



# The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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!

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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

YOU SERVANTS OF GOD

Lyrics by C. Wesley / Music by J.M. Hadyn / ELW #825

***You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!***

***Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!***

***Salvation to God who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.***

***Then let us adore and give God his right,  
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!***

### ▲ 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: **Jesus, you taught your disciples to cast a wide net — not for fish, but for people. Teach us the fishing craft. Make our fingers nimble so we may handle hearts and hands gently; make our minds quiet and patient while we wait for those who are not yet ready to receive you; and make our hearts hungry for your word, for the sake of the one who has captured our hearts already, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE LESSON**

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to

burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him..

**KIDTALK**

Vicar Meagan Kim

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

JESUS CALLS US

Lyrics by C. Alexander / Music by W. Jude / ELW # 696

***Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me":***

***As of old St. Andrew heard it  
By the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
Leaving all for his dear sake.***

***Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."***

***In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."***

***Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.***

**THE SERMON**

Vicar Meagan Kim

▲ **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** I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY  
Lyrics by Horatius Bonar / Music by Lloyd Larson

### 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:

BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE  
Lyrics by M. Lathbury / Music by W. Sherwin / ELW #515

***Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;  
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.***

***Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,  
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!***

***You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
your holy word the truth that rescues me.  
Give me to eat and live with you above;  
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.***

LORD OF THE DANCE  
Lyrics and Music by Sydney Carter / Gather #796

***I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.***

Refrain: ***"Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.  
"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.***

***I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John;  
They came with me and the dance went on.*** [Refrain]

***I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people, they said it was a shame;  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die.*** [Refrain]

***I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.*** [Refrain]

*They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die,  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
"I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.* [Refrain]

## 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** THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE  
Lyrics Trad. African Amer. / Music by H.C. Boyer / ELW #677

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

*Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!*

*Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!*

*Shine it all around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Shine it all around the world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Shine it all around the world, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!*

## ▲ 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:

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Interested in reading ahead as we journey through the Gospel according to Luke this Epiphany season?

Next week's text is Luke 6:1-16

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