



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 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 and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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

GATHERING MUSIC ???
offered by Shepherd's Bells

WORDS OF WELCOME

▲ OUR EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: People of God, stand up! Come and join in the journey of faith - a journey that begins at an empty tomb and leads us out into life.
- P: **We come to walk with the God of new beginnings, a God who reveals strength in weakness, who loves in the face of indifference, who brings life into the midst of death.**
- L: We begin our time of worship this morning in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.
- P: **Christ has died. Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

▲ **GATHERING SONG** WE WALK BY FAITH
Lyrics by H. Alford / Music by M. Haugen / ELW #635

***We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."***

***We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"***

***Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:***

***For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.***

***And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.***

▲ 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: **Loving Lord, you have showered your world with faith, hope, and love. Help us to be faithful to you, to offer hope to those in need, and to love all your children. For we ask these things, trusting in your goodness. Amen.**

THE LESSON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

KIDTALK

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

THE SONG OF THE DAY

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

Lyrics and Music by Peter Scholtes / Gather #835

***We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity
will one day be restored.***

Chorus

***And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians
by our love.***

***We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news
that God is in our land.*** (Chorus)

***We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride.*** (Chorus)

***All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
God's only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit
who makes us one.*** (Chorus)

THE SERMON

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Our Affirmation of Faith is based on an account in Acts 10 of Peter's witness as to why Jesus mattered to him. Peter's words invite us to consider why Jesus still matters.

We are people who have heard the Good News.

- **How God anointed Jesus with the Spirit of Truth.**
- **How Jesus healed those he encountered along the way.**
- **How Jesus was killed by those who feared his goodness.**
- **How Jesus was raised from death by the Creator of all that is.**

We have been called to be witnesses to that Good News.

- **That God is the God of the living and the dead.**
- **That God offers forgiveness to all who would trust God.**
- **That God is better to us than we are to ourselves.**
- **That God calls us to respect God and embody God's love to our neighbors.**

**May we be Good News people this day and always!
Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY

THE GIFT OF LOVE

Lyrics and Music by Hal Hopson

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 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 to us.

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.

COME, LET US EAT

Lyrics and Music by Billema Kwilla / ELW #491

*Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.*

*Our Lord's body let us take together,
our Lord's body let us take together.*

*Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.*

*Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.*

*In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,
in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
in the presence of our Lord we gather.*

*Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.*

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 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Life-giving God ... in this meal you have made us one. The bread we have shared makes us one. The cup we have shared makes us one. May the love which we share be our witness to the world that you are the Holy One, and that we are one in you!

P: **Amen.**

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! Hallelujah!**

▲ THE SENDING SONG

HE CAME DOWN

Traditional Cameroonian Carol / ELW #253

*He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love;
He came down that we may have love,
Hallelujah forevermore.*

*He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace;
He came down that we may have peace,
Hallelujah forevermore.*

*He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy;
He came down that we may have joy,
Hallelujah forevermore.*

*He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope;
He came down that we may have hope,
Hallelujah forevermore.*

*He came down that we may have life;
He came down that we may have life;
He came down that we may have life,
Hallelujah forevermore.*

▲ THE CHARGE

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

C: **He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

SENDING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

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

Bethany Valentine — Creative Director and Vocalist

Diana Riveness Young — Vocalist

Gretchen Stenson — Vocalist

Elizabeth Humphrey — Vocalist

Sharon Tissue — Vocalist

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson — Vocalist

Bob Schmalz — Vocalist

John Goetz — Vocalist

Won K. Yang — Vocalist

Joe Zingale — Vocalist

Steve Swanback — Vocalist

Julie Hamre — Pianist and Organist

Shepherd's Bells (directed by Julie Hamre)

Juanita Gilbertson

Joan Kiekhaefer

Diana Riveness Young

Bethany Valentine

Sharon Tissue

Joan Birke

Paula Eismann

Janet Zingale

Barbara Swanson

Nils Kjell

Michael Stenson

Donald Eismann

Interested in reading ahead as we journey with the first Christians through days of discovery? Next week's text is
1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

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