



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship
June 29, 2025
9:00 a.m.

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Prelude

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Anthony Serpe, cello and Jane McMullen, violin

(please rise in body or spirit)

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others, but we neglect our
neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is
right. In your mercy, forgive us.**

Do not give up on us.

**Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

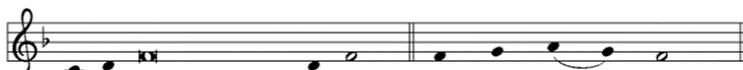
Opening Hymn

In Thee Is Gladness ELW 867

Greeting

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

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn Of Praise

How Great Thou Art ELW 856

Prayer Of The Day

Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(please be seated)

Community Moment

Reading

Reader: The Reading today is from Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus.

God chose me to be an apostle, and he appointed me to preach the good news that he promised long ago by what his prophets said in the holy Scriptures. This good news is about his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ! As a human, he was from the family of David.

But the Holy Spirit proved that Jesus is the powerful Son of God, because he was raised from death.

Jesus was kind to me and chose me to be an apostle, so that people of all nations would obey and have faith. You are some of those people chosen by Jesus Christ.

This letter is to all of you in Rome. God loves you and has chosen you to be his very own people. I pray that God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace!

Reader: Word of God, word of Life!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Reader: The Psalm today is from Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7

On the holy mountain
stands the city God has founded;

**the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**

Glorious things are spoken of you,
O city of our God.

**Of the city it shall be said, "Everyone was born in Zion,
and the Most High shall sustain the city."**

Enrolling the nations, the Lord records:
"These also were born there."

**The singers and the dancers will say,
"All my fresh springs are in you."**

(please rise in body or spirit)

Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 142)

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.

Gospel: John 21:15-19

Preacher: The Gospel according to
John the 21st chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

The Message

Pastor Ryan Mackey

Hymn of the Day

O Master, Let Me Walk with You ELW 818

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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. As you raised up apostles like Peter and Paul, raise us up to share your life-giving gospel. Enrich the proclamation of bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the earth. Rescue your creation from harm. Sustain fragile ecosystems; watch over dwindling numbers of insects, birds, and fish; and open our hearts to regard this earth as a gift. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations. As you bid Peter to feed your sheep, bid our leaders to feed all in need and work for their good. Make peace in places of conflict, especially Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and Iran, and bring justice to each community. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer. As you stood by Paul and gave him strength, stand by all who know loneliness, and give strength to all who know persecution. Comfort those in grief and heal those who are sick especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause...*). Channel our restlessness into your work in the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. As you freed Peter from prison, free us from lethargy and fear. Loose the chains of timidity and doubt, and teach us to pray fervently. Strengthen the ministry of prison chaplains and ministries, and accompany all who are incarcerated and their families. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who rest in your eternal mercy. As you reserved a crown of righteousness for Paul, reserve for us a place in your heavenly kingdom, and bring us to life that knows no end. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Presiding Minister:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Greet one another: **“Peace be with you.”**

Offering

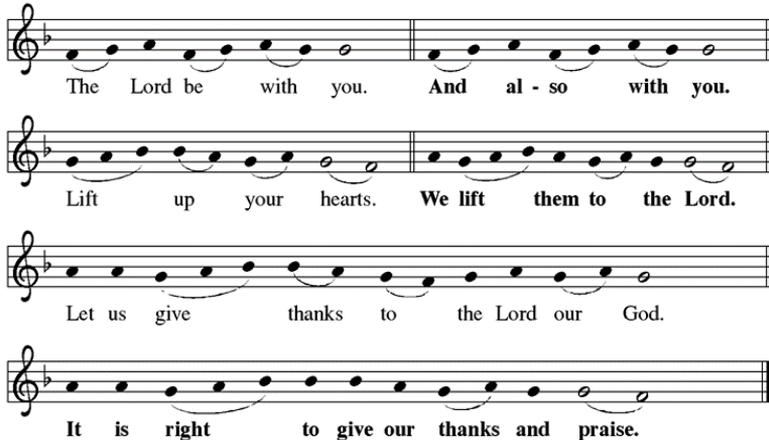
“Jesus Loves Me”

Anthony Serpe, cello and Judy Hays, piano

Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presiding Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory,
 forever and ever.
 Amen.

Invitation to Communion

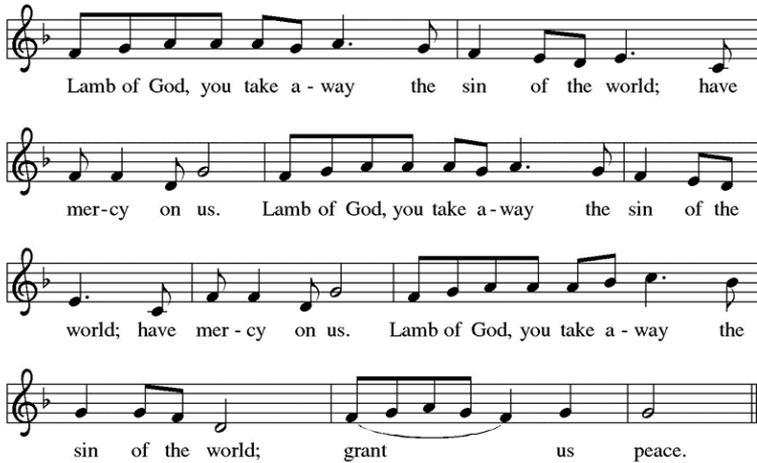
The kingdom of God is set before you.
 Eat and rejoice.

Communion Distribution

Distribution Music

Lamb of God

(ELW p. 146)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

“Beautiful Savior (Fairest Lord Jesus)”

Anthony Serpe, cello,

Jane McMullen, violin, and

Judy Hays, piano

Be Thou My Vision ELW 793

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.

Amen.

Prayer

Assisting Minister: O God, in this holy communion
you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished
us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table.

Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you
with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing
spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through
Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Here I Am, Lord ELW 798

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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