OUR SONG OF THE DAY** OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART  
Lyrics and Music by Paul Baloche

***Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart.  
I want to see you, I want to see you.***  
(Repeat)

***To see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power in love,  
as we sing holy, holy, holy.***  
(Repeat Song)

***Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see You.***

## 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** (based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism)

L: One day, Jesus's disciples asked him how to pray, and as a part of his answer he taught them to pray: "Give us this day our daily bread."

P: **God gives us daily bread, even when we do not pray for it, even to those who do not deserve it.**

L: But still Jesus taught us to pray: "Give us this day our daily bread."

P: **We ask in this prayer that God would help us to realize God's goodness, and receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

L: But what does Jesus mean when he teaches us to pray: "Give us this day our daily bread"?

P: **Daily bread includes everything we need for life in this world.**

L: Food and clothing ...

P: **Home and property ...**

L: Work and income ...

P: **A devoted family ...**

L: An orderly community ...

P: **Good government ...**

L: Favorable weather ...

P: **Peace and health ...**

L: A good reputation ...

P: **True friends and neighbors.**

L: But people shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God.

P: **Jesus Christ is the word of God, the Word made flesh. He is the bread of life.**

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.

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:*

GIVE THANKS

Lyrics and Music by H. Smith

***Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.***  
(Repeat)

***And now let the weak say, "I am strong."  
Let the poor say, "I am rich"  
because of what the Lord has done for us.***  
(Repeat)

***Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.  
Give thanks.***

AS THE DEER

Lyrics and Music by Martin Nystrom

***As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after thee  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship thee***

Chorus

***You alone are my strength, my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my hearts desire  
And I long to worship thee***

***You're my friend and You are my brother,  
Even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
So much more than anything.***  
[Chorus]

***I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy Giver,  
And the apple of my eye.***  
[Chorus]

**THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## THE BENEDICTION

L: Do not worry about anything in life — what you'll eat, or what you'll wear. Look at the birds of the air, or the flowers in the field. If God takes such good care of birds and flowers, how much more will He care for you? So don't be afraid. Instead, let your lives be marked by compassion and generosity, sharing what you have been given with those in need, storing up your treasure in heaven instead of here on earth.

And may the blessing of God — the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of all — encourage and strengthen you in every good word and deed.

C: **Amen!**

### ▲ OUR SENDING SONG

HERE I AM, LORD

Lyrics and Music by Daniel Schutte / ELW #574

*I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people's cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright,  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

Chorus

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*

(Chorus)

*I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?*

(Chorus)

### ▲ THE CHARGE

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

**P: Thanks be to God!**

### SENDING MUSIC

HERE I AM, LORD (Reprise)

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  
**Diana Riveness Young** – Vocalist  
**Bethany Valentine** – 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 texts are Isaiah 36:1-3,13-20; 37:1-7 and 2:1-4

This afternoon, Chromatica Chorale Concerts presents "Music from Stage and Screen" (think Bernstein's West Side Story, Lin-Manuel Miranda's Hamilton, Sondheim's A Little Night Music and much more!) The concert occurs at 3pm in our sanctuary here at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Speak with Bethany Valentine for more information or to purchase tickets.

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