



**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** HERE I AM TO WORSHIP  
Lyrics and Music by Tim Hughes

▲ **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** GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR GOD  
Lyrics and Music by Dan Schutte / Gather #522

Chorus: **Glory and Praise to our God  
Who alone brings light to our days.  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways.**

**We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings.** (Chorus)

**In His wisdom He strengthens us,  
Like gold that's tested in fire,  
Though the power of sin prevails,  
Our God is there to save.** (Chorus)

**Every moment of every day  
Our God is waiting to save,  
Always ready to seek the lost,  
To answer those who pray.** (Chorus)

▲ **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: Amazing Creator, at the beginning of time, you spoke light and all life into existence. Skies and seas, mountains and valleys, vegetation and seasons, birds and fish, reptiles and mammals — and even us. All of creation belongs to you. All of creation depends upon you yet today. So help us to acknowledge our dependence on you each and every day. Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:5-12

Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished. Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, "How shall we return?"

Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, "How are we robbing you?" In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:17-27

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' " He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

## KIDTALK

Vicar Meagan Kim

## SONG OF THE DAY THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Lyrics and Music by Peter Scholtes / Gather #735

***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 man's dignity  
and save each man's pride.*** [Chorus]

***All praise to the Father,  
from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus,  
His only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit  
who makes us one.*** [Chorus]

## THE SERMON

Vicar Meagan Kim

### ▲ OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 8

*Psalm 8 is both a hymn of praise and an invitation to remember. It invites us to marvel in the wonder of God's creation and it invites us to acknowledge a mystery — that this Creator 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

IF NOT NOW

Lyrics and Music by Carrie Newcomer

### ▲ 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.

**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.

#### 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 2x)**

SING ALLELU (Ode 40)  
Lyrics and Music by Fernando Ortega

*Grace pouring forth like a fountain flowing  
Our hearts open wide to sing your praise  
And our sound becomes sweet  
With your anthems ringing  
Praise to the name of the Lord*

Chorus: *Sing allelu, Sing allelu  
We rejoice in Your love, Most High  
Sing allelu, Sing allelu  
In Your light You shine forever  
Shine in us, O Lord, forever  
We're the light to the world, allelu*

*Let us who are afraid find refuge in Christ  
And redemption assured in His name  
By day and by night, We delight in your love  
And forever Your Word will remain* [Chorus]

Bridge: *Allelu, Allelu  
Allelu, Allelu  
Allelu, Allelu*  
[Chorus]

#### 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** LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND  
Lyrics and Music by Jeremy Johnson and Paul Marino

*Lord, tell me to go,  
And I will go, where You lead.  
I'm stepping out on faith,  
'Cause I know You will make a way for me.*

*I will leave everything behind,  
I will follow You, with all of my life.  
You oh Lord, my one desire,  
I will leave everything behind,  
I will leave everything behind.*

*I am ready to be used,  
However You may choose, Lord send me.  
Oh I, oh I am not ashamed,  
To proudly wear Your name, for all to see.*

*Oh I will leave everything behind,  
I will follow You, with all of my life.  
You oh Lord, my one desire,  
I will leave everything behind,  
I will leave everything behind.*

*Oh I will leave everything behind,  
I will follow You, with all of my life.  
You oh Lord, my one desire,  
I will leave everything behind,  
I will leave everything behind.*

##### ▲ THE CHARGE

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

P: **Thanks be to God!**

**SENDING MUSIC** LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND (Reprise)

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

**Diana Riveness Young** — Vocalist  
**Bethany Valentine** — Vocalist  
**Elizabeth Humphrey** — Vocalist  
**Marci Bauer** — Vocalist  
**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** – Vocalist  
**Vicar Meagan Kim** — Vocalist  
**Bob Schmalz** — Vocalist  
**Steve Swanback** — Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** — Vocalist  
**Marc Levine** — Pianist

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