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# Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

Inviting, Growing and Serving through Christian Relationships

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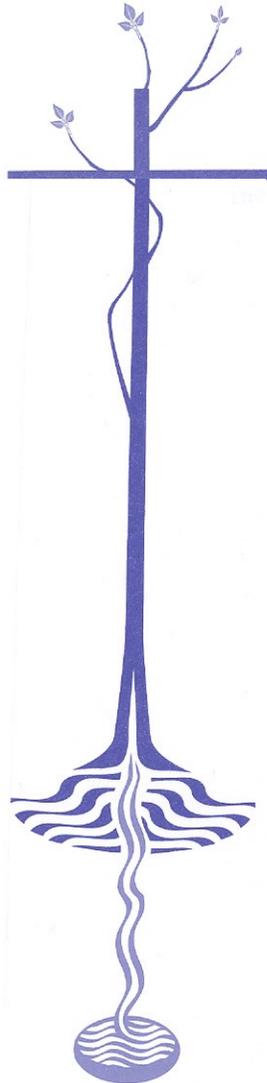


## Gathering

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

Prelude

Welcome



# The Gathering Hymn #824 This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!



## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Pentecost has come. As we gather together let us face bravely into the winds of God.

**C: We are listening for the sounds from heaven. In the distance we hear the rush of a violent wind and see flames of fire.** (Acts 2:2)

**Surely God is in this place! How wonderful are the works of God! God longs to pour forth His own life into us.**

**But, fire and a violent wind? What will this mean? What if God leads me where I would rather not go? What if I am asked to love someone I would rather not or forgive someone who has wronged me? This can be frightening. I prefer calm and peace and am comfortable with the way things are now.**

P: But the Holy Spirit calls us to speak our faith in new languages and to reach out with his love in new ways. In Acts of the Apostles we hear of fire and wind that seeks to consume our dry and barren souls. Come, stand in front of the flame and allow it to consume you.

**C: Where will this lead? What will it mean? The Holy Spirit led our ancestors into strange lands to speak boldly of the mighty acts of God. Yes, we too invite that Spirit into our lives. We step into the flame with trust. Let it consume us. We enter into God's love and desire nothing but his grace and mercy.**

P: Rejoice with me as I proclaim to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin in the name of the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# The Kyrie

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Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for  
 hun-gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam-i-ly; for  
 wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **The Apostolic Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## **The Prayer of the Day**

**God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Word**

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

### **The First Lesson**

*Exodus 19:2-8a*

*At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.*

### **Psalm: 100**

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

<sup>3</sup>**Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

<sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

<sup>5</sup>**Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## The Second Lesson

*Romans 5:1-8*

*We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.*

## The Alleluia Verse

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The Gospel

*Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]*

*The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.*

## The Sermon

**Pastor Chris Hjelmstad**

## The Hymn of the Day #579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission (vs 1,2 & 5)



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



*Refrain*  
 With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

## **The Apostles Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of 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 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.

## **The Prayers of the Church**

...God of mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

# Offering / Special Music

## “Jesus the Very Thought of Thee”

By: John B. Dykes

### The Offertory Hymn

#### We Are an Offering

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 7/8 time. It consists of eight lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and rests. There are two triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second and fourth lines of music.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our  
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

## The Offertory Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:  
you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: We give you thanks and praise.**

P: By your Word you call your people to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on a desert journey, a pathway home from exile, and wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: We give you thanks and praise.**

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, and the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**C: We give you thanks and praise.**

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world I need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

# Sending

*God blesses us and send us in mission to the world.*

## The Benediction

## Announcements

### The Sending Hymn

#669

### Rise Up, O Saints of God!

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

## **The Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Postlude**

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