



**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 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

Julie Hamre

### ▲ 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

ALL ARE WELCOME

Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / ELW #641 / Vss 1-3

**Let us build a house where love can dwell  
And all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions  
Rock of faith and vault of grace  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where prophets speak  
And words are strong and true  
Where all God's children dare to seek  
To dream God's reign anew  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
And a symbol of God's grace  
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place**

**Let us build a house where love is found  
In water, wine and wheat  
A banquet hall on holy ground  
Where peace and justice meet  
Here the love of God, through Jesus  
Is revealed in time and space  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us  
All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place**

### ▲ 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: **Source of all that is good, we thank You for the gift of Your church. Draw us together in love. Build us up in harmony with one another. And inspire each of us to use the gifts and passions you have entrusted to us for the common good. Amen.**

## THE LESSON

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—the work of each builder will become visible, for the day will disclose

it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If the work that someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about people. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

## SONG OF THE DAY

SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR

Lyrics by S. Lowry / Music by J Röntgen / ELW #655

***Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.***

***As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.***

***Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of Love, and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.***

**Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.**

## 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

*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

SPIRIT BOUNDLESS

Lyrics by Trilby Jordan / arr. by Betty Ann Ramseth

## ▲ 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.*

### WHAT FEAST OF LOVE

Lyrics by Delores Dufner / Music Trad. English / ELW #487

**What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!**

**What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!**

**What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!**

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

Lyrics: Bernard d'Clairvaux / Music: W. Gardiner / ELW #656

*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 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!**

**▲ SENDING SONG** THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION  
Lyrics by S. Stone / Music by S. Wesley / ELW #654

*The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.*

*Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation*

*one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses  
with ev'ry grace endued.*

*Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.*

*Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.*

**▲ 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 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  
**Julie Hamre** — Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey through 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians? Next up is 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:12-20!

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