



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

Julie Hamre

WORDS OF WELCOME

▲ OUR WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Gathered in the name of the One who raised Jesus from the dead, we begin this time of worship by reflecting upon those very things which have separated us from both God and those whom God has called our neighbors

Gracious God:

P: **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. Amen.

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.

P: **Amen.**

▲ GATHERING SONG THE DAY OF RESURRECTION Lyrics by John of Damascus / ELW #361

***The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.***

***Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.***

***Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes in gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!***

▲ 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: **Miraculous God, come to us now, even as Jesus came to those first disciples amid their fear, their wonderment and their disbelief. Speak peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your promise and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:35-53

These concluding verses of Luke's Gospel recount the disciples' encounter with the Risen Jesus, and invite us to consider how we might live in the light of the Risen One.

Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

A SONG OF CELEBRATION

DAY OF ARISING

Lyrics by S. Cherwien / Music by C. Schalk / ELW #274

**Day of arising, Christ on the roadway
unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**

**When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting
our invitation: Stay, do not part.**

**"Lo, I am with you," Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.**

*Christ our companion, hope for the journey,
bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
that all creation with you may rise.*

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

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

O PRAISE THE LIVING KING!

Lyrics and Music by L. Larson and C. Wordsworth

▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

P: 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 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 song with our Worship Team.

COME, LET US EAT

Lyrics and Music by Billema Kwillia / ELW #491

*Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.*

*Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.*

*Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.*

*Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.*

*In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.*

*In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.*

*Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.*

*Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.*

ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!

Lyrics by H. Brokering / Music by D. Johnson / ELW #377

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain:

**Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center,
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise.** [Refrain]

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me.** [Refrain]

**Weeping, be gone; sorrow be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: ""O grave, be open!""
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.** [Refrain]

**City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM!** [Refrain]

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine on you with grace, mercy and love. And may God look upon you with favor and give you peace!

P: **Amen!**

▲ THE SENDING SONG

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

Lyrics by B. Wren / Music by T. Williams / ELW #389

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
To distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
And touching ev'ry place and time.**

**Women and men, in age and youth,
Can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
And find the way, the life, the truth,
Revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
Good news to this and ev'ry age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

▲ THE CHARGE

L: Go – in peace – to love God by serving your neighbor! For Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

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 Director
Gretchen Stenson – Vocalist
Diana Riveness Young – Vocalist
Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist
Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist
John Goetz – Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist
Julie Hamre – Pianist and Organist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey with the earliest Christians through days of discovery and opportunity? Next week's text is Acts 8:26-39.

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