



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** HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES!
Lyrics by Carl Garve / Music by L. Lindeman / ELW #380

***Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the Conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.***

***Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.***

***Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living head,
where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand,
as a victor you shall stand.***

***Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feeble voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!***

▲ 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: **Source of our justification, it is 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 Christ. 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 redeeming Christ. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with

the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing. Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law or by your believing what you heard?

Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would reckon as righteous the gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the gentiles shall be blessed in you.” For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

A SONG OF CELEBRATION

WE WALK BY FAITH

Lyrics by H. Alford / Music by M. Haugen / ELW #635

***We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."***

***We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"***

***Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:***

***For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.***

***And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.***

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

DREAMERS AND DOUBTERS

Lyrics and Music by Joseph M. Martin

▲ 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.

NOW THE SILENCE

Lyrics by J. Vajda / Music by C. Schalk / ELW #460

***Now the silence, Now the peace
Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling, Now the plea
Now the Father's arms in welcome***

***Now the hearing, Now the power
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the body, Now the blood
Now the joyful celebration***

***Now the wedding, Now the songs
Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation
Now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing***

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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Lyrics and Music by John B. Foley / ELW#496

(Refrain) ***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.***

***Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more***
(Refrain)

***Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all***
(Refrain)

***Grain for the fields scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all***
(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 LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

Lyrics by E. Hoffman / Music by A. Showalter / ELW #774

***What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

***Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

***What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

▲ THE CHARGE

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

P: **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
Steve Swanback – Vocalist
Joe Zingale – Vocalist
Steve Swanback – 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 texts are Acts 2:1-4 and Galatians 4:1-7 and 5:16-26, as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost!

We hold in prayer the family of Marilyn Norleen, who died this past Wednesday while under hospice care at John Muir Medical Center. Marilyn was upheld in her final days by the constant presence of her children and grandchildren. (A celebration of Marilyn's life is tentatively being planned for early Fall.)

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