



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Saturday Evening Worship

March 22, 2025

5:00 p.m.

**The Third Sunday in Lent**

## **Preservice Music**

## **Welcome**

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 63)

God, we are hungry for you; we are thirsty for you.

**Here we are in this place of worship drinking from your fountain of life. Here we are in this place of worship feasting on your goodness and mercy.**

Your love is alive in us; praising you is the first thing to come from our lips.

**It's time to praise you! It's time to worship you! Leader: If I'm awake at night, I'll spend my time remembering your goodness.**

During the day, I'll spend my time celebrating your faithfulness. The moment has come. The time is now. We worship you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

## **Hymn**

Take My Life that I May Be

ELW 685

## Confession

God, you keep your promises. You are trustworthy and filled with mercy. Because we know you are merciful, we bring our prayers of confession to you.

**We confess that we have turned away from you and your intentions for us. You are compassionate; forgive us. We sin in what we think, say, and do. You are merciful; forgive us. We sin in what we have done and what we have left undone. You love us; forgive our sin. Hear our prayers as we confess our sin before you.**

## Hymn

Rock of Ages

ELW 623

God is so filled with mercy that he sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to live, die, and rise in order that we might turn back to God and receive abundant life now and in eternity.

Through Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Let us pray together.

**God, in this time and place we gather to hear your word and respond to you with our lives. Teach us how to be those who “bear fruit” in your kingdom. Grow faith in us and lead us in the way of faithful, discipleship living. Help us to treasure each day as a gift and use it to its fullness in Jesus’ name. Amen!**

(you may be seated)

## Community Moment

### Message

Luke 13:1-9

Pastor Mark Boster

## Hymn

When We Are Tested

ASC 922

(please rise in body or spirit)

## The Apostle’s 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.

## The Prayers

### Sharing of Peace

(you may be seated)

### The Offering

(please rise in body or spirit)

### Prayer of Blessing

God of this day and every day, accept and bless these offerings that they might be used to "bear fruit" in the work of your kingdom. Each day is a gift from you. Teach us how to value this gift and use it wisely. Be the God of our days and our hours. Help us to see how our giving is connected to your purposes for your world. **Amen!**

### The Table

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread.

**All who are hungry and thirsty, come. Come at the Lord's invitation. Come and receive from his nail-scarred hands. Come and eat the bread of salvation.**

**Come and drink of the blood of the Lamb.**

The risen Christ is truly present in bread and wine as we commune together.

**In this sacrament, we experience the forgiving power of the risen Christ. In this sacrament, we encounter the love and mercy of God. In this sacrament, we remember God's saving acts and anticipate the coming of Christ at the end of time.**

## **Words of Institution**

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

**Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Come, Holy Spirit, and make us ready for all that each day will require of us. Come, Holy Spirit, and focus our work and energy toward all that brings life and love to all of God's people. Come, Holy Spirit, and grow us as your faithful followers who "bear fruit" in your kingdom.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

(you may be seated)

## **Communion Distribution**

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Blessing**

## **Benediction**

## **Hymn**

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

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Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**