



**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.

▲ indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

**GATHERING MUSIC** Shepherd's Bells

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD / arr. by Katherine K. Beard  
BLESSING / arr. by Susan Ullom Burns

**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** ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS  
Lyrics by W.C. Dix / Music by R. Prichard / ELW #392

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus, out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."**

## ▲ 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: **Holy Lord, may our love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us**

**determine what is best, so that we may be pure and blameless in the sight of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE LESSON

Philippians 1:1-18a

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice!

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

## SONG OF THE DAY

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

Lyrics by F.S. Pierpoint / Music by C. Kocher / ELW #879

**For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:**

Refrain: **Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light:** [Refrain]

**For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:** [Refrain]

**For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n:** [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, we pray — using the refrain: "God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"

## THE OFFERTORY

THE GIFT OF LOVE

Lyrics and Music by Hal H. Hopson

### ▲ 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 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 the Meal, you are invited to sing the following song with our Worship Team.*

### FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN

Lyrics by L. Benson / Music Trad German / ELW #494

**For the bread which you have broken,  
For the wine which you have poured,  
For the words which you have spoken,  
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**By this promise that you love us,  
By your gift of peace restored,  
By your call to heav'n above us,  
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

***With the saints who now adore you  
Seated at our Father's board,  
May the Church still waiting for you  
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.***

***In your service, Lord, defend us;  
In our hearts keep watch and ward,  
In the world to which you send us  
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS  
Lyrics by Bernard of Clairvaux / ELW #658

***Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.***

***Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.***

***We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.***

***From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.***

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ▲ THE BENEDICTION

▲ **SENDING SONG** FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN  
Lyrics by H.G. Stuenkel / Music Trad. Finnish / ELW #419

***For all the faithful women  
who served in days of old  
To you shall thanks be given,  
to all their story told.  
They served with strength and gladness  
in tasks your wisdom gave.  
To you their lives bore witness,  
proclaimed your power to save.***

***O God, for saints and servants,  
those named and those unknown  
In whom through all the ages  
Your light of glory shone,***

***We offer glad thanksgiving  
and fervent prayer we raise  
That faithful in Your service,  
our lives may sing Your praise.***

***All praise to God the Father!  
All praise to Christ the Son!  
All praise the Holy Spirit,  
who binds the Church in one!  
With saints who went before us,  
with saints who witness still,  
We sing glad alleluias  
and strive to do Your will.***

#### ▲ THE CHARGE

L: Go – in peace – to love God by serving your neighbor!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

#### SENDING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

Thank you to this morning's Worship Teams for sharing their gifts of music with us today, including:

**Julie Hamre** — Organist, Pianist and Bell Director  
**Bethany Valentine** — Choral Director

#### Canticle Choir

<b>Gretchen Stenson</b>	<b>Elizabeth Humphrey</b>
<b>Diana Riveness Young</b>	<b>Won K. Yang</b>
<b>Marci Bauer</b>	<b>Pastor John Valentine</b>

#### Shepherd's Bells

<b>Joan Kiekhaefer</b>	<b>Bethany Valentine</b>
<b>Juanita Gilbertson</b>	<b>Paula Eismann</b>
<b>Diana Riveness Young</b>	<b>Michael Stenson</b>
<b>Diane Ragni</b>	<b>Donald Eismann</b>

Our Church Council has called for a **special meeting of the congregation** today beginning at 10:50am in the Center for Ministry. The only items on the agenda are the election of a Nominating Committee and a motion to seat a Call Committee to add a second pastor to our congregation's pastoral staff. Please join us as you are able.

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