



The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church
Orinda, CA
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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!

Offerings are an Act of Worship! Offerings are one way we express both our gratitude for God's wondrous love and our commitment to for work of ministry. To support our work electronically, visit www.holyshepherd.org and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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GATHERING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

▲ OUR WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- L: On the first day of creation, God said, "Let there be light." In the person of Jesus Christ, God said, "I am the Light of the world." By the power of the Spirit, God has ignited the light of life in us.
- P: **But we have focused on the darkness that surrounds and overwhelms us, that frightens and numbs us.**
- L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- P: **But we have used artificial lights to try and eliminate the darkness in our lives.**
- L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- P: **But we have tried to deny the power of the darkness by pretending that it isn't there.**
- L: Forgive us, O God, for these our actions of failure and our failures to act.

P: **Forgive us, Lord God, for putting our trust in ourselves rather than You.**

L: Hear the good news! God has come as a light in the darkness. In the light of Christ we find forgiveness for our past, strength for our present and hope for our future. In Christ, we are enabled to begin life anew. Thanks be to God!

▲ GATHERING SONG

RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE!

Lyrics by Ronald Klug / Music by Dale Wolf / ELW #665

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

▲ 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: Let us pray:

P: **God of the nations, show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all colors and kinds: those with technology and without; those who make do with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.**

THE LESSON

Luke 4:14-30

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

THE HYMN OF THE DAY WILL YOU COME & FOLLOW ME
Lyrics by John Bell / Music Scottish Trad. / ELW #798

***Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?***

***Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?***

***Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?***

***Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.***

THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

▲ WORDS TO LIVE BY

based on Philippians 2

As people of God, we find our hope and salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

OFFERTORY **THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY**
Lyrics by F.W., Faber / Music by P. Langford

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We pray for the Church, the world, and all in need, utilizing the prayer refrain: *"Source of all goodness, let there be light."*

▲ THE COMMUNION LITURGY 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, we invite you to come down the center aisle and kneel/stand at the altar rail to receive the bread and wine. After consuming the elements, please deposit your empty cup in the basket and return to your seat by the side aisle.

During the sharing of Holy Communion, you are invited to join our Worship Team in the following songs:

BIND US TOGETHER

Lyrics and Music by Bob Gillman / WOV #748

Chorus: **Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together
Bind us together in Love**

**There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing.**
(Chorus)

**We are the family of God
We are the promise divine
We are God's chosen desire
We are the glorious new wine.**
(Chorus)

LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE
Lyrics by Alfred Bayly / Music by B.F. White / ELW #712

**Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed.
We your servants bring the worship
not of voice alone but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.**

*Still your children wander homeless,
still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom,
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul
By your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.*

*As we worship grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light,
In its height and depth and greatness,
dawns upon our quickened sight.
Making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service
your abundant life to share.*

*Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show.
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give.
That your servants, Lord, in freedom
may you mercy know and live.*

THE COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BENEDICTION

L: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

P: **Amen!**

▲ **SENDING SONG** JESUS SHALL REIGN
Lyrics by I. Watts / Music by J. Hatton / ELW #434

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.*

*Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.*

*Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.*

▲ THE CHARGE

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

SENDING MUSIC

Julie Hamre

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

Bethany Valentine — Creative Director
Julie Hamre — Organist and Pianist

Diana Riveness Young
Gretchen Stenson
Sharon Tissue
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Vicar Meagan Kim
John Goetz
Steve Swanback
Pastor John Valentine

Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson

Interested in reading ahead as we journey through the Gospel according to Luke this Epiphany season?
Next week's text is Luke 5:1-11.

Our annual '**Drive-Thru Crab Feed**' in support of our Preschool is happening on the weekend of January 25/26! To order, visit www.holyshepherd.org or contact Cristi in the Church Office at (925)254-3422.

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