



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 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!

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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** O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES
Lyrics by K.L. Bates / Music by S.A. Ward / ELW #888

***O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.***

***O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness,
and ev'ry gain divine.***

***O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law.***

▲ 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 Jesus. Daily remind us that we have been bought at great price, and graced with the gift of freedom. Help us to honor You by using that freedom not to indulge ourselves but to serve those whom Jesus calls our neighbors. Amen.**

THE LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge, but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists" and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge the weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed. But when you thus sin against brothers and sisters and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never again eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

SONG OF THE DAY MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY
Lyrics by J.W. Howe / Music Trad. American/ ELW #890

***Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning
of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.***

Refrain:

***Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
God's truth is marching on.***

***He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of all
before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him;
be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.*** [Refrain]

***In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make us holy,
let us live to make all free,
while God is marching on.*** [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

*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.**"*

OFFERTORY LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING
Lyrics by J.W. Johnson / Music by J.R. Johnson

▲ 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 in 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 in 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.

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / ELW #465

***As the grains of wheat, once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth,
be gathered into one in you.***

***As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst
may we share the presence of your love.***

***As the grains of wheat, once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth,
be gathered into one in you.***

***Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you.***

***As the grains of wheat, once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth,
be gathered into one in you.***

O LIVING BREAD FROM HEAVEN

Lyrics by Johann Rist / Music by Samuel Wesley / ELW #542
(Vss. 1, 3 and 4)

***O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'erflows!***

***You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown,
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.***

***Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,
to serve you, free from fear:
and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless 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: May 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

THIS IS MY SONG

Lyrics by L. Stone / Music by J. Sibelius / ELW 887

*This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.*

*This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.*

*My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.*

*This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.*

*O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.*

*So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.*

▲ 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 1st
Corinthians? Next up is 1st Corinthians 10:14-33.

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