



**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

## 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, THE LIFE ....

Lyrics by Ernst Homburg / Music Trad. German / ELW #339

**Christ, the life of all the living,  
Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving  
to the darkest depths of woe:  
through your suffering, death, and merit  
life eternal I inherit.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks are due,  
dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**You have suffered great affliction  
and have borne it patiently,  
even death by crucifixion,  
fully to atone for me;  
for you chose to be tormented  
that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due,  
dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**Then, for all that bought our pardon,  
for the sorrows deep and sore,  
for the anguish in the garden,  
I will thank you evermore;  
thank you for the groaning, sighing,  
for the bleeding and the dying,  
for that last triumphant cry,  
praise you evermore on high.**

### ▲ 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 freedom, Paul and Silas worshiped you,  
even when they were flogged and imprisoned.  
Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice  
in you at all times and in all situations. Amen.**

### THE LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

### KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

### A SONG OF CELEBRATION

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Lyrics and Music by Bernadette Farrell / ELW #715

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people  
Light for the world to see.**

Refrain:

**Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.**

**Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.** [Refrain]

**Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others  
Shared until all are fed.** [Refrain]

**Many the gifts, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making Your kingdom come.** [Refrain]

## 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 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.*

WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST  
Lyrics and Music by Ray Makeever / ELW #479

**We come to the hungry feast,  
hungry for a word of peace.  
To hungry hearts unsatisfied  
The love of God is not denied.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

**We come to the hungry feast  
hungry for a world released  
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,  
the poor in body, poor in mind.  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**

***We come to the hungry feast  
hungry that the hunger cease,  
and knowing, though we eat our fill,  
the hunger will stay with us; still  
We come, we come to the hungry feast.***

DAY OF ARISING

Lyrics by S. Cherwien / Music by C. Schalk / ELW #374

***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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**▲ THE BENEDICTION**

**▲ SENDING SONG**                    O GOD OF EVERY NATION  
Lyrics by William Reid Jr. / Music anon. Welsh / ELW #713

***O God of every nation,  
of every race and land,  
redeem the whole creation  
with your almighty hand.  
Where hate and fear divide us  
and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us,  
and heal our strife torn world.***

***From lust for wealth and power,  
from scorn for truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower  
destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and station  
and blindness to your way,  
deliver every nation.  
Eternal God, we pray.***

***Lord, strengthen those who labor  
that we may find release  
from fear of rattling saber,  
from dread of war's increase.  
When hope and courage falter,  
your still small voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter,  
your servants undergird.***

***Keep bright in us the vision  
of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division  
give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious  
when truth and justice reign,  
and Christ shall rule victorious  
o'er all the world's domain.***

**▲ 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  
**Won K. Yang** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist

**Chromatica Chorale** presents "There Is Sweet Music Here" (Music to Move the Soul) this afternoon (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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