Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church

Orinda, California

October 20, 2024

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.

22nd Sunday

after Pentecost

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 <u>www.holyshepherd.org</u> and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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

GATHERING MUSIC HOPE OF THE BROKEN WORLD Lyrics and Music by Carl Cartee and Jennie Lee Riddle

WORDS OF WELCOME

▲ WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity (+) one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another Gracious God,

- C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ (+) our sins are forgiven. May God's Spirit of grace and forgiveness shine forth in each of our lives.
- C: Amen.

▲ GATHERING SONG MEET US HERE Lyrics and Music by Mike Hohnholz

Meet us here, in this place Come and fill us with Your power and Your grace We long to see, the nations one Let Your glory fall, Lord, Let Your Kingdom come

> <u>Chorus</u> Holy is the Lord, Seated on the throne Sovereign King of all the Earth, We crown You Lord of all

Meet us here, oh gracious King Let us see You in Your beauty and Your majesty We long to see that glorious day When the ransomed and redeemed will join to sing Your praise (Chorus)

▲ OPENING LITANY

- L: In the days of Noah, God placed a rainbow in the sky as the sign of a covenant of God's love for all the earth.
- C: In the beauty of the rainbow, we see a sign of God's grace for all creation.
- L: In the days of Moses, the words of God were written on tablets of stone, as the sign of a covenant between God and all of God's people.
- C: In those tablets of stone, we first learned of God's call to love the Lord our God and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
- L: In the days of the prophets, God promised to place a new covenant in our hearts.

C: Blessed be the God who has written the promise of love on the World, in the Word and on our hearts. May our lives be reflections of our choice to honor God in thankfulness for all that God does and is.

▲ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Let us pray ... God of hope, you promised to make David's household great among the nations. Then you sent your son, Jesus, to transform this world so that all people are one in the great household of God. Show us how to live as your children, as sisters and brothers in your holy and blessed realm, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who will one day welcome us all home.
- C: Amen.

THE LESSON

2 Samuel 8:18-29

Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God; you have spoken also of your servant's house into the distant future. May this be instruction for the people, O Lord God! And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God! Because of your promise and according to your own heart, you have wrought all this greatness so that your servant may know it.

"Therefore you are great, O Lord God, for there is no one like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. Who is like your people, like Israel? Is there another nation on earth whose God went to redeem it as a people and to make a name for himself, doing great and awesome things, driving out nations and their gods before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt? And you established your people Israel for yourself to be your people forever, and you, O Lord, became their God.

"And now, O Lord God, as for the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, confirm it forever; do as you have promised. Thus your name will be magnified forever in the saying, 'The Lord of hosts is God over Israel,' and the house of your servant David will be established before you. For you, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house'; therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. "And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; now, therefore, may it please you to bless the house of your servant so that it may continue forever before you, for you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever."

KIDTALK

THE SONG OF THE DAY

WE ALL BOW DOWN

Pastor John Valentine

Lyrics and Music by Lenny LeBlanc

Princes and paupers Sons and daughters Kneel at the throne of grace Losers and winners Saints and sinners One day will see His face

Chorus:

And we all bow down Kings will surrender their crowns And worship Jesus For He is the love Unfailing love He is the love of God

Summer and winter The mountains and rivers Whisper our Savior's name Awesome and holy A friend to the lonely Forever His love will reign

<u>Tag:</u> He's the light of the world And Lord of the cross

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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation, utilizing the prayer refrain "God of grace, hear our prayer."

THE OFFERTORY

IF NOT NOW Lyrics and Music by Carrie Newcomer

▲ OUR COMMUNION LITURGY

- L: Let us gather around the table to share the meal which Christ makes possible for us all. This is the welcome table of God, where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come.
- C: We come, hungry for the hope which Jesus alone can give.
- L: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty."

C: We come, thirsty for the peace which Jesus' presence offers.

- L: We remember that on 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 so – gathered into one by the Holy Spirit – let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C: 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

to come to the Altar Rail and kneel or stand as you are able. During the serving of Holy Communion, you are invited to join in singing the following songs:

> THE BREAD HAS BEEN BROKEN Lyrics and Music by Jeff Deyo

Come to the table, and worship the Savior Taste what forgiveness is for His mercy will lead us, the grace of God feed us Making us hungry for more His body was given for you and me Look on the cross and believe

> <u>Refrain</u>: The Bread has been broken Our eyes have been opened Oh come Lord restore and renew The Word has been spoken So humbled and broken We do all in remembrance of You The Bread has been broken

And all those who know Him Believe without touching a scar His death reconciled us We live, sanctified to become what we already are To Him who loves us and freed us to love Be glory, honor and praise (Refrain)

> <u>Bridge</u>: **His body was given for you and for me Look on the cross and believe** (Refrain)

HE KNOWS MY NAME Lyrics and Music by Tommy Walker

I have a maker, he formed my heart Before even time began my life was in his hands

Chorus

He knows my name He knows my every thought He sees each tear that falls And hears me when I call.

I have a father, he calls me his own He'll never leave me no matter where I go. (Chorus)

> He knows my name He knows my every thought He sees each tear that falls And hears me when I call. And hears me when I call.

As we share Holy Communion this morning, we invite you

THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- L: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen
- P: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BENEDICTION

- L: God's promises endure from generation to generation. So now may the God of Abraham and Sarah, the God of Moses and of Miriam, the God of Ruth and of Naomi, the God who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you abundantly and shape your life in God's image.
- C: Amen!

▲ SENDING SONG

GRACE THAT IS GREATER Lyrics and Music by Bart Millard

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled

Grace, grace, God's grace Grace that will pardon and cleanse within Grace, grace, God's grace Grace that is greater than all our sin

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace Freely bestowed on all who believe You who are longing to see His face Will you this moment His grace receive?

Grace, grace, God's grace Grace that will pardon and cleanse within Grace, grace, God's grace Grace that is greater than all our sin

Grace, grace, God's grace Grace that will pardon and cleanse within Grace, grace, God's grace Grace that is greater than all our sin Grace that is greater than all our sin

▲ THE CHARGE

- L: Go in peace, to love God by serving your neighbor!
- P: Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC

GRACE THAT IS GREATER (Reprise) Lyrics and Music by Bart Millard

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

Tom Henry – Vocalist, Guitarist and Creative Director Diana Riveness – Vocalist Bethany Valentine – Vocalist Marci Bauer – Vocalist Elizabeth Humphrey – Vocalist Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson – Vocalist Vicar Meagan Kim – Vocalist Steve Swanback – Vocalist Bob Schmalz – Vocalist Pastor John Valentine – Vocalist Marc Levine – Pianist

Interested in reading ahead for next week's worship gathering? Our texts for Reformation Sunday will include **Galatians 2:16-21** and **2 Timothy 3:14–17**. And make sure to join us as we celebrate the Rite of the Affirmation of Baptism with **Alex and Austin McManamon!**

Zoom Adult Education happens on Tuesday evenings at 7pm as we dive deeper into the Scripture lesson read in this morning's worship gathering:

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