



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.

Today We Begin a five-week-long sermon series on the Ten Commandments — those simple but poignant words which form the foundation of the lives of God's people. If you'd like to see them in their entirety you can find them in both Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5.

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.

▲ indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

GATHERING MUSIC ARISE
Lyrics and Music by Don Moen and Paul Baloche

▲ OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: Let us begin our time of worship by confessing our sin and our sinfulness to the Holy One in whose name we gather this day.
- P: **In a spirit of honesty, we come before you, God, to confess what you already know — that we have failed to keep your laws and follow your teachings. We have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees to suit our selfish interests. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as**

ourselves. Forgive us, O God, for — apart from You — we have no hope.

- L: My siblings in Christ, hear the promise of God: "'I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God — showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments." In love, God sent Jesus to bless you and redeem you. God forgives you all your sins and restores you to life. Know God's love. Know God's life. And cherish God's guidance.

P: **Amen!**

▲ GATHERING SONG THY WORD
Lyrics and Music by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path***

***When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear, As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end***

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path***

***I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide, And hold me to Your side
And I will love You to the end***

***Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path***

▲ OUR OPENING LITANY based on Psalm 1

- L: Happy are those who follow the path that is the pathway of God.
- P: **Happy are those who cherish God's instruction.**
- L: God's ways are paths of mercy and justice.
- P: **May our lives be shaped by mercy and justice.**
- L: God's ways are revealed in the texts of Holy Scripture.
- P: **May our lives be marked by that life-giving Word.**

L: God's ways lead to refreshment and hope

P: **May our lives be nourished in faith, hope and love..**

L: Happy are those who follow the path that is the pathway of God.

P: **Happy are those who cherish God's instruction.**

L: So let us pray

P: **Holy God, you lay your teaching before us as a guide for life and a mirror for self-reflection. Fill us with your Spirit that we might keep your Commandments close to our hearts, to the end that we might love and trust You and gladly do what you command. For this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 19:1-6 and 20:1-2

On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

Then God spoke all these words, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me."

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

SONG OF THE DAY

ANCIENT WORDS

Lyrics and Music by Michael W. Smith

*Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.*

*Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.*

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.*

*Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.*

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.*

*Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.*

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

IS HE WORTHY?

Lyrics and Music by Chris Tomlin

▲ OUR COMMUNION LITANY

L: Here is bread — bread which invites all who hunger for justice to come and eat.

Here is wine — wine which invites all who thirst for righteousness to come and drink.

Here is the table — the table which invites all who are weary to gather and be fed.

Here is community — the community of the whole people of God.

Here is Jesus — the One who invites us all to come and share in the life and love of God.

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.

THE BREAD HAS BEEN BROKEN

Lyrics and Music by Jeff Deyo

***Come to the table, and worship the Savior
Taste what forgiveness is for
His mercy will lead us, the grace of God feed us
Making us hungry for more
His body was given for you and for me
Look on the cross and believe***

Refrain

***The Bread has been broken
Our eyes have been opened
Oh come Lord restore and renew
The Word has been spoken
So humbled and broken
We do all in remembrance of You***

***The Bread has been broken
And all those who know Him
Believe without touching a scar
His death reconciled us
We live, sanctified to become what we already are
To Him who loves us and freed us to love
Be glory, honor and praise***
(Refrain)

Bridge:

***His body was given for you and for me
Look on the cross and believe***
(Refrain)

COVENANT KEEPER

Lyrics and Music by Twila Paris

***Covenant maker, I made a start
Covenant breaker, I broke Your heart
Your word is deeper
Faithful and true
Covenant keeper, make me like You***

***Covenant maker, You made a way
Infinite taker, I made You pay
But Your love was deeper
Faithful and true
Covenant keeper, make me like You***

***Your word is deeper
Faithful and true
Covenant keeper, make me like You
Make me like You***

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 Lord our God is the one and only Lord. So go out into the world and love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and love others as you yourself are loved by God. And may the Holy Spirit go where you go and protect you on your way.

P: **Amen!**

▲ SENDING SONG

TAKE TO THE WORLD

Lyrics and Music by Derek Webb

*Go in peace to love and to serve,
And let your ears
Ring long with what you've heard
And may the bread on your tongue
Leave a trail of crumbs,
To lead the hungry back
To the place that you are from*

*Take to the world this love, this hope and faith
And take to the world this rare, relentless grace
And like the three in one,
Know you must become what you wanna save
'Cause that's still the way,
He takes to the world*

*So go and go far,
Take light deep in the dark
Believe what's true, He uses all, even you
And may the bread on your tongue
Leave a trail of crumbs
To lead the hungry back
To the place that you are from.*

*Take to the world this love, this hope and faith
And take to the world this rare, relentless grace
And like the three in one,
Know you must become what you wanna save
'Cause that's still the way,
He takes to the world*

▲ THE CHARGE

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

TAKE TO THE WORLD
(Reprise)

Thank you to this morning's Worship Team for sharing their gifts of music with us today, including:

Tom Henry — Vocalist, Guitarist and Creative Director
Bethany Valentine — Vocalist
Diana Riveness Young — Vocalist
Elizabeth Humphrey — Vocalist
Marci Bauer — Vocalist
Bob Schmalz — Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine — Vocalist
Marc Levine — Pianist

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! The focus items for the month of August are nut butters (peanut, almond, etc.)

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