



**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.

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

## GATHERING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

## OUR WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: On the first day of creation, God said, "Let there be light." In the person of Jesus Christ, God said, "I am the Light of the world." By the power of the Spirit, God has ignited the light of life in us.

P: **But we have focused on the darkness that surrounds and overwhelms us, that frightens and numbs us.**

L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

P: **But we have used artificial lights to try and eliminate the darkness in our lives.**

L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

P: **But we have tried to deny the power of the darkness by pretending that it isn't there.**

L: Forgive us, O God, for these our actions of failure and our failures to act.

P: **Forgive us, Lord God, for putting our trust in ourselves rather than You.**

L: Hear the good news! God has come as a light in the darkness. In the light of Christ we find forgiveness for our past, strength for our present and hope for our future. In Christ, we are enabled to begin life anew. Thanks be to God!

▲ **GATHERING SONG** BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS IS THE SKY  
Text: Nikolai Grundtvig / Music: 19<sup>th</sup> c. Danish / ELW #301

**Bright and glorious is the sky,  
Radiant are the heavens high  
Where the golden stars were shining  
And their rays to earth inclining,  
Beckoning us to Heaven above,  
Beckoning us to Heaven above.**

**Sages from the East afar,  
When they saw the wondrous star,  
Went to the find the King of nations,  
And to offer their oblations  
Unto Him as Lord and King,  
Unto Him as Lord and King.**

**Guided by the star they found  
Him Whose praise the ages sound,  
We too have a star to guide us  
Which forever will provide us  
With the light to find our Lord,  
With the light to find our Lord.**

**And this star, as bright as day,  
That will never lead astray  
With its message so appealing,  
Is the word of God, revealing  
Christ, the way, the truth the life,  
Christ, the way, the truth the life.**

▲ **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:
- P: **Jesus healer of mind and body, we sometimes suffer at the hands of physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Quiet our minds, still our hearts, and empower our bodies so that we may be whole and healed. We pray these things in the confidence that you are our Savior and our Lord. Amen.**

### THE LESSON

Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain, for he had often

been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces, and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him, and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding, and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the man possessed by demons sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion, and they became frightened. Those who had seen what had happened to the man possessed by demons and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused and said to him, "Go home to your own people, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and what mercy he has shown you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed.

### KIDTALK

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

### THE SONG OF THE DAY

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / ELW #612

Refrain: **Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.** [Refrain]

**You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.** [Refrain]

## THE SERMON

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

### ▲ AN EPIPHANY AFFIRMATION (based on John 1 and 8)

**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God and all things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him is life, and that life is the light of all people. And that light shined in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

**But that godly Word is not just a word of history from our distant past. Rather, in the person of Jesus Christ, that Word became flesh and lived among us -- and lived, and died, and rose again. And it is that same Jesus Christ who speaks to us the promise: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'**

## THE OFFERTORY

BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM  
Lyrics and Music by Matty Haugen

## THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family — using the prayer refrain, "*God of Grace, **hear our prayer***".

### ▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

P: 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 Holy Communion, we invite you to come down the center aisle and come to the altar rail to receive the bread and wine that bear the promise that God is with us. After consuming the elements, please deposit your empty cup in the small basket and return to your seat by the side aisle. During the serving of Holy Communion, you are invited to join in singing the following songs:*

### NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION

Lyrics by Joel Lundeen / Music by J. Crüger / ELW #462

**Now we join in celebration  
at our Savior's invitation,  
dressed no more in spirit somber,  
clothed instead in joy and wonder;  
for the Lord of all existence,  
putting off divine transcendence,  
stoops again in love to meet us,  
with his very life to feed us.**

**Lord, as round this feast we gather,  
fill our hearts with holy rapture!  
For this bread and cup of blessing  
are for us the sure possessing  
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,  
of your living self, our vict'ry,  
pledge of your unfailing presence,  
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.**

**Lord, we share in this communion  
as one fam'ly of God's children,  
reconciled through you, our brother,  
one in you with God our Father.  
Give us grace to live for others,  
serving all, both friends and strangers,  
seeking justice, love, and mercy  
till you come in final glory.**

FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN  
Lyrics by L. Benson / Music Trad German / ELW #494

***For the bread which you have broken,  
For the wine which you have poured,  
For the words which you have spoken,  
Now we give you thanks, O Lord.***

***By this promise that you love us,  
By your gift of peace restored,  
By your call to heav'n above us,  
Hallow all our lives, O Lord.***

***With the saints who now adore you  
Seated at our Father's board,  
May the Church still waiting for you  
Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.***

***In your service, Lord, defend us;  
In our hearts keep watch and ward,  
In the world to which you send us  
Let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

## THE COMMUNION BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE BENEDICTION

L: May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

P: **Amen!**

▲ **SENDING SONG** THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD  
Lyrics by M. Babcock / Music by F. Sheppard / ELW #824

***This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.***

***This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.***

***In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.***

***This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let the heaven ring;  
God reigns, let the earth be glad!***

## ▲ 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  
**Sharon Tissue** – Vocalist  
**Elizabeth Humphrey** – Vocalist  
**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** – Vocalist  
**Marci Bauer** – Vocalist  
**Joe Zingale** – Vocalist  
**John Goetz** – Vocalist  
**Won Yang** – Vocalist  
**Steve Swanback** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey through Mark's Gospel? Next week's text is Mark 5:21-43

Next weekend, we're celebrating our annual **drive-thru Crab Feed** (in support of our Preschool programs.) Each crab meal is priced at \$75 and includes cracked and cleaned crab (3 Lbs. pre-cracked weight) and a \$50 tax-deductible receipt, as well as other tasty treats. Cristi Chow will be taking orders after worship this morning in the CFM.

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