



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

March 8, 2025

5:00 p.m.

The First Sunday in Lent

Preservice Music

Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(from Psalm 91)

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my
stronghold, my God in whom put my trust.”**

Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction
come near your dwelling.**

For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and
faithfulness to those who keep your covenant
and your testimonies.

**We worship you in the name of
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Hymn What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774

Confession

As we begin this Lenten journey, we acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Gracious God,

In this unfinished life, we confess that our values do not always align with yours. We do not know how to value what you value, and amid the temptations, tests, and trials of our lives, we choose wrongly. Forgive us, and lead us through the wilderness so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, our lives will reflect you and your love for this world. Through Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord, Amen.

Hymn Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church ELW 321

God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, Your sins are forgiven in +Jesus' name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, You are raised to new life. Almighty God strengthen you in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life.

Amen.

(you may be seated)

Message Luke 4:1-13 Pastor Mark Boster

Hymn O Lord, throughout These Forty Days ELW 319

(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

Good and gracious God, every blessing comes from you. Accept these offerings that they might be joined to your kingdom's work among us. May they be a living sign that we are centered in you and all that you would have us do. Make us joyful, faithful disciples whose giving is a gateway into a deeper faith in you.

Amen!

The Table

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

He is the Son of the Living God and the Savior of the world. He is present with us in bread and wine.

This is the feast of victory. This is the table of the Lord. This is the meal of freedom and forgiveness.

We gather at your table to be renewed, refreshed, and restored.

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 mold us as your servant church in the world. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with love for you and one another. Come, Holy Spirit, and make us people who live with spiritual integrity. Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

(you may be seated)

Communion Distribution

(please rise in body or spirit)

Blessing

Benediction

Hymn Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW 338

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God!