



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 love and our commitment to the work of ministry. If you'd like to support us electronically, visit www.holyshepherd.org and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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

GATHERING MUSIC IF NOT NOW
Lyrics and Music by Carrie Newcomer

WORDS OF WELCOME

▲ OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, stand up! Come and join in the journey of faith - a journey that begins at an empty tomb and leads us out into life.

P: **We come to walk with the God of new beginnings, a God who reveals strength in weakness, who loves in the face of indifference, who brings life into the midst of death.**

L: We begin our time of worship in the name of the One who is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P: **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

▲ **GATHERING SONG** HERE I AM TO WORSHIP
Lyrics and Music by Tim Hughes

**Light of the world you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.**

Chorus

**So here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.**

**King of all days, oh, so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above,
Humbly You came to the Earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.**

(Chorus 2X)

**And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross**

(Chorus 2X)

▲ WHAT EASTER MEANS

L: Easter means we celebrate the newness and wholeness God brings to a broken world.

P: **Easter means we celebrate a love that expects nothing in return and discover what Jesus meant when he said, "Love one another as I have loved you."**

L: Easter means we celebrate the One whose presence disturbs us and inconveniences us, revealing to us the hardness of our hearts and challenging us to new ways of thinking.

P: **Easter means we celebrate a resurrection that never denies the pain of crucifixion and we meet the Christ who reaches out to us with open arms and wounded hands.**

L: Easter means that God is alive and at work in the world. Jesus took death upon himself that we might know life in this world and beyond. So let us pray

P: **God of love, with praise we celebrate Jesus, who humbled himself so that every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen. Amen!**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

A SONG OF CELEBRATION

THE SAME LOVE

Lyrics and Music by Michael Rossback and Paul Baloche

***You choose the humble and raise them high
You choose the weak and make them strong
You heal our brokenness inside
And give us life***

(Chorus) ***The same love that set the captives free
The same love that opened eyes to see
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name***

***The same God that spread the heavens wide
The same God that was crucified
Is calling us all by name
You are calling us all by name***

***You take the faithless one aside
And speak the words "You are mine"
You call the cynic and the proud
Come to me now
(Chorus)***

Oh oh

***You're calling You're calling.
You're calling us to the cross
You're calling You're calling.
You're calling us to the cross
You're calling You're calling.
You're calling us to the cross
You're calling You're calling.
You're calling us to the cross
(Chorus)***

(Ending)

***You're calling You're calling
You're calling us to the cross
You're calling You're calling
You're calling us to the cross***

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 — using the prayer refrain: ***"God, in your mercy, hear our prayer."***

THE OFFERTORY

HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG

Lyrics and Music by Sarah Hart and Josh Blakesley

▲ 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 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 songs with our Worship Team.

THE HEART OF WORSHIP

Lyrics and Music by Matt Redman

***When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart***

***I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart***

Chorus

***I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You all about You Jesus
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You all about You Jesus***

***King of endless worth no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath***

***I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart***
(Chorus twice)

HE KNOWS MY NAME

Lyrics and Music by Tommy Walker

***I have a maker, he formed my heart
Before even time began my life was in his hands***

Chorus

***He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call.***

***I have a father, he calls me his own
He'll never leave me no matter where I go.***
(Chorus)

***He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And hears me when I call.
And hears me when I call.***

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: Go now as God's chosen witnesses, to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him. Do not look for him among the dead, but be glad and rejoice in his salvation. And may God raise you from all that would entomb you; may Christ Jesus call you by name and go ahead of you; and may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good. For Christ is risen!

P: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

▲ THE SENDING SONG

OLD CHURCH CHOIR

Lyrics and Music by Zach Williams and Ethan Hulse

*There's revival, and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
Sunday morning, Hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long*

*Can you hear it? Can you feel it?
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Once you choose it, you can't lose it
There ain't nothin', there ain't nothin'
Gonna steal my joy*

Refrain:

*I've got an Old Church Choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy*

*When the valleys, that I wander
Turn to mountains, that I can't climb
You are with me, never leave me
There ain't nothin', there ain't nothin'
Gonna steal my joy*

(Repeat Refrain 2x)

▲ THE CHARGE

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

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

SENDING MUSIC

OLD CHURCH CHOIR (Reprise)

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

Tom Henry – Guitarist, Vocalist and Creative Director

Diana Riveness Young – Vocalist

Marci Bauer – Vocalist

Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist

Steve Swanback – Vocalist

Bob Schmalz – Vocalist

Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist

Marc Levine – Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey with the earliest Christians through days of discovery and opportunity? Next week's text is Acts 2:1-21

Our **Call Committee** is diligently preparing a 'Ministry Site Profile' as the first key step toward calling an additional pastor onto our staff. To help them with their work, you're invited to share in a '**Listening Post**' session next Sunday (May 24th) at 10:45a in the Center for Ministry. You'll be asked to help identify our key priorities and preferences as we envision the work of our congregation in days ahead. Join us!

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