

Creation



It is Good: With the Animals

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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

Though we, like wandering sheep, are prone to stray,

God never fails to seek us out and find us.

Let us bring all we are to worship God who leaves the ninety-nine to find the one.

Thanks be to God for such relentless love!

Praise the Lord!

Let us together praise the God of all creation!

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.**

Opening Song

Morning Has Broken

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**Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

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

Loving God, **nothing in creation is lost to you. When we are unsure of our place, draw us close to you again. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may faithfully proclaim in our lives the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



Scripture Reading

Psalms 148

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- ² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
- ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the heavens!
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
- ⁶ He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
- ⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- ¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:10-14

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

¹⁰ "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

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

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

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**By your hand you feed your people,
food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labor,
by your grace have we been fed:**

Refrain

**Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.**

**In this meal we taste your sweetness,
bread for hunger, wine of peace.
Holy word and holy wisdom
satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain***

**Send us now with faith and courage
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.
In our living and our dying,
we become what we receive: *Refrain***

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

To Repeat

world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time

world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb (*screens only*)

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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.**

Sending Song

Creation Sings the Father's Song

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**Creation sings the Father's song,
He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day
Till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow
His breath upon this spinning globe
He charts the eagle's flight
Commands the newborn baby's cry.**

Refrain

**Hallelujah, let all creation stand and sing.
Hallelujah, fill the earth with songs of worship
Tell the wonders of creation's King.**

Creation gazed upon His face
The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan
Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth
Whose blameless life would break the curse
Whose death would set us free
To live with Him eternally. *Refrain*

Creation longs for His return
When Christ shall reign upon the earth
The bitter wars that rage
Are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky
All heaven will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme
The glory of our God and King. *Refrain*

Sending

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

Postlude





Worship Leadership

PastorsJulie Brooks, Kim Gonia
Pianist/OrganistChris Johnson
Reader Jan Eckersley
Communion Assistants Betty Moody, Del Felton
Greeters Del & Cheryl Holz
Usher..... Jeff Watts
Altar Guild Joan & Lynden Meister-Bridges
Children's Church Children's Church Team
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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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