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## Gathering

April 6, 2022

### Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church

#### INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Pastor Miriam

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Sanctuary Choir and All

*Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.*

*Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God, come. (sung twice)*

*One day every tongue will confess you are God. One day every knee will bow.*

*Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.*

*Willingly we choose to surrender our lives. Willingly our knees will bow.*

*With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we gladly choose you now.*

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#### RESPONSIVE HYMN

[ELW Hymn 530]

- L** Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand;  
Looking toward our Savior's cross, joined in love we stand.
- C** **As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray;**  
**Jesus, savior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.**
- L** Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands,  
Yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands.
- C** **E'en in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth:**  
**Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.**
- L** Nature's secrets open wide, changes never cease.  
Where, oh where, can weary souls find the source of peace?
- C** **Unto all those sore distressed, torn by endless strife:**  
**Jesus, healer, bring your balm, for you are the Life.**
- L** Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love;  
Help us as we work and pray, send us from above

**☑ Truth and courage, faith and power, needed in our strife:  
Jesus, master, be Our Way, be our Truth, our Life.**

Text: Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1900-1995; translated by Everett M. Stowe

**SONG: GATHER US IN**

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly, give us the courage to enter the song.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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**RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:44, 46; 4:32-33; 14:27**

—*Good News Translation*

- ☐ All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another
- ☑ **... <sup>46</sup>Day after day they met as a group in the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people.**
- ☐ And every day the Lord added to their group those who were being saved.
- ☑ **<sup>4:32</sup>The group of believers was one in mind and heart. None of them said that any of their belongings were their own, but they all shared with one another everything they had.**
- ☐ <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God poured rich blessings on them all.
- ☑ **<sup>14:27</sup>When they arrived in Antioch, they gathered the people of the church together and told them about all that God had done with them and how he had opened the way for the Gentiles to believe.**

**MEDITATION**

**KARL DIETMEYER**

**SONG: AS A MOTHER COMFORTS HER CHILD**

**As a mother comforts her child, so God will comfort you.  
As a hen gathers her brood, so Christ will gather you.  
As a wise one counsels her friend, so the Spirit will counsel you.  
The Trinity of love will be with you.**

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**BENEDICTION**

- ☐ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.  
And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

<sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *—Colossians 3:15-17*

**☒ Amen. Thanks be to God.**