Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church Orinda, California 9:30a November 12, 2023

Pentecost 24

Welcome to Worship with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person or online (on Facebook Live or archived at www.holyshepherd.org.) May you know God's grace as we worship.

Know that You Are Welcome! We share in Holy Communion during the context of this morning's service. This is the table of the Lord. Jesus is the host and we are his guests. Jesus welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live!

Your Offerings We have resumed the practice of 'passing the offering plate' during our musical offertory. If you would prefer to support the work of our congregation electronically, visit our website at <u>www.holyshepherd.org</u> and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD Lyrics and Music by Jimmy Owens

▲ OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: For the community in which we live this 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, Lord God.
- 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, Lord God.

- 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: The Lord 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.
- P: Amen!

▲ GATHERING SONG 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)

Refrain: **You're calling You're calling You're calling us to the cross** (Repeat 4x)

Chorus / Refrain

▲ 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.

A PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Psalm 67

- I: Let God grant us grace and bless us; let God make his face shine on us.
- II: So that your way becomes known on earth, and your salvation becomes known among the nations.
- I: Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you!
- II: Let the people celebrate and shout with joy because you judge the nations fairly and guide all nations on the earth.
- I: Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you!
- II: The earth has yielded its harvest. God blesses us our God blesses us!
- I: Let God continue to bless us; let the far ends of the earth honor him.
- II: Let the people thank you, God! Let all the people thank you!

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: The Lord be with you!
- P: And also with you!
- L: Let us pray:
- P: Faithful God, you have continued to love your people despite our faithlessness to you. Receive our thanks for never giving up on us. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE LESSON

Hosea 11:1-9

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath."

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

THE SONG OF THE DAY FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH Lyrics and Music by F.S. Pierpoint, J. Horness and S. Dyer

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies For the love which even from our birth Over and around us lies

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night Every hill and valley, tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light

Chorus: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Lord of All, to Thee we raise, Hallelujah! Hallelu - jah! This our song of grateful praise

For the joy of human love Brother, sister, parent, child All our friends on earth and friends above For all gentle thoughts and mild (chorus 2X)

And for You, best Gift divine To our world so freely given For that great and wondrous love of Thine Peace on earth and joy in heaven (chorus 2X)

(Ending) This our song of grateful praise This our song of grateful praise Lord, receive our grateful praise.

THE SERMON

▲ 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 OFFERTORY STRANGE WAY TO SAVE THE WORLD Lyrics and Music by Dave Clark, Mark Harris and Don Koch

▲ 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."

▲ 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 means 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:

HERE IS BREAD Lyrics and Music by Graham Kendrick / ELW #483

> Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us. Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.

(Refrain) In this bread there is healing, in this cup there's life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us. Know His grace, find peace, feast on Jesus here.

(Refrain) In this bread there is healing, in this cup there's life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

> Here we are, joined as one, Christ is with us, He is with us. We'll proclaim, 'til he comes, Jesus crucified. (Refrain)

<u>COMMUNION SONG</u> Lyrics and Music by Sonny Salsbury

In the upper room, twelve friends were sitting around the Lord. As He stood to share the meal, they heard him say

<u>Chorus</u>

This is my body which is broken for you, and for you I've known the pain. This wine you drink recalls the blood that is shed, please don't let it be in vain.

> For two thousand years, believers have remembered still. That our Savior died, and rose again that day. (Chorus)

Ev'ryone through all of time is dead or dying still; But this good gift means that we can live again. (Chorus)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS / THE BENEDICTION

▲ SENDING SONG THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE Lyrics and Music: Trad. African American

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine. Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine! Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

Shine it all around the world, I'm gonna let it shine. Shine it all around the world, I'm gonna let it shine. Shine it all around the world, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!

▲ THE CHARGE

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

P: Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE (Reprise)

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

Tom Henry – Guitarist, Vocalist & Creative Director Diana Riveness Young – Vocalist Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist Bethany Valentine – Vocalist Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist Marci Bauer – Vocalist Bob Schmalz – Vocalist Steve Swanback – 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 Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

Later Today! **Chromatica Chorale** presents "We Remember" (Choral Reflections on Love, Peace and the Hope to Come) at 3pm this afternoon here at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Speak with Bethany Valentine for more information or to purchase tickets.

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