



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.

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 Philippi, we're reminded that life in the Spirit is filled with thankfulness and joy.

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 are one way to express both your gratitude for God's love and your commitment to the work of ministry. To support the work of our congregation electronically, visit www.holyshepherd.org and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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GATHERING MUSIC

Gail Kiyomura

▲ 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 become a blessing to those around us.**

▲ GATHERING SONG

O DAY FULL OF GRACE

Scandinavian Folk Hymn / Music by C. Weyse / ELW #627

**O day full of grace that now we see
Appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be
Replete in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place;
Your name on our hearts emblazon.**

**O day full of grace,
O blessed time,
Our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime,
Great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace,
All darkness and shame removing.**

**God came to us then at Pentecost,
His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from him be lost,
All darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface
And bring to us all his healing.**

**When we on that final journey go
That Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,
All joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place,
With angels his name adoring.**

▲ 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: **God of Life, we give thanks that when you sent your Advocate, the apostles were empowered to speak about your goodness in all languages, for every people. Give us boldness to share the Spirit's goodness with our neighbors. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

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.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this

mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 PENTECOST FAITH THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT from Martin Luther's "Small Catechism"

What is the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed?

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

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

BUILT ON A ROCK

Lyrics and Music by N.F.S. Grundtvig & Jay Althouse

▲ 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.

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.***

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE
Lyrics by Carl Daw / Music by J. Rontgen / ELW #522

***As we gather at your table,
As we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.***

***Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's victory known.***

***Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.***

***Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.***

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 / LBW #677

***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!***

***Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!***

***Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.***

***Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, Let it shine, 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.
This little light of mine, 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:

Bethany Valentine — Vocalist and Creative Director
Gretchen Stenson — Vocalist
Diana Riveness Young — Vocalist
Elizabeth Humphrey — Vocalist
Marci Bauer — Vocalist
Won K. Yang — Vocalist
Steve Swanback — Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine — Vocalist
Gail Kiyomura — Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we begin a journey through Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth? First text up is 1st Corinthians 1:1-18!

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