



**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.

**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](http://www.holyshepherd.org) and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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## GATHERING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

COME THOU FOUNT ...

Music by Gary Lanier / as offered by Amanda McCarthy

## 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** CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!  
Lyrics by J.S.B. Monsell / Music by F.C. Maker / ELW #382

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him  
as his light once more appears,  
bowing down in joy before him,  
rising up from griefs and tears.**

Refrain: **Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!**

**Christ is risen! All the sadness  
of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
through the open gates of gladness  
he returns to life once more;  
death and hell before him bending  
see him rise, the victor now,  
angels on his steps attending,  
glory round his wounded brow.** [Refrain]

**Christ is risen! All the sorrow  
that last evening round him lay  
now hath found a glorious morrow  
in the rising of today.  
See the grave its first-fruits giving,  
springing up from holy ground;  
Christ was dead, but now is living;  
he was lost, but he is found.** [Refrain]

### ▲ 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: **God of resurrection, Your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe, may we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life. Amen.**

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among

them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**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

O PRAISE THE LIVING KING

by Lloyd Larson and Christopher 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.***

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.***

## 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 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

P: **Amen.**

### 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

THINE IS THE GLORY  
Lyrics by E. Budry / Music by G.F. Handel / ELW #376

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain:

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;**

**let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!**

[Refrain]

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than victors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

[Refrain]

#### ▲ 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** – Creative Director  
**Gretchen Stenson** – Vocalist  
**Diana Riveness Young** – Vocalist  
**Marci Bauer** – Vocalist  
**Elizabeth Humphrey** – Vocalist  
**Steve Swanback** – Vocalist  
**Won K. Yang** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist

And an extra big "Thank you" to clarinetist **Amanda McCarthy** and accompanist **Julie Hamre** for their collaborative Call to Worship this morning!

**Chromatica Chorale** presents "There Is Sweet Music Here" (Music to Move the Soul) – with concerts on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Danville and on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4pm here at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. Speak with Bethany Valentine for more information.

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