



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 Have a Place at the Table! 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!

Offerings are an Act of Worship! Offerings are one way we express both our gratitude for God's wondrous love and our commitment to for work of ministry. If you would like to support our work electronically, visit www.holyshepherd.org and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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GATHERING MUSIC COME, CELEBRATE THE CROSS
Lyrics and Music by Kim G. Noblitt

WORDS OF WELCOME

▲ OUR EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, stand up! Come and join in the journey of faith - a journey that begins at an empty tomb and leads us out into life.

P: **We come to walk with the God of new beginnings, a God who reveals strength in weakness, who loves in the face of indifference, who brings life into the midst of death.**

L: We begin our time of worship in the name of God ... the Father, the Son (+), and the Spirit.

P: **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

▲ **GATHERING SONG** 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.**

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

**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.**

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

▲ WHAT EASTER MEANS

L: Easter means we celebrate the newness and wholeness God brings to a broken world.

P: **Easter means we celebrate a love that expects nothing in return and discover what Jesus meant when he said, "Love one another as I have loved you."**

L: Easter means we celebrate the One whose presence disturbs us and inconveniences us, revealing to us the hardness of our hearts and challenging us to new ways of thinking.

P: **Easter means we celebrate a resurrection that never denies the pain of crucifixion and we meet the Christ who reaches out to us with open arms and wounded hands.**

L: Easter means that God is alive and at work in the world. Jesus took death upon himself that we might know life in this world and beyond.

So let us pray Mysterious and Divine Presence, there are times when our hearts burn within us because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us and through us in this world. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ.

P: **Amen!**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

KIDTALK

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

A SONG OF CELEBRATION

I AM THE RESURRECTION
Lyrics and Music by Ray Repp

[Chorus] ***I am the resurrection and the life;
Those who believe in me will never die.
I am the resurrection and the life;
Those who believe in me will live a new life.***

***I have come to bring the truth;
I have come to bring you life;
If you believe, then you shall live.***
[Chorus]

***In my word, you all will come to know
It is love which makes the Spirit grow
If you believe, then you shall live.***
[Chorus]

***Keep in mind the things that I have said
Remember me in the breaking of the bread
If you believe, then you shall live.***
[Chorus]

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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need — utilizing the prayer refrain: *"Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

THE OFFERTORY

WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK

Lyrics and Music by Dave Mohr and Brian Warner

▲ THE COMMUNION LITANY

L: In the breaking of bread and the sharing of the cup, Jesus offered his first followers peace and friendship, trust and forgiveness, the love and embrace of God - and Jesus offers those same gifts.

For – 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 that same Jesus who called us to remember, and who is present with us now, is the One who taught 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 in the gift of Holy Communion this morning, we invite you to come to the Altar Rail and kneel or stand as you are able. Note that the Communion Assistant offers both (red) wine and (white) grape juice. After receiving the gift of Holy Communion, please return to your seat by the side aisle, and place the communion cup in the small basket before returning to your seat. During the serving of Holy Communion, you are invited to sing the following songs with our Worship Team.

THE BREAD HAS BEEN BROKEN

Lyrics and Music by Jeff Deyo

***Come to the table, and worship the Savior
Taste what forgiveness is for
His mercy will lead us, the grace of God feed us***

***Making us hungry for more
His body was given for you and me
Look on the cross and believe***

Refrain

***The Bread has been broken
Our eyes have been opened
Oh come Lord restore and renew
The Word has been spoken
So humbled and broken
We do all in remembrance of You
The Bread has been broken***

***And all those who know Him
Believe without touching a scar
His death reconciled us
We live, sanctified to become what we already are
To Him who loves us and freed us to love
Be glory, honor and praise. (Refrain)***

Bridge:

***His body was given for you and for me
Look on the cross and believe
(Refrain)***

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME
African American Spiritual / ELW #325

***I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.***

***In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.***

***When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.***

***I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.***

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: Like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, may your eyes be opened and your heart be expanded to the love of God made real in Jesus in this meal which we have shared.

P: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: Go now as God's chosen witnesses, to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him. Do not look for him among the dead, but be glad and rejoice in his salvation. And may God raise you from all that would entomb you; may Christ Jesus call you by name and go ahead of you; and may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good. For Christ is risen!

P: **He is risen indeed!**

▲ THE SENDING SONG HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG Lyrics and Music by Sarah Hart and Josh Blakesley

***What hope we have, even in the longest night
For the light will overcome
We will not fear, for we know the sun will rise
Hallelujah is our song***

***What peace we have, even in this wounded world
Where the battle rages on
We will not fear, for we know who heals our souls
Hallelujah is our song***

Refrain
***Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
He is risen over all
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah is our song***

***What joy we have, for the stone is rolled away
And the tomb holds nothing now
No sting of death, no power over sin or grave
Hallelujah is our song***
(Refrain)

***What love we have, for the One who shed His blood
To redeem His broken ones
Now we shall live, sinners, we will rise to saints
Hallelujah is our song***
(Refrain 2x)

▲ THE CHARGE

L: Go – in peace – to love and serve the Lord! For Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

SENDING MUSIC HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG (Reprise)

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

Tom Henry – Guitarist, Vocalist and Co-Director
Bethany Valentine – Vocalist
Gretchen Stenson – Vocalist
Diana Riveness Young – Vocalist
Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist
Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist
Steve Swanback – Vocalist
Bob Schmalz – Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist
Marc Levine – Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey with the earliest Christians through days of discovery and opportunity? Next week's text is Acts 6:1—7:2a, 44-60

Chromatica Chorale presents "If Stars Could Sing" (450 Years of Music about the Heavens) this afternoon (4pm) here at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Speak with Bethany Valentine for more information or to purchase tickets.

We're excited to be returning to service at **Loaves & Fishes!!** While the pandemic put a pause on our in-person partnership with Loaves & Fishes, we're thrilled to be getting back to this meaningful hands-on work that has been such a powerful experience for our community in the past. The first opportunity to join in will take place at L&F's Martinez dining room at 835 Ferry Street (off Green Street) on **Thursday, May 1**, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Volunteers will assist with light food preparation, packing to-go meals, and cleanup. We have space for only 6 volunteers, so if you'd like to join, contact Vicar Meagan by emailing her at pastormeagankim@gmail.com

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