



**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!

**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](http://www.holyshepherd.org) and utilize Givelify, our online giving platform.

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**GATHERING MUSIC** HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG  
Lyrics and Music by Sarah Hart and Josh Blakesley

▲ **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** SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
Lyrics and Music by Graham Kendrick / ELW #671

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,  
Shine on me, shine on me:**

**Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word Lord,  
and let there be light!**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me:**

**Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth your word  
Lord, and let there be light!**

▲ **OUR OPENING SENTENCES**

L: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P: **He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him.**

L: In him was life, and that life was the light of all people.

**P: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.**

L: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

**P: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.**

L: So let us pray:

**P: Dazzling Lord, in blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE LESSON

Luke 9:28-45

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here." While he was being brought forward, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed

the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples, "Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands." But they did not understand this saying; its meaning remained concealed from them, so that they could not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

KIDTALK

Pastor John Valentine

THE SONG OF THE DAY

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Lyrics and Music by Bernadette Farrell / ELW #715

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness  
Longing for truth, we turn to You.  
Make us Your own, Your holy people  
Light for the world to see.*

Refrain:

*Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in Your church gathered today.*

*Longing for peace, our world is troubled  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.*

[Refrain]

*Longing for food, many are hungry  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us Your bread, broken for others  
Shared until all are fed.*

[Refrain]

THE SERMON

Pastor John Valentine

OUR AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**We 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.**

**We 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.**

**OFFERTORY** AT THE NAME OF JESUS  
Lyrics and Music by Caroline Noel and Aaron Shust

### **THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

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

### **▲ THE COMMUNION LITANY**

L: Lord Jesus, you came to us as a tiny Baby born in danger and discomfort. You grew into a Man whom the world can never forget. You offered up your body and blood for the sake of our broken lives and our broken world. So come to us now in this bread and this wine. Unite us and strengthen us by your presence and through your Word, that we might be your faithful children in this world.

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.**

L: 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.

### **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:

### BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Lyrics: Anonymous / Music: Silesian Folk Tune / ELW #838

***Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.***

***Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.***

***Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.***

***Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!***

### THOSE WHO SEE LIGHT

Lyrics and Music by Nancy Elze and Donald Osuna

***Those who see light can walk in the dark.  
Those who see love can see God.  
Those who look up will discover God's face,  
those who look down will uncover God's path,  
those who perceive God is here with us now  
will see God's return.***

***Those who see light can walk in the dark.  
Those who see love can see God.  
Those who have witnessed the sunrise and set,  
those who have studied a flower unfold,  
those who have focused on land, sea, and sky  
have seen Jesus Christ.***

***Those who see light can walk in the dark.  
Those who see love can see God.  
Those who see good in each person they meet,  
those who look after their neighbors in need,  
those who believe God's now living in them  
will see God's return.***

### **THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

L: May the One who enlightened the mountaintop and who healed a tormented child bring you healing and hope in this meal which we have shared.

P: **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BENEDICTION

L: May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine in you with grace and mercy. May God look upon you with favor and give you peace (+).

P: **Amen!**

▲ **SENDING SONG**                      THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE  
Lyrics and Music: Trad. African American

***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**                      THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE (Reprise)

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

**Diana Riveness Young** — Creative Director  
**Marc Levine** — Pianist  
**Elizabeth Humphrey** — Vocalist  
**Marci Bauer** — Vocalist  
**Pastor Pam Schaefer Dawson** — Vocalist  
**Vicar Meagan Kim** – Vocalist  
**Steve Swanback** — Vocalist  
**Bob Schmalz** — Vocalist  
**Pastor John Valentine** — Vocalist

Interested in reading ahead as we journey through the Gospel according to Luke during the upcoming days of Lent?  
Next week's text is Luke 10:25-42.

**Ash Wednesday** (March 5, 2025) marks the beginning of the season of Lent – and something new for us. (This year, we're going to share our midweek Lenten worship opportunities with the people of Our Savior's Lutheran Church!) Join us on for Ash Wednesday worship at Noon at Holy Shepherd and/or 7pm at Our Savior's (1035 Carol Lane in Lafayette.)

**Time Change Next Sunday!** Don't forget to set your clocks forward on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>! You certainly wouldn't want to be one of those who arrive as worship is ending and Coffee Fellowship is starting up!

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