



Re-member - Re-ground - Re-imagine

October 6, 2024 | 10:00am

Golden Calf: God Remembers

Sometimes even God needs to be reminded how important second chances are.

Trusting God + Loving the World

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!*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Oh How Good It Is

- Getty

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

God, call us back from worshipping idols.
You are our God and we are your people.
Open our eyes to the gods we put before you.
You are our God and we are your people.

Confession & Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.
Pause for silence and reflection

Merciful God,

We confess that from the beginning of time we have failed to understand your call to us. We have acted as though we are gods in our own lives. We have acted or failed to act in ways that have led to injustice and oppression. We have turned away from you and sought after other gods—possessions, people, media, and other distractions. Forgive us for all the ways in which we have failed you and our neighbors. Call us back into the abundant life of loving service that you offer us in your holy name.

Beloved of God, hear these words of hope. God who created you in God's image has redeemed you in Christ Jesus, and for his sake forgives you for all the ways you have sinned and fallen short. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Refrain

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
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**When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear, as long as You are near
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain***

**I will not forget, Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide, and hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end. *Refrain***

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.**

Holy God,

Forgive us when we turn away from you and turn towards human things—wealth, possessions, prestige, or self-indulgence. Direct us back to you, and help us to follow you each and every day. Amen.

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

At the direction of Aaron, the Israelites turn over their gold to create a new god while Moses is up on the mountain. When God realizes what is going on in Moses's absence, God gets angry and decides to set God's wrath upon them. But Moses reminds God of words that were said earlier, and God changes God's mind.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold,[a] and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. ⁷ The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." ¹¹ But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " ¹⁴ And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 23:34

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

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

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
leader in back of church.



Faith Talk

Youth 5th – 12th grade
After worship

Message

Song

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769 vs. 1,3,4

If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.

The Lord our restless hearts is holding,
in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding,
what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace,
knows very well the fears we face.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully.
Trust heaven's word; though undeserving,
you'll find this promise true to be.
This is our confidence indeed:
God never fails in time of need.

Apostles Creed

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

Prayers of the People

We pray for the church, the world, and all of creation,
trusting in your gracious love and care.

Sung before, and after prayers

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace**

Prayer response:

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These and all our prayers we lift up to you, O God. **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.**

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**You are holy, you are whole.
You are always ever more, than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness,
You are present, let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna, in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

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

Jesus Christ, in whom all sins are forgiven, now invites you into his holy presence in the bread and wine. As we receive these gifts, we send our blessing to those who are not with us today that they be nourished and strengthened through the hands and feet of those gathered here.

Come with your siblings in Christ to the table of mercy.

+ *All are welcome at the table* +

Options on how to receive Holy Communion

You may come forward to the rails, kneel or stand, starting at the center and fill along the rail. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and those waiting will then fill in the empty space at the rail.

Bread (gluten-free) and wine or grape juice (center of the tray) will be given to you at the rails 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.

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, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

Everyone Needs a Little

- Tomlin | Cash | Jobe

Come all ye weary and ye broken.
Come to the table of the Lord.
Come sing the song of the forgiven.
Come lay your burden on the Word.

Refrain

*Come and find peace,
ev'ryone needs a little rest, ev'ryone needs a little joy,
and a song to sing in the darkest night.
Life, even when it gets you down.
Hope will turn it all around.
But love is the greatest of these,
ev'ryone needs a little.*

Sing all ye saints and ye sinners.
Call upon the mercy of the Lord.
Come sing the song of redemption.
Sing about the hope that is to come. *Refrain*

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Gracious God, all of creation is yours. Accept these gifts which we return to you. In this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit, to live your love for others.

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines On Me

ACS 1087



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, . . . with - out end. A - men.



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.



As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be. A - men.

Sending

Go in peace, follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude



Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Pianist/Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Reader: John Hufford
- Communion Assistants: Diane Watts, Pat Szkrumelak
- Greeter: John Reed
- Usher: Del Felton
- Teen Faith Talk: Pat Mohrbacher
- Children's Church: Pam Klenz
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen
- Technology: Mike Madsen, Mark Lee
- Fellowship: Mission Team

Song Resource Key

ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (Pew)*

ACS: *All Creation Sings* | **HSSB:** *Holy Shepherd Songbook*

WOV: *With One Voice* | **W&P:** *Worship & Praise*

Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources

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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, or electric carts and their families.
- **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 Diane Klinkerfues or our sound engineer Mark, in our sound booth. (Back of the sanctuary, SE corner).
- **PRAYER WALL/CANDLE STATION** is available during worship for candle-lighting and writing prayers and placing them in the prayer wall. Blue paper for writing prayers is available at the prayer wall or in the pews where the offering envelopes are located.
- **FELLOWSHIP:** Once worship has finished, please feel free to stay and greet each other and go into the fellowship hall for coffee and snacks.

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 or use the **PayPal** link. *Thank you.*

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to engage in worship volunteer opportunities, and we'd love to have you! If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities below or just want to hear more about them please contact Diane Klinkerfues at dklinkerfues@holyshepherd.com

- Reader, communion assistant, altar guild (preparing the wine and bread), screen operator, usher, or greeter.

KIDS ZONE

The **Kids Zone** (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. It is located off the hallway west of the sanctuary. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available.



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