



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!

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

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 LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

Lyrics by C. Wesley / Music by R. Pritchard / ELW #631

*Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise!*

▲ 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: **Holy One ... we give thanks to You for the love you have for us and the whole of the human community. Instill in us your Spirit, that we might embody that love which is patient and kind in ways through which our neighbors' lives are enriched to Your glory. Amen.**

THE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in

part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

SONG OF THE DAY

WE ARE MANY PARTS

Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / Gather #733

***We are many parts, We are all one body
And the gifts we have
We are given to share
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed
One, the love that we share
One, our hope in despair
One, the cross that we bear***

***God of all, we look to You
We would be Your servants true
Let us be Your love for all the world***

***We are many parts, We are all one body
And the gifts we have
We are given to share
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed
One, the love that we share
One, our hope in despair
One, the cross that we bear***

***All you seekers great and small
Seek the greatest gift of all
If you love, then you will know the Lord***

***We are many parts, We are all one body
And the gifts we have
We are given to share
May the spirit of love, make us one indeed
One, the love that we share
One, our hope in despair
One, the cross that we bear***

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

THE GIFT OF LOVE

Lyrics and Music by Hal Hopson

▲ 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.

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

Lyrics: Bernard of Clairv. / 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.***

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

Lyrics and Music by Peter Scholtes / Gather #835

***We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity
will one day be restored.***

Chorus

***And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.***

***We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land. (Chorus)***

***We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
We will work with each other,***

*we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride. (Chorus)*

*All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one. (Chorus)*

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** ON OUR WAY REJOICING
Lyrics by J.S.B. Morrell / Music by F.R. Havergal / ELW #537

*On our way rejoicing
gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered;
vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety;
Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful,
can our hope destroy?*

*On our way rejoicing,
as we homeward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!*

*Unto God the Father
joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior
thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit
bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing
now and evermore.*

*On our way rejoicing,
as we homeward move,
hearken to our praises,
O blest God of love!*

▲ 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
Diana Riveness Young — Vocalist
Marci Bauer — Vocalist
Won K. Yang — Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine — Vocalist
Julie Hamre — Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we conclude our journey through Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth?
Next week's is 1st Corinthians 15:12-34

The **Food Bank fo Contra Costa and Solana Counties** needs healthy foodstuffs, and we are committed to loving God by serving our neighbors. So let's help our hungry neighbors eat! July's focus items are dried rice and dried (or canned) beans.

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