



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!

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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** BEFORE YOU, LORD, WE BOW
Lyrics by Francis Scott Key / Music by J. Darwall / ELW #893

***Before you, Lord, we bow,
our God who reigns above
and rules the world below
with boundless pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
our hearts we raise to you we sing!***

***May ev'ry mountain height,
each vale and forest green,
shine forth in wisdom's light,
and its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise
and join to raise a grateful song.***

***Earth, hear your maker's voice;
your great redeemer own;
believe, obey, rejoice,
and worship God alone.
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,
and bow before the Crucified.***

***And when in pow'r he comes,
oh, may then ev'ry land
from all its rending tombs
send forth a glorious band,
a countless throng, with joy to sing
to heav'n's high king salvation's song!***

▲ 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: **Life-giving God, with great joy we receive the gift of salvation which is ours not because of our own efforts, but because of the saving work of Jesus. Grant us full access to the glory of your salvation, an abundance that is more than enough for all humankind, for the sake of our redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

THE LESSON

Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

Paul of Tarsus – whom history refers to as 'Saint Paul' – was among the first of the early Christians to realize the depth and the breadth of God's love as revealed in Jesus.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was

trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when the one who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the gentiles, I did not confer with any human, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterward I returned to Damascus.

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood self-condemned, for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the gentiles to live like Jews?"

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not gentile sinners, yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

KIDTALK

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

THE SONG OF THE DAY

TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

Lyrics by F. Havergal / Music by W. Havergal / ELW #685

Refrain:

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;**

*take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.* [Refrain]

*Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.* [Refrain]

*Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.* [Refrain]

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 WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

Lyrics and Music by Michael D. Costello

▲ 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.**

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 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.*

BREAD OF LIFE, OUR HOST AND MEAL
Lyrics and Music by Ray Makeever / ELW #464

**Bread of Life, our host and meal,
Jesus, feed us.**

**Christ, by faith, to see and feel,
feed us with your love.**

**Bread now break and wine now pour.
Jesus, feed us.**

**Make us one, our hope restore.
Feed us with your love.**

**Grant forgiveness in the feast.
Jesus, feed us.**

***For the greatest and the least,
feed us with your love.***

***Thank you for this gift you share.
Jesus, feed us.
Save God's children everywhere.
Feed us with your love.***

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Lyrics by F. Crosby / Music by Ph. Knapp / ELW #638

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.***

Refrain

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.***

***Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.***

[Refrain]

***Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.***

[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!**

▲ SENDING SONG O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES
Lyrics by K.L. Bates / Music by S.A. Ward / ELW #888

***O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.***

***O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.***

***O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.***

▲ 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 – Director and Vocalist
Gretchen Stenson – Vocalist
Diana Riveness Young – Vocalist
Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist
Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist
Vicar Meagan Kim – Vocalist
Steve Swanback – Vocalist
Joe Zingale – 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 Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

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