



Forgiven at Jesus' Feet

Hosting someone comes from a place of gratitude, not as a way to gain status.

February 23, 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!

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Let us invite Jesus into our homes, our hearts.

Let us treat Jesus as an honored guest.

Let us anoint his feet with the fine perfume of our love,

And dry them with our commitment to justice.

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of light,

You reveal yourself to us, but we do not see. You call to us, but we do not hear. You reach out to us, but we do not feel. Instead we live as though you are not our God. We act in ways that bring disunity, oppression, and pain to ourselves, our neighbors, and the world. Forgive us for our constant wandering. Draw us back into your loving arms and re-direct our steps onto your path of love, justice, and healing, for the sake of all that you have made.

Children of light, God will always find us where we wander, and carry us safely home. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ, whose sacrificial selflessness has redeemed you and all of creation. Amen.

Gathering Song

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453 vs. 1,3,4

**We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit, abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather, to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

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.**

Gracious God,

Help us embrace and extend the forgiveness and compassion we witness in Jesus' actions. May we live in grateful and faithful response to your immeasurable love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Musical Offering

Shouts of Acclamation

- Krug

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

Jesus visits a Pharisee's house, and the Pharisee thinks nothing of it. But a woman, who everyone gathered knows is a sinner, cannot stop caring for Jesus's feet.

Psalm 103:3-6

³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Setting #10



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Reading

Luke 7:36-50

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

³⁶One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. ³⁷And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him – that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." ⁴¹"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you,

her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." 48Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

+ Children's Time +

Message



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



Song

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW 588 vs. 1-3

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.**

**There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.
For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal**

is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own.

+ Holy Baptism+

Billie Johanna Hess

Prayers of the People

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

Prayer response:

God, draw near. **Receive our prayer.**

Trusting in your mercy and grace, we lift up all of our prayers to you. **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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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

As Jesus dined with his host, now come to the table of life, where Jesus is the host, and where Jesus anoints our feet and treats us as honored guests. Come with your siblings in Christ and be nourished for life in his name.

+ 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.

Communion Songs

ACS 967

**This is Christ’s body, broken and blest.
Feed us with mercy and love.
We are Christ’ body, broken and blest.
Heal us and make us one.**

Jesus Loves Me

Screens only

Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ, we pray.

Amen.

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

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715 vs. 1,2,5

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

**Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.**

**Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

Sending

Go in peace. Live in hope.
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: Bob Gordan
- Communion Assistants: Don Threlkeld, Diane Jowell
- Greeters: Gail & Taz Walkowich
- Usher: Mel Yockstick
- Musical Offering: Bell Choir
- Children's Church: Pam Klenz, Margaret & Becca Mohrbacher
- Altar Guild: Judy Ekberg
- Technology: Judy Ekberg, Mark Lee
- Fellowship: WEABS Bible Study

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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