



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 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.holyshepherd.org and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

▲ 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

MY SOUL PROCLAIMS ...

Lyrics Luke 1:46-55 / Music by R.V. Williams / ELW #251

***My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;
I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
Now every land and every age
this blessing shall proclaim!
Great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.***

***To all who live in holy fear
your mercy ever flows.
With mighty arm you dash the proud,
their scheming hearts expose.
The ruthless you have cast aside,
the lowly throned instead;
The hungry filled with all good things,
the rich sent off unfed.***

***To Israel, your servant blest,
your help is ever sure;
The promise to our parents made
their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One,
give honor to the Word,
And praise the Power of the Most High,
one God, by all adored.***

▲ 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 who answers prayer, we are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear. And fill us each with a spirit of prayerfulness in the days that lie ahead, for we ask this the name of the One who embodied your presence in this world, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: **Amen.**

THE LESSON

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the

Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies
because I rejoice in your victory.

There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
Talk no more so very proudly;
let not arrogance come from your mouth,
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low; he also exalts.
He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked will perish in darkness,
for not by might does one prevail.
The Lord! His adversaries will be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king
and exalt the power of his anointed."

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

SONG OF THE DAY

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN

Lyrics by H.G. Stuempfle / Music Trad. Finnish / ELW #419

**For all the faithful women
who served in days of old
To you shall thanks be given,
to all their story told.**

*They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
proclaimed your power to save.*

*To Hannah, praying childless
Before the throne of grace
You gave a son and called him
To serve before your face
Grant us her perseverance
Lord, teach us how to pray
And trust in your deliv'rance
When darkness hides our way*

*O God, for saints and servants,
those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages
Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving
and fervent prayer we raise
That faithful in Your service,
our lives may sing Your praise.*

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

DREAMERS AND DOUBTERS
Lyrics and Music by Joseph Martin

▲ 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:

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Lyrics and Music by Carl Daw / WOV #635

Refrain: **Surely it is God who saves me.
I will trust in him and not be afraid
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

**Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name.**

Refrain: **Surely it is God who saves me.
I will trust in him and not be afraid
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.**

**Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.** (Refrain)

**Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you
is the holy one of Israel.** (Refrain)

PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY
Lyrics and Music by Marty Haugen / ELW #208

**Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!**

**From of old you loved and sought us:
thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us:
thanks be to you forever!**

**Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever! Thanks be to you forever!**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ THE BENEDICTION

L: May the God of Hope fill you with joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope!

P: **Amen.**

▲ OUR SENDING SONG OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES
Lyrics by Charles Wesley / Music by C. Glaser / ELW #886

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.**

**He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.**

▲ 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
Gretchen Stenson – Vocalist
Diana Riveness – Vocalist
Sharon Tissue – Vocalist
Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist
Vicar Meagan Kim – Vocalist
Joe Zingale – Vocalist
Steve Swanback – Vocalist
John Goetz – Vocalist
Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist
Julie Hamre – Organist and Pianist

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