



**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 Have a Place at the Table!** 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** ARISE  
Lyrics and Music by Don Moen and Paul Baloche

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### ▲ THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

L: We were not eye-witnesses to that event, as were Mary and the disciples; we have not journeyed through a dangerous city, seeking answers or consolation; we have not seen angels gathering at the rim of this day; we have not wept in the garden this morning because we could not find Him.

But we gather here today to attest to a story that has not lost its power during twenty centuries of change and conflict. We gather because those before us carried this story as if it were precious gold and cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.

We gather to celebrate a story that has the capacity to change the world and change our lives. For it is Easter morning ... and we will celebrate! For Jesus Christ is risen!

P: **He is risen indeed!**

▲ **GATHERING SONG** CHRIST THE LORD IS RIS'N TODAY!  
Lyrics by C. Wesley / Music by J. Walsh / ELW #373

**"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!", Alleluia!  
All on earth and angels say; Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!  
Sing, O heav'ns; and earth, reply. Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious king! Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n. Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now: Alleluia!  
Hail, the resurrection, thou! Alleluia!**

**King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this: Alleluia!  
Thee to know, thy pow'r to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love! Alleluia!**

### ▲ WHAT EASTER MEANS

L: Easter means we celebrate the newness and wholeness God brings to a broken world.

P: **Easter means we celebrate a love that expects nothing in return and discover what Jesus meant when he said, "Love one another as I have loved you."**

L: Easter means we celebrate the One whose presence disturbs us and inconveniences us, revealing to us the hardness of our hearts and challenging us to new ways of thinking.

P: **Easter means we celebrate a resurrection that never denies the pain of crucifixion and we meet the Christ who reaches out to us with open arms and wounded hands.**

L: Easter means that God is alive and at work in the world. Jesus' took death upon himself that we might know life in this world and beyond. So let us pray ...

P: **Lord Jesus, by Your resurrection, you overcame death and opened to us the gates of everlasting life. Open our eyes and our hearts to the wonder of this news, today and every day, and make us**

**people who embody that joyful news in our lives and our living. For you live and reign with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!**

## THE LESSON

Mark 16:1-8

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

## A SONG OF CELEBRATION

LORD MOST HIGH

Lyrics and Music by Don Harris and Gary Sadler

*Cantor leads (Choir and congregation echoes)*

*From the ends of the earth.*  
**From the ends of the earth.**  
*From the depths of the sea.*  
**From the depths of the sea.**  
*From the heights of the heavens.*  
**From the heights of the heavens.**  
**Your name be praised.**

*From the hearts of the weak.*  
**From the hearts of the weak.**  
*From the shouts of the strong.*  
**From the shouts of the strong.**  
*From the lips of all people.*  
**From the lips of all people.**  
**This song we raise, Lord.**

Chorus: **Throughout the end-less ages;**  
**You will be crowned with praises,**  
**Lord most high!**  
**Exalted in ev'-ry nation;**  
**Sovereign of all creation,**  
**Lord most high,**  
**Be magnified.**

*Cantor and Choir lead (Congregation echoes)*

*From the ends of the earth.*  
**From the ends of the earth.**  
*From the depths of the sea.*  
**From the depths of the sea.**  
*From the heights of the heavens.*  
**From the heights of the heavens.**  
**Your name be praised.**

*From the hearts of the weak.*  
**From the hearts of the weak.**  
*From the shouts of the strong.*  
**From the shouts of the strong.**  
*From the lips of all people.*  
**From the lips of all people.**  
**This song we raise Lord.**

Chorus: **Throughout the end-less ages;**  
**You will be crowned with praises,**  
**Lord most high!**  
**Exalted in ev'-ry nation;**  
**Sovereign of all creation,**  
**Lord most high,**  
**Be magnified. (Repeat Chorus)**

## 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need — utilizing the prayer refrain: *"Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

**THE OFFERTORY** GLORIOUS DAY (Living He Loved Me)  
Lyrics and Music by Mark Hall and Michael Bleecker

## ▲ 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 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, 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 this morning, 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 the gift of Holy 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.*

### WE COME TO YOU

Lyrics and Music by Joshua Blakesley

***By Your body and blood, by Your life and Your love;  
Renew us.***

***May Your sacrifice be forgiveness in me;  
Heal us.***

### Chorus

***We come to You, We come to You  
Broken, hungry,  
We come to You , We come to You  
Make us whole again.***

***In the body of Christ, We are brought to new life;  
Restore us.***

***May the flesh that we eat, and the blood that we drink  
Save us.***

### Chorus

***We come to You, We come to You  
Broken, hungry,  
We come to You , We come to You  
Make us whole again.***

### CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Lyrics and Music by Bernadette Farrell / ELW #715

***Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people  
Light for the world to see.***

### Refrain:

***Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.***

***Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. [Refrain]***

***Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others  
Shared until all are fed. [Refrain]***

***Longing for shelter, many are homeless  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us Your building, sheltering others  
Walls made of living stone. [Refrain]***

***Many the gifts, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making Your kingdom come. [Refrain]***

## THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: May that same gracious power by which God raised Jesus to life anew, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with love, and fill your hearts with joy! For Christ is risen!

P: **He is risen indeed!**

### ▲ THE SENDING SONG    COME, CELEBRATE THE CROSS Lyrics and Music by Kim Noblitt

*Come, celebrate the cross  
His blood has bought our freedom,  
All at heaven's cost.  
That we might have salvation,  
An open door to heaven,  
Jesus, Lamb of Glory,  
Hope of all the lost.  
So I come, to celebrate the cross.*

*Jesus, your cross is wonderful to me,  
'Cause, Jesus, your death has given life to me.  
So I thank you, Lord,  
And I praise you, Lord.*

*Come, celebrate the cross  
His blood has bought our freedom,  
All at heaven's cost.  
That we might have salvation,  
An open door to heaven,  
Jesus, Lamb of Glory,  
Hope of all the lost.  
So I come, to celebrate the cross.*

*Jesus, your cross is powerful to me,  
'Cause, Jesus, your suffering brings healing to me.  
So I thank you, Lord,  
And I praise you, Lord.*

*Come, celebrate the cross  
His blood has bought our freedom,  
All at heaven's cost.  
That we might have salvation,  
An open door to heaven,  
Jesus, Lamb of Glory,  
Hope of all the lost.  
So I come, to celebrate the cross.*

### ▲ THE CHARGE

L: Go – in peace – to love and serve the Lord! For Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

## SENDING MUSIC    COME, CELEBRATE THE CROSS (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  
**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** — Vocalist  
**Marci Bauer**— Vocalist  
**Bob Schmalz** — Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** — Vocalist  
**Marc Levine** — Pianist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey with the earliest Christians through days of discovery and opportunity? Next week's text is Acts 1:1-14

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