



# Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

*As a reflection of God's love and grace, our mission is to grow in faith and love, connect with the community, and share and serve with compassion.*

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## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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### Welcome and Call to Worship

#### Lighting of the Connection Candle

We come together in worship today—both onsite and online. As an outward expression of the fact that there is no distance between those who dwell together in the heart of God, we light a candle in this building, and we invite you who worship online to light a candle wherever you are. May the light of our collective candles be a symbol and reminder that whether onsite or online, we worship together as one community, illumined by the light of Christ.

*Please Stand*

#### The Opening Hymn

#### Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C: Amen.

P: Holy One,

C: **We confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C: Amen.

## Kyrie (*spoken*)

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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## The Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

## The Prayer of the Day (*see supplement*)

*Please be Seated*

### Special Music



### Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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## The First Lesson

### Psalm

## The Second Lesson

*Please Stand*

## The Gospel Verse

Re-turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in stead-fast love.

## The Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to.....

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(Response after the reading..)*

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**



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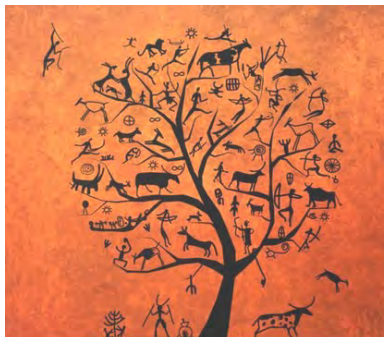
## The Sermon

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*Please Stand*

## The Hymn of the Day

## The Masai Creed



**We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created man and woman and wanted them to be happy. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word that he would save the world and all nations and tribes.**

**We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and people, and showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He was buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose and ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.**

We believe that we are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be immersed in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, share the bread together in love and announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

## The Prayers of the Church

Sing at the beginning and at the conclusion of prayer petitions:



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

... God of Mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**Sharing of the Peace**



# Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*



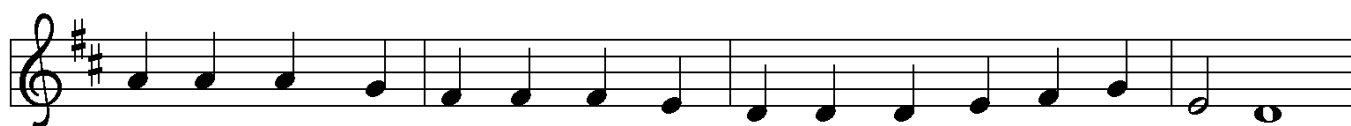
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## The Offertory Hymn

**"In the Singing"**



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

*Please Stand*

## The Offertory Prayer

P: Extravagant God,

C: **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

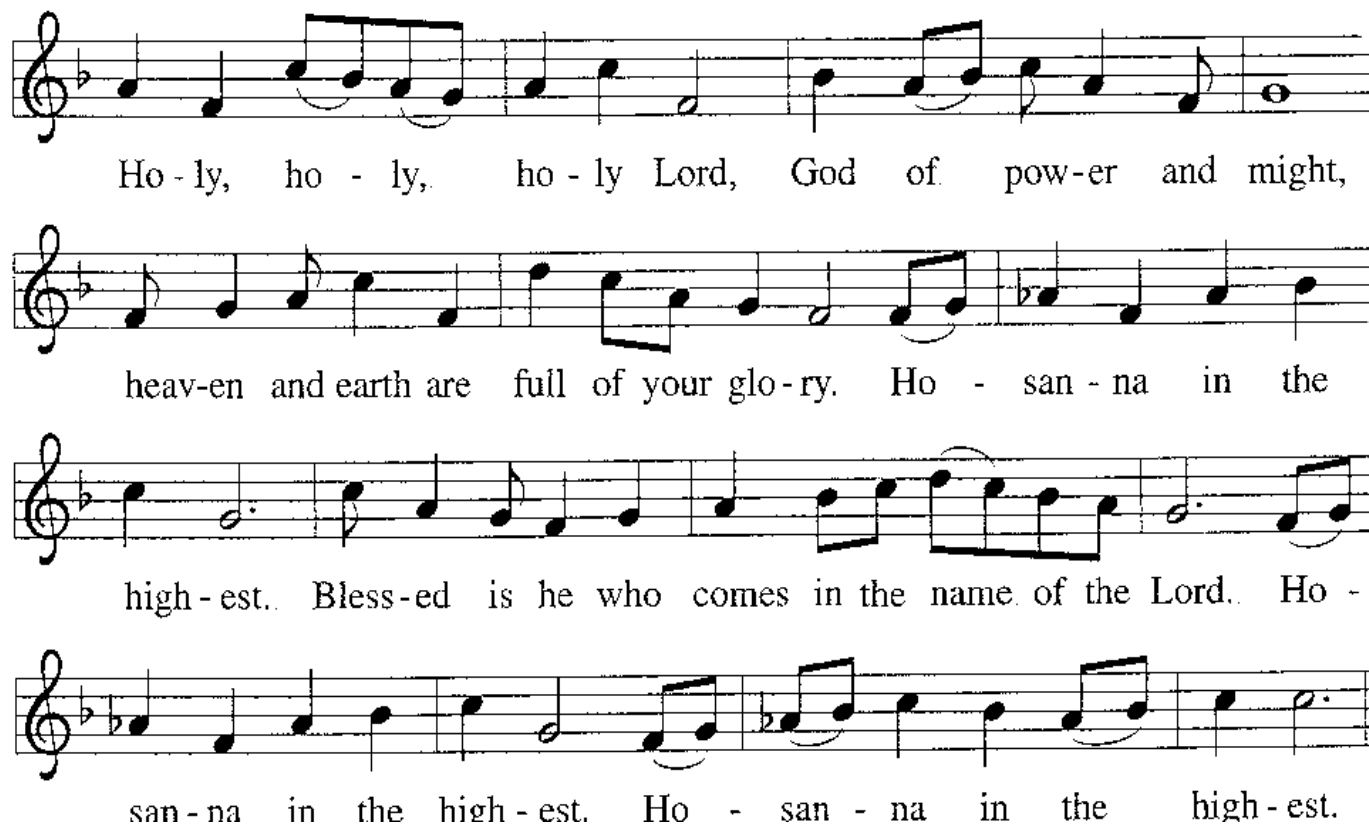
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the

high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer at the Table

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# The Lord's Prayer

*Please be Seated*

## Holy Communion

*We invite everyone to Holy Communion. Those who do not wish to receive may cross arms and receive blessing.*



### Here Is Bread



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

## Communion Hymn

*Please Stand*

### Post Communion Blessing

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### Post Communion Hymn



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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### The Post-Communion Prayer

P: Blessed Jesus,

C: in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.  
Now send us forth to bear your live-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

# Sending

*God blesses us and send us in mission to the world.*

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## The Benediction

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, bless you this day and always.

**Amen.**

*Announcements*

## The Sending Hymn



## The Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C: Thanks be to God.

## The Postlude

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