

Boy in the Temple

Like Mary, we can learn to hold in our hearts what we cannot fully understand in life with the hope that one day we can get a glimpse of the mystery of God.

January 5, 2025 - 10:00am

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.*



Peace to you!



The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

We gather in our mother's house,
In the house of our father.
We hear the word of our God,
And are filled with joy and wonder.

Gathering Song

O Word of God Incarnate

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O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance, that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.

The church from you, dear Master, received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted, o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass, that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to you.

Oh, make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations, your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims, by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.

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.**

Almighty God,

As Mary treasured Jesus' words though she did not quite understand them, may we too treasure our experiences of your presence in our lives, even when we are faced with suffering and confusion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

On their way leaving Jerusalem after the festival of the Passover, Mary and Joseph realize that Jesus has gone missing. After three days, they finally find him in the temple, sitting among the teachers.

Psalm 2:7-8

⁷I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me,

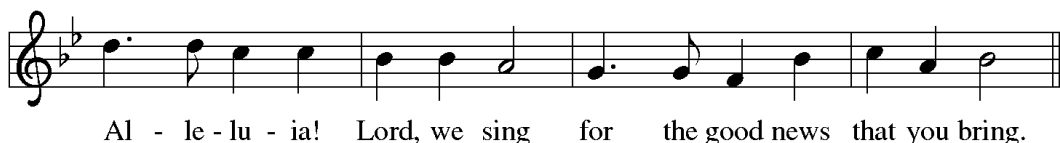
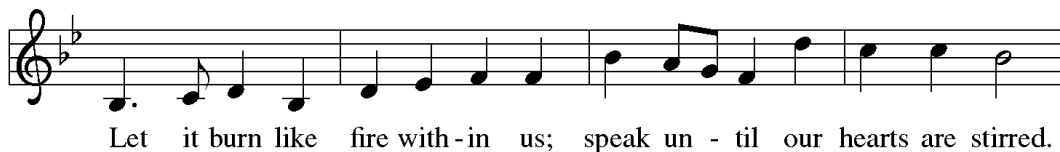
"You are my son; today I have begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession."

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

Gospel Acclamation

Setting #10



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

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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

+ Children's Time +

Message



Children's Church
Children age 3 – 4th Gr.
During message



In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heav'n and earth shall flee away, when he comes to reign;
in the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him — give my heart.

Proclamation of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

God – who created the light and separated it from the darkness

- *I Believe*

Jesus – who is the light and shines in the darkness

Yet is not overcome by it

- *I Believe*

Spirit – who spreads the light into the darkness of our world

- *I Believe*

Prayers of the People

Confident in your grace and truth, we pray for the church,
the world, and all of creation.

Prayer response:

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

We lift up all of our prayers, spoken and unspoken to you.
In Jesus' name we pray. **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.**

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, ...

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 who teaches us a new way to understand God also invites us to participate fully in the promise of everlasting life through the bread and wine of the covenant. Come and be fed, for all is prepared.

+ 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 filling in along the rail. After you have received communion please exit by the side aisles and put your empty cup in the basket. 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.





This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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**O Master, let me walk with you
in lowly paths of service true;
tell me your secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me your patience; share with me
a closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**



Communion Blessing & Prayer

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. We also 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, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us out in mission to the world

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace.

Be of good courage.

Hold fast that which is good.

Render to no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted.

Support the weak.

Help the afflicted.

Show love to everyone.

Love and serve the Lord,

Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Be with you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Sending Song

Cold December Flies Away

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**Cold December flies away, at the rose-red splendor.
April's crowning glory breaks, while the whole world wonders.
At the holy unseen pow'r, of the tree which bears the flow'r.
On the blessed tree, blooms the reddest flow'r.
On the tree blooms the rose, here in love's own garden,
full and strong in glory.**

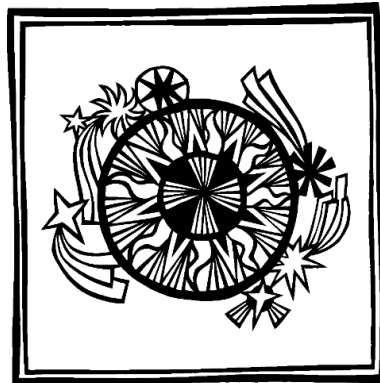
In the hopeless time of sin, shadows deep had fallen.
All the world lay under death. Eyes were closed in sleeping.
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose golden light
brings unending joy, brings the endless joy
of our hope, highest hope, of our hope's bright dawning,
Son belov'd of heaven.

Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world awakens.
In the lily's purest flow'r, dwells a wondrous fragrance.
And it spreads to all the earth, from the moment of its birth;
and its beauty lives, in the flow'r it lives,
in the flow'r, and it spreads, in its heav'nly brightness
sweet perfume delightful.

Sending

Christ the Savior is here! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



+ 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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Worship Leadership

- Pastor: Julie Brooks, Kim Gonia
- Pianist/Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Reader: Barb Stannard
- Communion Assistants: Corene Morcom, Diane Jowell
- Greeters: Ried Clark
- Usher: Bosak-Simmons Family
- Children's Church: Pam Klenz, Margaret & Becca Mohrbacher
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen
- Technology: Mike Madsen, Mark Lee
- Fellowship: Open

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*

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