



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Saturday Evening Worship  
May 17, 2025  
5:00 p.m.  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## **Preservice Music**

## **Welcome**

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord!

**Say it again and again; praise the Lord!**

From the mountaintops to the valleys; from every high place  
and every low place, praise the Lord!

**Sun, moon, stars, heavens, clouds, waters, angels, and  
every living being gives praise to the Lord!**

God spoke and it all came into being. Praise the Lord!

**Mountains, hills, orchards, and forests all obey the voice  
of the Lord. God's name is the only name worth praising.**

**We will praise God in the name of the Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit. Amen!**

## **Hymn**

*Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing*

*ELW 389*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

God, you are with us. Your dwelling place is among your people. Because you are near to us and love us we can bring our confession to you, trusting you will forgive our sin. Let us pray together:

**God, we confess that sin has shattered the relationship between us. This is most evident in our thoughts, words, and actions. We sin in things seen and unseen; in things**

**done and left undone. Forgive us. Wipe every tear from our eyes and bring that new day when mourning and crying will be no more.**

## **Hymn**    *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*    ELW 367

We sing praise and alleluia to you for the gift of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Because of his life, death, and resurrection, sin is forgiven and a new relationship exists between us. Praise the Lord! Alleluia! Let us pray together:

**God, you are near to us; your home is among us. You live with us and we are your people. Wipe away every tear from our eyes so we can see the new heaven and the new earth clearly. Give us confidence in the coming day when there will be no more mourning, crying, or pain. Risen Christ, come and make all things new. Amen!**

(you may be seated)

## **Community Moment**

## **Message**    John 13:31-36    Pastor Mark Boster

## **Hymn**    *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*    ELW 631

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father, through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the**

right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory, to judge the living and the dead; and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life; who proceeds from the Father; who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

## The Prayers

### Sharing of Peace

(you may be seated)

### The Offering

(please rise in body or spirit)

### Prayer of Blessing

Let us pray. You are the first and the last; the creator of all living things. You are the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Your home is with us and among us. Use these gifts that we bring to further the work of your kingdom in our midst. Help these resources dry the tears of those among us in despair and without hope. Bless these gifts that they might make your church a living sign of your goodness and love in Jesus' name.

**Amen!**

## The Table

God, you are with us. God, you are near to us.

**Praise to you, risen Lord Jesus; you are truly present in bread and wine.**

Blessed are you, risen Christ, for rescuing us from sin and death.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

## **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!**

Holy Spirit, come and make your home among us. Holy Spirit, come and dry the tears from our eyes so we can see the new heaven and earth clearly. Holy Spirit, come and bring that day when mourning, crying, and pain will be no more.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

(you may be seated)

## **Communion Distribution**

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Blessing**

## **Prayer**

## **Benediction**

## **Hymn**

*At the Lamb's Feast We Sing*

ELW 362

VV. 1,2,4,8

Go and live in love for God and one another. Go and be the hands of Christ to all who are in need. Go and see the new heaven and earth coming among us through the power of the Spirit. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**