



**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 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 the offertory. If you would prefer to support the work of our congregation electronically, please visit [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: We gather here in this place in a spirit of honesty. Just as we are, not just as we hope we might be. Whole yet broken, filled yet empty, hopeful yet hopeless.
- P: **May God's Spirit of wholeness blow through our lives.**
- L: We gather in a spirit of humility. Thankful that God has given us in Jesus Christ a gift which we could never obtain on our own.
- P: **May God's Spirit of truth open our eyes to God's goodness.**
- L: We gather in a spirit of unity. Side by side at God's table of grace, that we might be fed by the Bread of life.

P: **May God's Spirit of healing work in us and through us. May God's blessing alive in us become a blessing to those around us.**

### ▲ GATHERING SONG

ROCK OF AGES

Lyrics by A.M. Toplady / Music by T. Hastings / ELW #623

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
cleanse me from guilt and pow'r.*

*Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring;  
simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.*

### ▲ OUR OPENING LITANY

CALLED TO BE CHURCH

- L: The last time Jesus was with His disciples, he told them: "When the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."
- P: **So we pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'**
- L: And the Spirit came among them.
- P: **And they began to speak to their neighbors about the amazing love of God.**
- L: And the Spirit stayed among them.
- P: **And they devoted themselves to learning and fellowship, to worship and prayer.**
- L: And the Spirit wove them together.
- P: **And they supported one another as they could, and were thankful for what they had.**

L: The Spirit called them into action.

P: **To speak the truth and to speak for God.**

L: The Spirit challenged their assumptions.

P: **And their eyes were opened to new possibilities.**

L: The Spirit invited them to journey

P: **And wherever they went, they spoke of the mighty acts of God.**

L: May the same Spirit which called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified those first Christians be present with us.

P: **For we pray, 'Come, Holy Spirit.'**

L: So let us pray ....

P: **Merciful Father, we pray that you would save us from every evil to our bodies and our souls , and that at our last hour you would mercifully take us from the troubles of this world to yourself in heaven. For we ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.**

**THE LESSON**

Judges 10:10-16

*The Book of Judges – the 7<sup>th</sup> book of the Old Testament – tells the story of God's people from their possession of the Promised Land to the establishment of the Kingdom under Saul. The stories in Judges follow a consistent pattern: God's people abandon God and find themselves in trouble, they repent and cry for deliverance, God delivers them and they prosper, the people fall again into unfaithfulness and the cycle is repeated.*

So the Israelites cried to the Lord, saying, "We have sinned against you, because we have abandoned our God and have served the Baals." And the Lord said to the Israelites, "Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians and from the Amorites, from the Ammonites and from the Philistines? The Sidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the Maonites oppressed you, and you cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand. Yet you have abandoned me and served other gods; therefore I will deliver you no more. Go and cry to the gods whom you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your distress."

And the Israelites said to the Lord, "We have sinned; do to us whatever seems good to you, but deliver us this day!" So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the Lord, and God could no longer bear to see Israel suffer.

**KIDTALK**

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

**SONG OF THE DAY**

JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME

Lyrics by E. Hopper / Music by J.E. Gould/ ELW #755

*Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
over life's tempestuous sea;  
unknown waves before me roll,  
hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;  
chart and compass come from thee.  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.*

*As a mother stills her child,  
thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
boist'rous waves obey thy will  
When thou say'st to them: "Be still."  
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.*

*When at last I near the shore,  
and the fearful breakers roar  
twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
then, while leaning on thy breast,  
may I hear thee say to me:  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."*

**THE SERMON**

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

**▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Psalm 121

*Psalm 121 was originally a blessing prayer for pilgrims as they return home from worship. We are a pilgrim church. After we gather for worship, we are sent forth to love and serve God in all we do and say. And God is ever watchful, never sleeping, always guarding, always near.*

**If I look to the mountains, will they come to my aid?  
My help comes from you, O God, who made heaven  
and earth.**

**May God, ever wakeful, keep you from stumbling;  
for the guardian of Israel neither rests nor sleeps.  
God shields you, a protector by your side. The sun  
shall not harm you by day nor the moon at night.  
God shelters you from evil, securing your life. God  
watches over you near and far, now and always.**

**If I look to the mountains, will they come to my aid?  
My help comes from you, O God, who made heaven  
and earth.**

**THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*We pray for the church, the world and all in need —  
utilizing the prayer refrain: "Lord, in your mercy, **hear our  
prayer.**"*

## THE OFFERTORY

SHELTER ME

Lyrics and Music by Michael Joncas

### ▲ THE COMMUNION LITANY

L: In the name of Jesus Christ and by His desire, we are invited to come to His special meal, and to come in peace and joy. We come to this meal not because we are strong, but because we are weak; not because we are sinless, but because we are sin-full! We come, believing that Christ's real presence comes to us in this meal, bringing to us forgiveness for yesterday, strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

For 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.

P: **Thank you, Jesus, for the love You show for me and for all the world in the gift of this meal ... and thank you for teaching us all to pray:**

**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.**

L: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and who believes in me will never be thirsty." So now come to the table of the Lord.

### HOLY COMMUNION

*As we share in the gift of Holy Communion, 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 Communion, please return to your seat by the side aisle, and place the communion cup in the small basket as you return to your seat.*

*During this time, you are invited to sing the following songs with our Worship Team.*

## GOD OF THE SPARROW

Lyrics by J. Vajda / Music by C Schalk / ELW #740

**God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise**

**God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save**

**God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks**

**God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life**

**God of the neighbor  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace**

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Lyrics: Anonymous / Music: Silesian Folk Tune ELW #838

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!**

## THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

P: **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: May the Holy One — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit — bless you now and forever.

P: **Amen!**

### ▲ SENDING SONG      GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER

Lyrics by W. Williams / Music by J. Hughes / ELW #618

*Guide me ever, great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty;  
hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.*

*Open now the crystal fountain  
where the healing waters flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
shield me with your mighty arm,  
shield me with your mighty arm.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises  
I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.*

### ▲ 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  
**Joe Zingale** – Vocalist  
**John Goetz** – Vocalist  
**Won Yang** – Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** – Vocalist  
**Julie Hamre** – Organist and Pianist

Our sermon series on the Lord's Prayer concludes next week with a focus on the conclusion of that prayer, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen." The complementary reading for that day is Revelation 7:9-17.

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