



Welcome to Worship with Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, whether you worship with us in-person or online (on Facebook Live or archived at www.holysshepherd.org.) May you know God's grace as we worship.

Know that You Are Welcome! 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.holysshepherd.org and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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

GATHERING MUSIC JESUS LOVES ME
as offered by Alta Stenson

▲ **OUR CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose word never fails and whose promise is sure.

P: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

P: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. We have not been good stewards of your abundant goodness. In the name of Jesus, forgive us.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the

courage to speak. And we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In the name of Jesus, forgive us.

L: Beloved of God, hear the Good News. God's grace is greater than our sin. God's hope is greater than our fear. Claim the gift of God's mercy and know God's gift of peace, for you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ.

P: **Amen.**

▲ **GATHERING SONG** COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING
Lyrics: source unknown / Music: F. deGiardini / ELW #308

**Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;
Father, all-glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness on us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!
Thou who almighty art, rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

**To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.**

▲ **THE GREETING**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

▲ **THE KYRIE** ELW #157

L: *In peace, in peace, Let us pray to the Lord ...*

P: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

L: *For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord ...*

P: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

L: *For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word. Let us pray to the Lord ...*

P: **Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

L: *Help, save and defend us, O God.*

P: **Amen.**

▲ THE HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW #167

(Refrain) ***Now the feast and celebration,
All of creation sings for joy
To the God of life and love and freedom:
Praise and glory forevermore!***

***Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
Whose blood has freed and united us
To be one great people of God.*** (Refrain)

***Power and riches, wisdom and might
All honor and glory to Christ forever.*** (Refrain)

***For God has come to dwell with us,
To make us people of God;
To make all things new.*** (Refrain)

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you!

P: **And also with you!**

L: God of dreams and hope, you spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. So we ask that you might work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence. Help us to know that you are with us, and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

P: **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. He returned to his brothers and said, "The boy is gone, and I, where can I turn?" Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. They had the ornamented robe taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." He recognized it and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces." Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

SONG OF THE DAY GOD, WHEN HUMAN BONDS ARE ...
Lyrics by Fred Kaan / Music by William Monk / ELW #603

**God, when human bonds are broken
and we lack the love or skill
to restore the hope of healing,
give us grace and make us still.**

**Through that stillness, with your Spirit
come into our world of stress,
for the sake of Christ forgiving
all the failures we confess.**

**Send us, God of new beginnings,
humbly hopeful into life.
Use us as a means of blessing:
make us stronger, give us faith.**

**Give us faith to be more faithful,
give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning:
God, encourage and renew!**

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

*Empowered by the Holy Spirit to manifest the Good News
to the ends of the earth, we pray for the church, for people
in need, and for all of creation, utilizing the prayer refrain
"God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"*

THE OFFERTORY

SHELTER ME

Lyrics and Music by Michael Joncas

▲ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW #191

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

P: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

L: *It is our duty and delight we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:*

P: **Holy, holy, holy are you, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

P: 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.' And that same Jesus who
called us to remember, and who is present with us
now, invites 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. After sharing in Communion, please
deposit your empty cup in the small basket and return to
your seat by the side aisle. During the sharing of Holy
Communion, you are invited to join in the following songs:*

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / ELW 465

**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

***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.***

***Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you.*** (Refrain)

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / ELW #612

Refrain:

***Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.***

***You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.*** [Refrain]

***In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.*** [Refrain]

***You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.*** [Refrain]

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: May the Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

P: **Amen.**

▲ **SENDING SONG** THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN EVERY AGE
Lyrics by F.P. Kaan / Music by W. Knapp / ELW #729

***The church of Christ in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.***

***Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.***

***Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.***

***For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.***

***We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.***

▲ THE CHARGE

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

C: **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
Diana Riveness – Vocalist
Gretchen Stenson – Vocalist
Sharon Tissue – Vocalist
Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist
Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist
Joe Zingale – Vocalist
John Goetz – Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist
Julie Hamre – Organist and Pianist

Thanks to **Alta Stenson** for sharing her musical gifts with us this morning as part of our Gathering Music!

A Congregational Meeting will be held today at 10:45 in the Center for Ministry Building. Key items on the agenda include the approval of a budget for our now-beginning 2024/25 fiscal year, the election of Church Council members and a report of our current Gregersen Hall development project.

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