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**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 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 <u>www.holyshepherd.org</u> 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 that 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 COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING Lyrics: source unknown / Music: F. deGiardini / ELW #308

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise; Father, all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord; our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success, and let thy righteousness on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour! Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart, never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

# ▲ 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: God of healing, when someone in your world suffers, you suffer as well. Restore your world and heal your children so that no one needs to suffer any longer. We pray these things in the confidence that, in and through your beloved Jesus, you give us all we need. Amen.

#### THE LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

**THE SONG OF THE DAY** WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING Lyrics by H. Stuempfle / Music by H. Wilson / ELW #617

> We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by, your Spirit's touch, we may again be whole.

As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, come, risen Christ, among us still with power to heal again.

You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer. When nights are long with wakefulness, through days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain, in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

#### THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PSALM 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

THE OFFERTORY

LIGHT OF THE WORLD Lyrics by Herb Frombach / Music by David Lantz, III

## 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.

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / ELW 465

#### Refrain

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. (Refrain)

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

#### <u>AMAZING GRACE</u> Lyrics by J. Newton / Music by W. Walker / ELW #779

Amazing grace!- how sweet the soundthat 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.

### THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## 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!

▲ OUR SENDING SONG SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR Lyrics by S. Lowry / Music by J Röntgen / ELW #655

> Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race: by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one, grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth 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 Sharon Tissue – Vocalist Elizabeth Humphrey – 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 6:1-29

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