



**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.

**Holy Trinity Sunday** is a day to celebrate the Holy Trinity – the God revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is not just an abstract intellectual puzzle, but the profound promise that the God of Creation is made known through Jesus Christ and remains active and present through the Holy Spirit.

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

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## GATHERING MUSIC

Marc Levine

### ▲ OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

L: People of God, before we can truly receive the gifts our Lord stands ready to shower out upon us, we must openly and honestly face up to who we are and what we have done or failed to do that has separated us both from God and from those whom God has called our neighbors. Real life comes not in thinking that we're good. Rather, it comes in knowing that we're forgiven. So let us be honest to God – honest to the One who can and will forgive us.

P: **Holy One, we confess that life for us is not nearly as joyful as it could be, because we forget to make You part of our daily existence. We confess that we've often failed to share Your joy with others, and instead have allowed envy, bitterness, and prejudice to separate us from our brothers and sisters here on earth. We confess that too often, we have done what we should not have done — and failed to do that which we should have done. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to straighten out our lives and our values, lining them up with the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

L: Hear the Good News. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Know that truth. Experience God's peace. Celebrate God's goodness. And embody God's gift of peace to all who are your neighbors.

### ▲ GATHERING SONG SING TO THE MOUNTAINS Lyrics and Music by Robert J. Dufford / Gather #435

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.**

**I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song.**

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God.**

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.**

### ▲ OUR OPENING LITANY CALLED TO LOVE

L: God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love.

P: **All who love are born of God.**

L: Greater love has no one than this: that a person lay down his or her life for a friend.

P: **God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life.**

L: If God so loved us, we ought to love one another.

P: **We shall love our neighbors as ourselves.**

L: If we keep God's commandments, we will abide in God's love.

P: **This commandment we have from God: Love one another.**

L: Let us not love in word and speech alone, but in deed and in truth.

P: **Let our love be honest and genuine.**

L: Let us love one another.

P: **For love is of God.**

L: So let us pray ....

P: **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we marvel at your goodness and praise you for your power. Help us to see you as you are — Three-in-One and One-in-Three — and help us to see whom you would have us to be. And bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-17

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same

purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

## SONG OF THE DAY

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 TRINITARIAN 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**

*Strengthened in faith and hope by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need — using the prayer refrain: "God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

**THE OFFERTORY** COME, JOIN THE DANCE OF TRINITY  
Lyrics by Richard Leach / Music: English Folk Tune

## **▲ 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.*

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER  
African American Spiritual / ELW #471

***Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

***Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

***Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

BE NOT AFRAID  
Music and Lyrics by Bob Dufford / Gather #608

***You shall cross the barren desert,  
but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
and all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.  
Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

***If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
you shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell  
and death is at your side,  
know that I am with you through it all.  
Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

***Blessed are your poor,  
for the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
for one day you shall laugh.***

***And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
all because of me,  
blessed, blessed are you!  
Be not afraid. I go before you always.  
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.***

#### **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**      HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG Lyrics and Music by Sarah Hart and Josh Blakesley

***What hope we have, even in the longest night  
For the light will overcome  
We will not fear, for we know the sun will rise  
Hallelujah is our song***

***What peace we have, even in this wounded world  
Where the battle rages on  
We will not fear, for we know who heals our souls  
Hallelujah is our song!***

Refrain  
***Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
He is risen over all  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah is our song***

***What joy we have, for the stone is rolled away  
And the tomb holds nothing now  
No sting of death, no power over sin or grave  
Hallelujah is our song!***  
(Refrain)

***What love we have, for the One who shed His blood  
To redeem His broken ones  
Now we shall live, sinners, we will rise to saints  
Hallelujah is our song!***  
(Refrain)

##### **▲ THE CHARGE**

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

##### **SENDING MUSIC**

HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG  
(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  
**Bob Schmalz** — Vocalist  
**Steve Swanback** — Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** — Vocalist  
**Marc Levine** — Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we begin a journey through Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth? Next text up is 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:18-31!

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