



**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](http://www.holyshepherd.org).) May you know God's grace as we worship.

**Pentecost** – the fiftieth day after Easter – is a day to celebrate the Holy Spirit, God's presence within and among us. In Acts, the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. And in Paul's letter to the Church in Galatia, we're reminded that ALL of us are gifted by God for the work of ministry.

**Know that You Have a Place at the Table!** We share in Holy Communion during 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 the offertory. If you would prefer to support the work of our congregation electronically, please visit [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org) and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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**GATHERING MUSIC** HOPE OF THE BROKEN WORLD  
Lyrics and Music by Carl Cartee and Jennie Lee Riddle

#### ▲ OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather here in this place in a spirit of honesty.  
Just as we are, not just as we hope we might be.  
Whole yet broken, filled yet empty, hopeful yet  
hopeless.

P: **May God's Spirit of wholeness blow through our lives.**

L: We gather in a spirit of humility. Thankful that God has given us in Jesus Christ a gift which we could never obtain on our own.

P: **May God's Spirit of truth open our eyes to God's goodness.**

L: We gather in a spirit of unity. Side by side at God's table of grace, that we might be fed by the Bread of life.

P: **May God's Spirit of healing work in us and through us. May God's blessing alive in us becoming a blessing to those around us.**

#### ▲ GATHERING SONG

LET THE RIVER FLOW  
Lyrics and Music by Darrell Evans

**Let the poor one say,  
I am rich in Him.  
Let the lost one say,  
I am found in Him.  
And let the river flow**

**Let the blind one say,  
I can see again.  
Let the dead one say,  
I am born again.  
And let the river flow .....  
Let the river flow**

**Let the river flow,  
Let the river flow,  
Holy Spirit come, move in power  
Let the river flow.**

(Repeat entire song)

#### ▲ OUR OPENING LITANY

CALLED TO BE CHURCH  
based on the Book of Acts

L: The last time Jesus was with His disciples, he told them: "When the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."

P: **So we pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'**

L: And the Spirit came among them.

P: **And they began to speak to their neighbors about the amazing love of God.**

L: And the Spirit stayed among them.

P: **And they devoted themselves to learning and fellowship, to worship and prayer.**

L: And the Spirit wove them together.

P: **And they supported one another as they could, and were thankful for what they had.**

L: The Spirit called them into action.

P: **To speak the truth and to speak for God.**

L: The Spirit challenged their assumptions.

P: **And their eyes were opened to new possibilities.**

L: The Spirit invited them to journey

P: **And wherever they went, they spoke of the mighty acts of God.**

L: May the same Spirit which called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified those first Christians be present with us.

P: **For we pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'**

L: So let us pray ....

P: **Spirit of fire, your holy presence burns bright within this world. Spread your spirit throughout our communities, so that our hearts may burn with love and hope. Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

## SONG OF THE DAY

SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

Lyrics and Music by James K. Manley / ELW #396

Refrain:

***Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.***

***You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers  
and rise on your wings." [Refrain]***

***You sang in a stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city  
you called once again,  
when you blew through your people  
on the rush of the wind. [Refrain]***

***You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow  
all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions,  
our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions  
your people arise. [Refrain]***

## THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

## ▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and  
unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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**

BY GRACE ALONE

Lyrics and Music by Tom Henry

#### **▲ 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, 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 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.*

##### 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)

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

##### SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Lyrics and Music by Daniel Iverson

***Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.***

***Spirit of the living God,  
move among us all;***

*make us one in heart and mind,  
make us one in love,  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fill our lives with love.*

## THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

P: **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

P: **Amen!**

### ▲ THE 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** – Vocalist, Guitarist and Creative Director  
**Bethany Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Diana Riveness Young** – Vocalist  
**Elizabeth Humphrey** — Vocalist  
**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** — Vocalist  
**Bob Schmalz** — Vocalist  
**Steve Swanback** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** — Vocalist  
**Marc Levine** — Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we begin a journey through the Book of the prophet Jeremiah? First up is Jeremiah 1:1-10!

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