



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Saturday Evening Worship

July 19, 2025

5:00 p.m.

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Call to Worship**

(based on Psalm 15)

Who may stay in God's temple or live on the holy  
mountain of the Lord?

**Only those who obey God and do as they should.  
They speak the truth and don't spread gossip;  
they treat others fairly and don't say cruel things,  
And they keep their promises, no matter what the  
cost.**

They lend their money without charging interest,  
and they don't take bribes to hurt the innocent.

**Those who do these things will always stand firm.**

**Hymn**    *O Savior, Precious Savior*    ELW 820

## **Confession**

Take us, God, beyond the limits of our comfort zone into  
the uncharted territory of love and mercy.

We know our failures and our limitations. We know our sin and our need for your forgiveness. Because you are faithful to forgive, we bring our prayers of confession to you. Let us pray together

**This is not the world you intended. We are not the people you dreamed we would be. Sin has shattered your creation and we live as your broken people in need of forgiveness. Forgive us.**

**Hymn**      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*      ELW 834

Help us hear the voices pleading for justice. Help us be those servants who heed the call. Turn our faith into action in Jesus' name.

**God, in Jesus Christ you have moved us beyond the limits of time and space into the realm of the kingdom of God. In his life, death, and resurrection, we receive the gift of forgiveness for sin and abundant life. In this day, let us be known by our love for you and one another.**

Let us pray. God, you are able to move us outside our comfort zones into mission for the sake of your kingdom. Move us. Teach us. Lead us and guide us. Help us hear the cries of those who are wounded and in need. Help us to be responsive to every real human need that we face in Jesus' name. Amen!

(you may be seated)

## **Community Moment**

**Message**      Colossians 1:15-28      Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please rise in body or spirit)

**Hymn**      *Jesus, the Very Thought of You*      ELW 754

# **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 and Sharing of Peace**

(you may be seated)

## **The Offering**

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Prayer of Blessing**

Holy God, gracious and merciful, We are your holy people, your holy creation, and you bless us richly. Help us to be a blessing for others. Take what we have offered here, and multiply it, so that it may be used to share your love and mercy. Turn our hearts toward our neighbors in need, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to be fed by the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## The Table

God is moving among us. God is present with us.

**The risen Christ is truly present with us  
in bread and wine.**

Jesus Christ is saving, forgiving, restoring, and  
reconciling all of creation.

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

## 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, open our ears to hear the cry of human pain  
around us. Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the needs in  
our community and world. Holy Spirit, open our hearts to  
be your giving and loving people.

## Lord's Prayer

(you may be seated)

## Communion Distribution

(please rise in body or spirit)

## Blessing

## Prayer

## Benediction

**Hymn**    *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*    ELW 543

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**