

# 1 Peter 4

*God invites us to cultivate healthy living as a gift from God.*

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022 10:00am

# Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!



*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 fill out the **Welcome Card** located in the pew racks. Once filled out, please place the card either in the offering basket as you come forward to receive communion or at the information desk as you enter the narthex. Thank you and we look forward to getting to know you!*

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

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## Prelude

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

- arr. Mary McDonald

*"Shall We Gather At the River"*

- arr. Patti Drennan

## Welcome & Announcements

## Call to Worship

God calls us to love one another.

**Let us practice hospitality,**

And in all humility

**Serve one another with joy.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

Saving God, **too often we have turned away from you and toward ourselves. We have not had unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, or a humble mind. We have repaid evil for evil. We have failed to serve. Draw us back into the joy of your beloved community, and give us eager hearts to love our neighbors.**

God who redeems all flesh gives you new life in Christ and forgives you all your sins. Rejoice in the grace and mercy of God, through Jesus Christ, our savior. **Amen.**

# Gathering Song

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Red ELW 659 vv. 1-3

**Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

## Greeting & Prayer of the Day

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.**

Let us pray: Merciful God, **You have called to be stewards of your grace. Inspire us to serve one another with whatever gifts we have received, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Musical Offering

*"Arise, My Soul Arise"*

- arr. Dan Forrest

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

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*God invites God's people to engage in healthy behaviors  
so that their lives might be more fulfilling.*

## Scripture Reading

**1 Peter 4**

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same intention (for whoever has suffered in the flesh has finished with sin), <sup>2</sup>so as to live for the rest of your earthly life no longer by human desires but by the will of God. <sup>3</sup>You have already spent enough time in doing what the Gentiles like to do, living in licentiousness, passions, drunkenness, revels, carousing, and lawless idolatry.

<sup>4</sup>They are surprised that you no longer join them in the same excesses of dissipation, and so they blaspheme. <sup>5</sup>But they will have to give an accounting to him who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. <sup>6</sup>For this is the reason the gospel was proclaimed even to the dead, so that, though they had been judged in the flesh as everyone is judged, they might live in the spirit as God does.

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Be hospitable to one another without complaining. <sup>10</sup>Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. <sup>11</sup>Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker. <sup>16</sup>Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name. <sup>17</sup>For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?" <sup>19</sup>Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
**and let the word of Christ dwell in us richly. Alleluia.**  
*(Col. 3:15, 16)*

## Holy Gospel

**Matthew 5:43-48**

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

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

# ✠ Growing with Jesus ✠

*Children's Time*

## Message

### Today's Question:

*What are ways we, as a community of faith, can provide hospitality and generosity (service) to those who persecute us for our faith?  
To our enemies? To strangers?*

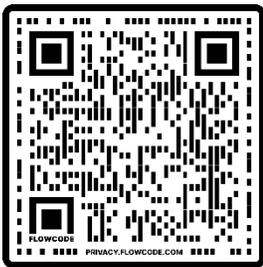
## Open Space

*A sacred time to reflect and respond, through a variety of stations (below),  
to the message and question presented.*

### PRAYER STATION

*(Located in the back, west side of sanctuary)*

Light a candle in prayer.



**Hospitality,  
Generosity**  
Psalm 1 &  
Quotes

### WRITINGS, SCRIPTURE READINGS & VIDEOS

Scan the QR codes to open up resources for reflection through writings and videos.

Hardcopies of the writings are also available in the Narthex along with instruction on how to access the information on your phone.



**"Generosity:  
Bible Project"**  
Video  
*Please watch at home*

### **"STAR" ART – Journeying towards our Vision** *(located in the back of the sanctuary, east side)*

Utilizing the stars provided, create a piece of art with pictures, words etc. that reflect on this day's question and message. Stars will be hang in the narthex as part of our continued journey, in our rocket "fish" to be viewed & shared with others.

## **COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

*(located in the front of the church by the organ)*

In praise & thanksgiving to God, you are invited to write prayers that reflect the day's question and message which will be prayed put loud during prayers of the people.

## **Song**

*I Love You, Lord*

**I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice  
to worship you; O my soul, rejoice!**

**Take my joy, my King, in what you hear;  
may it be sweet, sweet sound in your ear.**

## **Proclamation of Faith**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in God the creator, savior and sustainer of all life.**

**We believe that God's reign is created with a love  
that knows no boundaries, not even death.**

**We believe that God leads us as God's hands, feet and voice  
to journey as disciples of Jesus,  
to go deeper in our pilgrimage with God,  
and to proclaim and live God's love  
that continues to renew all of creation.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Assured of God's promise to redeem all creation through Christ,  
we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Prayer response:*

Faithful God, **you hear our prayer.**

Holy God we place all for whom we pray into your loving care,  
trusting in the promise of your salvation. Amen.

