

Narrative Lectionary Readings
September 11 – October 16, 2022

Creation – Judges

15th Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2022 10:00am



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!*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

"Across the Lands"

Welcome & Announcements

Gathering

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

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

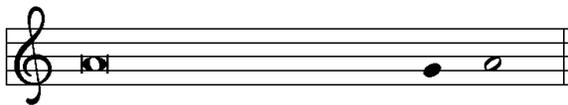
Pause for silence and reflection.

God of promise,

You have given us all we are and all we have, and still we have not trusted you fully. We have tried to be god in our own lives, hurting ourselves and those around us in our attempts to control. Wash us clean in the waters of your salvation, and bring us back into right relationship with you.

God welcomes you home with open arms, and forgives you all your sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, live in the promise of God's love, freely given. **Amen.**

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



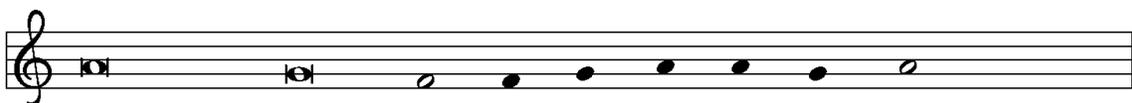
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



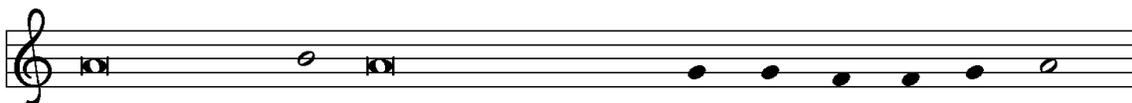
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

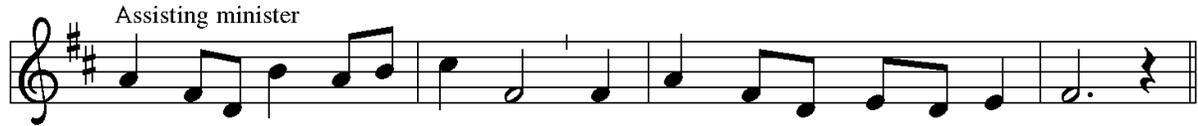


let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Glory to God



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

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.**

God of blessing, **You called Abraham and Sarah to leave all they knew in order to follow you, and without hesitation, they went. Give us that same trust in you, that we might follow where you lead. Amen.**

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

*Sometimes we have to wait on God's promises.
But God always keeps promises and extends blessings through them.*

Scripture Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:19-20

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

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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

✠ Growing with Jesus ✠

Children's Time Bible Presentation

Message

Song

All Are Welcome

Red ELW 641, v. 1,2,5

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

✠ Holy Baptism ✠

Junior, Catherine, Cloe, Melicia, Aleah & Emerson Kella

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. . . .

People of God, do you promise to support the Kella family and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do. . . .**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

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

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

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of the People

Red ELW 837

Sung before prayers

**Grant unto us communion with you, O Star-abiding One.
Come unto us and dwell with us;
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with you.**

Confident in the promises of our covenant God,
we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Prayer response:

God of promise, **you hear our prayer.**

Gathered together, we commend all for whom we pray,

Assembly sings

Trusting in your grace and mercy, O Lord, we lift these prayers to you.

Sharing God's Peace

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

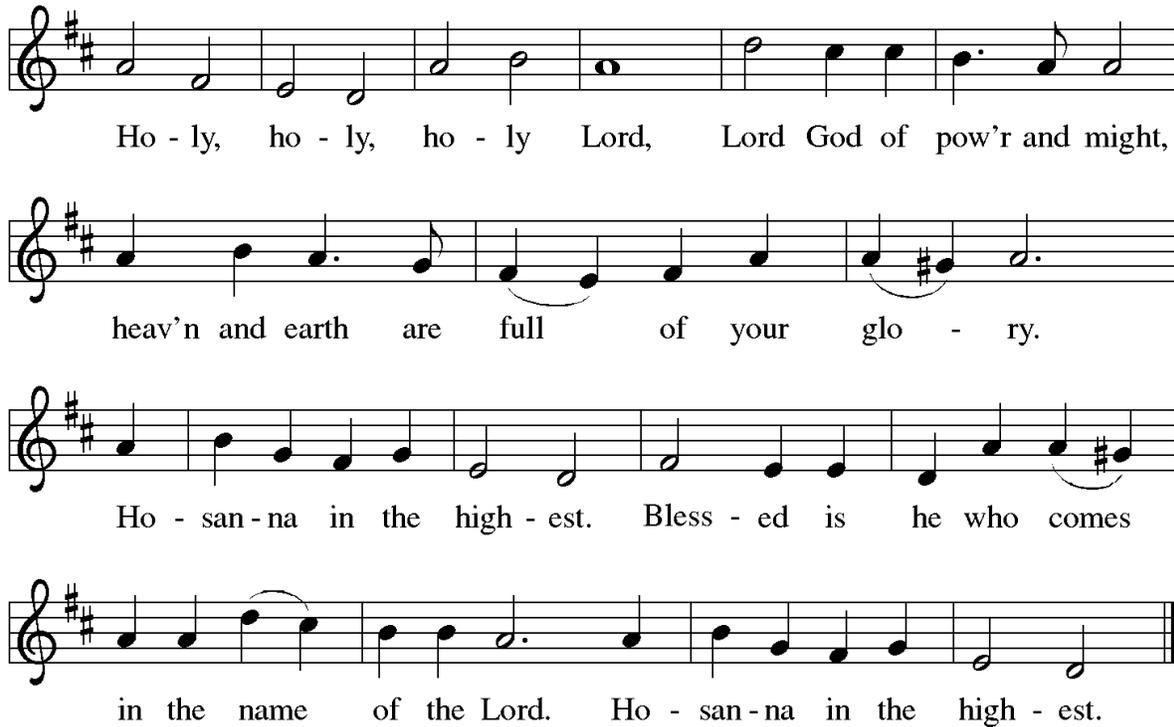
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And 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.

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, . . .

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

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 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

God sustained Noah's family and the animals for the duration of the flood, and sustains us now with God's heavenly food, the body and blood of our savior, Jesus Christ. Let us come to the 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

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us. *(Repeat)*
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Song

You are My All in All

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

Chorus

**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 *Chorus*

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, 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.

All of creation is yours, gracious God. Accept these gifts which we return to you with gratitude for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us put 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

Go My Children, with My Blessing

Red ELW 543

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love's baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,

here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,

here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Sending

Go in peace and serve one another. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Where Do I Go?”

✝ WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES ✝

- **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. One pew, on each side, remains 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 (4 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.

OFFERING

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.*

NURSERY

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
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Assisting Minister: Scott Ikenberry
- Praise Team: Directed by Diane Klinkerfues
- Greeters: Kurt & Darlene Mader
- Reader: David Irwin
- Communion Assistants: Gloria Lloyd, Pat Mohrbacher
- Usher: Don Threlkeld
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen
- Fellowship: Barbara & Kent Stannard
- Information Booth: Darlene Mader
- Sound Techs: Judy Ekberg, Karen Novess