



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 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 and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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GATHERING MUSIC

Gail Kiyomura

▲ OUR CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather this morning to worship. We gather in the name of the God who has been revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So let us begin our time of worship by acknowledging those truths about our lives that separate us both from God and from our neighbors.

P: **Giver of every good gift, we confess that we are people with clenched fists. We hold tightly to the things of this world and are unwilling to part with them. We hold in our grasp the brokenness of our past and yet are afraid to give it up. We feel life slipping through our fingers, but don't know how to change. Gracious God, forgive our sinfulness and our selfishness, the works of our hands.**

L: Our God is a God of open hands! God opened God's hands in the act of creation that we might know life. God opened God's hands to the hopeless and hurting that we might learn how to love. God opened God's hands and was nailed to a cross that we might receive forgiveness. We are alive and forgiven and enabled to love because of God's open hands. And may those gifts of life and love and forgiveness become real to you as we worship together this morning.

▲ GATHERING SONG

PRAISE TO THE LORD

Lyrics by J. Neander / Music Anonymous / ELW #859

***Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the God of creation!
My heart is longing
to offer up sweet adoration.
Melody make; dulcimer, harp, now awake.
Sound forth your praise, ev'ry nation.***

***Praise the Almighty,
o'er all life so wondrously reigning,
and, as on wings
of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen? All that is needful has been
sent by God's gracious ordaining.***

***Praise the Almighty,
who prospers your work and defends you;
see from the heavens
the showers of mercy God sends you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do;
infinite Love here befriends you.***

***Praise the Almighty!
In wonder my spirit is soaring!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises outpouring.
Let the amen sound from God's people again,
gladly forever adoring!***

▲ OUR OPENING LITANY

'FOR GOD SO LOVED US'

L: God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love.

P: **All who love are born of God.**

L: Greater love has no one than this: that a person lay down their life for a friend.

P: **God loved the world so much that God took on humanity in the person of Jesus Christ, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.**

L: If God so loved us, we ought to love one another.

P: **May we love our neighbors as ourselves.**

L: If we keep God's commandments, we will abide in God's love.

P: **This commandment we have from God – that we love one another.**

L: Let us not love in word and speech alone, but in deed and in truth.

P: **May our love be honest and genuine.**

L: Let us love one another.

P: **For love is of God.**

L: So let us pray

P: Merciful God, in the person of Jesus you showed us the depth of your love. May our lives and our living be reflections of that love, that all the world might know you as the Source of truth and life. Amen.

THE LESSON

Psalm 50:14-23

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.

Call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

But to the wicked God says,
"What right have you to recite my statutes
or take my covenant on your lips?
For you hate discipline,
and you cast my words behind you.
You make friends with a thief when you see one,
and you keep company with adulterers.
You give your mouth free rein for evil,
and your tongue frames deceit.
You sit and speak against your kin;
you slander your own mother's child.
These things you have done, and I have been silent;
you thought that I was one just like yourself.
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

Mark this, then, you who forget God,
or I will tear you apart,
and there will be no one to deliver.
Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor
me;
to those who go the right way,
I will show the salvation of God."

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

SONG OF THE DAY FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION
Lyrics by Fred Green / Welsh Traditional Tune / ELW #679

*For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.*

*For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.*

*For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.*

*In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.*

*For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.*

*For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.*

THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 8

Psalm 8 was/is a hymn of praise. It declares the wonder and goodness of God, acknowledging that the universe in which we live is truly amazing. But Psalm 8 also acknowledges a mystery — the place of humankind in God's created order — for God has appointed us stewards of all that God has made.

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 PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERTORY 10,000 REASONS
Lyrics and Music by Joseph Myrin and Matt Redman

▲ THE COMMUNION LITURGY

L: Lord Jesus, you came to us as a tiny Baby born in danger and discomfort. You grew into a Man whom the world can never forget. You offered up your body and blood for the sake of our broken lives and our broken world. So come to us now in this bread and this wine. Unite us and strengthen us by your presence and through your Word, that we might be your faithful children in this world.

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.

Following upon our recent sermon series on the Lord's Prayer, we invite you to pray that version of the prayer which Jesus taught us which is most meaningful to you.

**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.**

Or

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. 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.

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)**

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

Lyrics by Henry Baker / Music Trad. Irish / ELW 502

*The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,
thy rod and staff my comfort still;
thy cross before to guide me.*

*Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!*

*And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.*

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 LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES ...

Lyrics by Fred Kaan / Jamaican Folk Tune / ELW # 674

*Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy.
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.*

Refrain:

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

*Christ is able to make us one.
At the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. [Refrain]*

*Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share.
God (Emmanuel) everywhere! [Refrain]*

▲ THE CHARGE

L: Go – in peace – to love God by serving your neighbor!

P: **Thanks be to God!**

SENDING MUSIC

Gail Kiyomura

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
Joe Zingale – Vocalist
John Goetz – Vocalist
Won Yang – Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist
Gail Kiyomura – Pianist

Our sermon series on Stewardship continues next week with a focus on the question of ownership. If you would like to read ahead, the reading for that day is Deuteronomy 8:11-20.

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