

Creation



It is Good: On the Waters

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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

Creator God set the foundations of the earth,

And stretched out the heavens where the morning stars sing.

When the winds of life swirl around us, and waves threaten to sink our boat

When we cry out in fear and anxiety,

God of all creation comes to us again, rebuking the winds and bringing peace.

May we have faith to hear God in the storms of life.

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Creating God, **we confess that we do not trust your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. **Amen.**

How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
a single beat within the heart, the catching of a breath,
a drop within the ocean's deep, a grain upon the shore,
a flash of light before we sleep, to see the sun no more.

And yet our speck of life is spanned, by your infinity;
our tick of time on earth is caught, in your eternity.
While suns and stars spin endlessly, through depths of cosmic space,
while aeons roll and ages pass, you hold us in your grace.

O Christ, you left eternity, to plunge in time's swift stream,
to share the shortness of our span, our mortal lives redeem.
You filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end
and touch us with your risen life, that ours may time transcend.

We thank you, God, for kindling faith, that lights our transient years,
illuminating our pilgrimage, through mists of doubt and fears;
for hope that sees a life beyond, the swiftly passing days;
for love, both human and divine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

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

God of the whirlwind and waters, **you know the foundation of the earth and the ends of oceans. When we are consumed by fear and anxiety, come to us again, calming all that rages in and around us, that we may again sing your praise in our lives. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**



Scripture Reading

Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man;

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸ “Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹ when I made the clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰ and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

¹¹ and said, ‘Thus far shall you come and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 8:23-27

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

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him up, saying, “Lord, save us! We are perishing!” ²⁶ And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. ²⁷ They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

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

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW 756

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep,
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word,
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood,
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee,
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

Proclamation of Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

Prayers of the People

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Prayer petitions response

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our
cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory. **The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and Amen. **Amen, and Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation

All creation rejoices as God's Spirit brings it to life. Here at this table we rejoice in the gifts of creation - bread and wine, the very presence of Christ - given to restore us. Come now, for heaven has come near.



+ *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

Lamb of God

- Haugen



**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.**

Prayer after Communion

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with word of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
the mountains and the hills shall break forth singing.
Go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
the mountains and the hills shall break forth singing.**

**And all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,
the Lord Jehovah shall be praised.
And all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands,
The word of the Lord shall be forever. –Huerta**

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

Blessing

Holy God, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and grant you peace. **Amen.**

Song

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW 817

**You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain

**Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain***

**You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain***

**You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain***

Sending

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Worship Leadership

PastorsJulie Brooks, Kim Gonia
 Assisting MinisterJon Johnson
 Pianist/OrganistChris Johnson
 ReaderGail Walkowich
 Communion Assistants Pat Szkrumelak, Diane Jowell
 Greeters Tom & Jeanette Teske
 Usher..... Del Felton
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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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