## **Sharing God's Peace**

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

## **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.**

## **Words of Institution**

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.

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Invitation**

Our God of grace and mercy extends hospitality to all God's children. You are beloved children of God. Come and receive God's hospitality at this holy table.

# ✠ We Are Church. Better Together ✠

## *Options on how to receive Holy Communion:*

**1)** You may come forward, beginning with the front pews, and bread (gluten-free) will be given at the front of the center aisle and then wine or grape juice (center ring of the communion tray) can be taken from the trays on either side as the pastor/assistants speak these words for the bread and wine/juice:

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

**2)** You may take a pre-prepared kit to your seat, located at the back entrance, and receive communion at your seat, (One side of the cup contains a gluten-free wafer and the other side contains juice. Please open the wafer side first.)

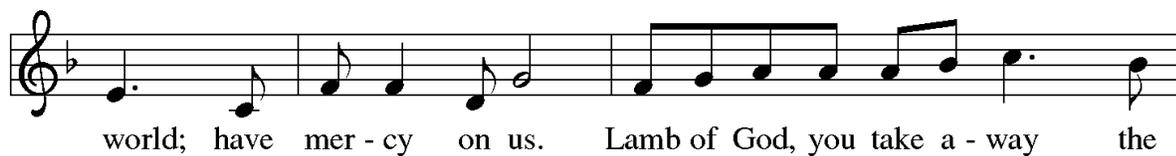
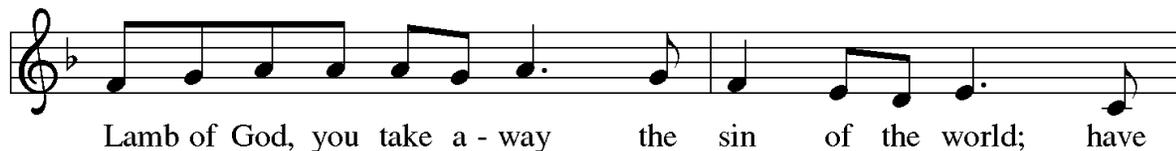
**3)** For those participating online, you may have any type of bread and wine or juice and take these elements as you are able.

## *All are Welcome*

*You are invited . . .*

to bring an **offering** forward before or after worship or during Holy Communion. The offering is gathered in front of the communion table where we are reminded of God’s gifts given to us in Christ and our response to these gifts.

## Lamb of God



# Communion Song

*Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

Red ELW 592

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come,

Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

God of abundance, we offer these gifts in thankfulness for all you have done for us. Accept these offerings, as we desire to be good stewards of your blessed gifts, as well as your bountiful grace upon grace; serving one another in community and others in need, with our God-given time, talents and resources. **Amen.**

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*God blesses us and sends us put in mission to the world*

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## Blessing

May living hope in God's saving action through Jesus Christ our Lord,+ and the power of the Holy Spirit, help grow and strengthen your Christian lives as holy servants of God. **Amen.**

# Sending Song

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Red ELW 836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

## Sending

Go and serve one another and the world, in the true grace of God. Stand fast in it!  
Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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## WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES ✝

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- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** at Holy Shepherd. While no restrictions are currently in place, those for whom continued caution is important are affirmed in their mask-wearing and social distancing. Three pews remain available in the back of the sanctuary for those who would like additional space.
- **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, or electric carts and their families.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (3 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **PRAYER STATION** is available before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once service has concluded, if you would like to greet one another, the narthex, fellowship hall, library and columbarium are available for fellowship.

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## OFFERING

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If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the front of the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to:  
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. *Thank you.*

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## NURSERY

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The nursery (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available



## Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Julie Brooks, Teri Hermsmeyer
- Assisting Minister: Michael Boehm
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Greeters: Judy Ekberg
- Reader: Judy Ekberg
- Communion Assistants: Gaylene Szaltzer, Don Threlkeld
- Usher: Del Felton
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen, Judy Ekberg
- Fellowship: Michael & Susan Boehm
- Sound Techs: Judy Ekberg, Karen Novess

*Post-communion prayer, Blessing and Sending  
created from words of the I Peter letter to the churches of Asia Minor -*

### **Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources**

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