



**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 Are Welcome!** We share in Holy Communion during the context of 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** We have resumed the practice of 'passing the offering plate' during our musical offertory. If you would prefer to support the work of our congregation electronically, visit our website at [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: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), the One who is the source of life, the word of salvation and the spirit of mercy.

P: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin and our sinfulness to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love .... (silence for personal reflection) .... Creator God, from the beginnings of time, You have given good gifts to your people,

P: **But we have taken Your gifts and Your blessings for granted, and misused them for our selfish gain. Forgive us.**

L: In the person of your Son Jesus, You gave us life in abundance,

P: **But we have become enamored of definitions of**

**abundance and life which declare You to be false. Forgive us.**

L: By the power of Your Spirit, you have made us recipients of Your amazing grace,

P: **But we have refused to share that grace with others, as if more for others would somehow mean less for us. Forgive us.**

L: My sisters and brothers, hear our Lord's promise. Your sin and your sinfulness are forgiven. For freedom, Christ has set you free. Free to love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and strength and mind. Free to love your neighbor as yourself.

P: **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

### ▲ GATHERING SONG

DRAWN TO THE LIGHT

Lyrics and Music by John Ylvisaker / ELW 593

**People who walk in darkness have sought a light in the heart of the darkest night. Just when we thought all would be lost, we were drawn to the light of God.**

Refrain: **Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the light and the morning. Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight to be drawn to the light of God.**

**How can we tell a heaven from hell if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night? Morning dispels, gently compels, and we're drawn to the light of God.** [Refrain]

**Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the one who is shining bright, Bids us to come! Life has begun when we're drawn to the light of God.** [Refrain]

### ▲ THE GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

### ▲ THE KYRIE

ELW #157

L: *In peace, in peace, Let us pray to the Lord ...*

P: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

L: *For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord ...*

P: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

L: *For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word. Let us pray to the Lord ...*

P: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

L: *Help, save and defend us, O God.*

P: **Amen.**

#### ▲ THE HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW #167

(Refrain) **Now the feast and celebration,  
All of creation sings for joy  
To the God of life and love and freedom:  
Praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
Whose blood has freed and united us  
To be one great people of God.** (Refrain)

**Power and riches, wisdom and might  
All honor and glory to Christ forever.** (Refrain)

**For God has come to dwell with us,  
To make us people of God;  
To make all things new.** (Refrain)

#### ▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you!

P: **And also with you!**

L: Let us pray: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people. Keep us steadfast in your word, protect and comfort us in times of trial, defend us against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the whole of your church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P: **Amen.**

#### THE LESSON

1 Kings 12:1-17, 25-29

Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam remained in Egypt. And they sent and called him, and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, "Your father made our yoke heavy. Now, therefore,

lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you." He said to them, "Go away for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away.

Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, "How do you advise me to answer this people?" They answered him, "If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever." But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. He said to them, "What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, 'Lighten the yoke that your father put on us'?" The young men who had grown up with him said to him, "Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us'; thus you should say to them, 'My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.'"

So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had said, "Come to me again the third day." The king answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions." So the king did not listen to the people because it was a turn of affairs brought about by the Lord to fulfill his word that the Lord had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.

When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king, "What share do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Look now to your own house, O David." So Israel went away to their tents. But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah.

#### KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

#### SONG OF THE DAY

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST ...

Lyrics by M. Luther / Music by J. Klug / ELW #517

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.**

*Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we  
may sing your praise eternally.*

*O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.*

## 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

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to manifest the Good News to the ends of the earth, we pray for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation, utilizing the prayer refrain "God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

## THE OFFERTORY

BUILT ON A ROCK  
Lyrics and Music by Jay Althouse

## ▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW #191

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

P: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: *It is our duty and delight ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

P: **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in your name  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

L: In 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, invites 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 this morning, we invite you to come to the Altar Rail, and kneel or stand as you are able. After consuming the Communion elements, please deposit your empty cup in the small basket and return to your seat by the side aisle.*

### AMAZING GRACE

Lyrics by J. Newton / Music by W. Walker / ELW #779

**Amazing grace! – how sweet the sound –  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

*When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.*

BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE

Lyrics by M. Lathbury / Music by W. Sherwin / ELW #515

*Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;  
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.*

*Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,  
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!*

*You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
your holy word the truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live with you above;  
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**▲ THE BENEDICTION**

L: May God's Peace, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

P: **Amen.**

**▲ SENDING SONG** A MIGHTY FORTRESS

Lyrics and Music by Martin Luther / ELW #504

*A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.*

*No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.*

*Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot over-pow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.*

*God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fight by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!*

**▲ THE CHARGE**

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

C: **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  
**Sharon Tissue** – Vocalist  
**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** – Vocalist  
**Won K. Yang** – Vocalist  
**Joe Zingale** – Vocalist  
**John Goetz** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist

**Upcoming Chromatica Chorale Concerts**

Chromatica Chorale presents "We Remember" (Choral Reflections on Love, Peace and the Hope to Come) on Saturday, November 11th at 7pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Danville and on Sunday, November 12th at 3pm here at Holy Shepherd. Speak with Bethany Valentine for more information.

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