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Sabbath: Unplug



Welcome! We're glad you're here!



If you are a guest and are interested in knowing more about this community and the ministries that Holy Shepherd is engaged in, please add your information on the clipboard located at the **Information Center** kiosk. You may add as much information as you'd like to share. We look forward to getting to know you!

Trusting God + Loving the World

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

God has delivered us from all that enslaves us,

Thanks be to God!

We take this day to stop and rest, and worship God, who sets us free,

Thanks be to God!

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of Peace,

We are a restless people, always wanting more, doing more, needing more. But in our rush and chasing after satisfaction, we find we have less time, less meaning, less connection with you, others and ourselves. Interrupt our frenzied world and guide us back to you. Forgive us for overlooking those in need and neglecting to enjoy and care for this world you have given us. Amen.

Our God is slow to anger and quick to pardon. Come and rest in God's mercy. Receive God's forgiveness for all the ways you have missed the mark. Receive the peace of the Spirit. **Amen.**

12 *All*

If we have died to our - selves in

Je - sus, then we shall a - rise to

new life in him: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia!

Verse one

We are fire and water, we are symbol and sign of grace,
we are the myst'ry, we are the image of God's own face. *Refrain*

Verse two

In the water we seek him, in the wellspring of all that lives, all who are thirsty,
come and be filled with the life he gives. *Refrain*

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of Day

Saving God,

You delivered your people from slavery to experience a life of freedom in you. May we live to know this same liberty in your Gospel—freed from all that would hold us fast. For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching & song

This is the third of the 10 Commandments that God gave Moses on Mt. Sinai, a commandment for God's people to observe a day of rest and to keep it holy.

Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹² Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to God's Word

**Holy Spirit rain down, rain down.
O Comforter and Friend, how we need Your touch again.
Holy Spirit rain down, rain down.
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
come and change our hearts as we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit rain down.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:28-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

+ Children's Time +



Children's Church

Children age 3yrs – 4th grade.
After children's message, meet
the leader in back of church.



Message

Silence for reflection follows the sermon

Song

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Milestone Celebration

Prayers of the People

Together with the community of Christ throughout the world,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Sung before and after all prayers

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

End

Prayer petitions response

God of rest, **in mercy, hear our prayer.**

We lift these prayers and those in our hearts into your loving arms,
O God, trusting in your abundant mercy. **Amen.**

Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

He is exalted the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.
He is exalted forever exalted, and I will praise His name.
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth, rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.
We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. We praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer

Celtic Version, Newell

Holy One beyond all names, Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every family
And reverence for every life
Forgive us our failing in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine

And the strength of our spirits endure
For earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen

Invitation

The day to rest and feast is upon us! Come now and join with your brothers and sisters at the table of God's grace. Be fed, be strengthened, be renewed!



+ *All Are Welcome at the Table* +

Options for receiving Holy Communion

Please come forward to the front where the pastors are standing. Come forward starting with the front pews, there will be no ushers. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and put your empty cup in the basket. There are kneelers on each side where you are free to kneel and pray before you return to your seat. Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you with the words spoken:

“The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.”

If you would like communion served in the pew, please signal to a pastor or let the usher in the back know.

You are invited... To bring **offering** forward during Holy Communion or before or after worship. The offering is gathered in front of the church in front of the communion table (altar) where we are reminded of God's gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

Communion Song

You Are My All in All

- Jernigan

**You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jew'l, Lord to give up I'd be a fool,
You are my all in all.**

Refrain

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

**Taking my sin my cross my shame,
rising again I bless Your name.
You are my all in all.**

When I fall down You pick me up, when I am dry You fill my cup.
You are my all in all. *Refrain*

Jesus Loves Me (Praise Version)

-Screens Only

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong, alleluia
Alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, allelu.
Alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Jesus loves me this I know,
For the bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died.
Heaven's gates are open wide.
He will wash away my sin.
Let His little child come in, alleluia
Alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, allelu.
Alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Jesus loves me, he who died.
Heaven's gates are open wide.
He will wash away my sin.
Let His little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the bible tells me so.

I love Jesus, does he know?
Do I ever tell him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say.
That I love Him every day, alleluia
Alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, allelu.
Alleluia, allelu. Alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Jesus loves me he will stay,
Close beside me all the way.
When at last I come to die,
He will take me home on high.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the bible tells me so.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we give you thank that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Song

Thy Word

- Grant | Smith

Refrain

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way.
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear, as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain***

**I will not forget, Your love for me and yet,
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to Your side.
I will love You to the end. *Refrain***

Sending

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Worship Leadership

PastorsJulie Brooks, Kim Gonia
Pianist/OrganistChris Johnson
Reader Whitney Navarro
Communion AssistantsGail Walkowich, Pat Szkrumelak
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WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

THANK YOU for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers & wheelchairs.

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side. You can also download the app WaveCast Receiver which is designed for hearing aids with Bluetooth capability. See our sound engineer Mark, in the sound booth if you have any questions. (*Back of the sanctuary, SE corner*).

CANDLE STATION is available for candle-lighting. (*In the back of the sanctuary*).

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING (FELLOWSHIP)

After worship, you are invited to get to know one another for the first – or 100th time, in the narthex (behind the sanctuary) or in the fellowship hall with coffee and snacks.

OFFERING



Your financial gifts support Holy Shepherd and its vision to nurture trusting relationships with God and with one another, along with its vision to engage in generous activities that serve to love the world as Jesus has shown us. Cash, or checks made out to Holy Shepherd, can be placed in the front bowl by the front pews on your way to communion. (Envelopes are available in your pews if you'd like.) You can also scan the QR code to the left and give through Tithely. *Thank you for your generosity.*

KIDS

Kids Zone (un-staffed) is available your family to use if you need a place to step out with kids during the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary and has a television available for watching the worship live-stream.

Kid busy bags are located in the narthex (outside the sanctuary) and contain kid friendly items for families to take into worship. Please return to the stand after worship.

Children's Church is offered after the kids, typically 3 years old to 4th grade, come up for *Children's Time* with the pastor. This optional activity is during the pastor's message and is led by an adult. It is located in the room just through the nursery off the west hallway of the sanctuary.

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