



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday Morning Worship

July 20, 2025

9:00 a.m.

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Prelude**

(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.**

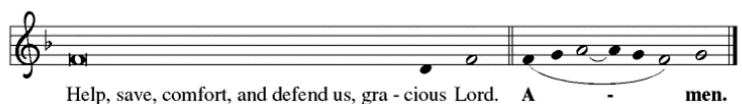
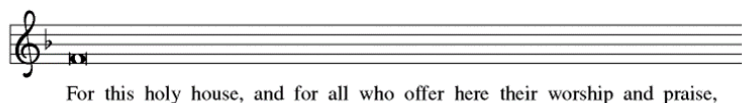
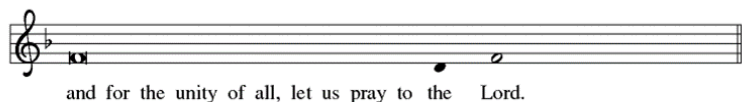
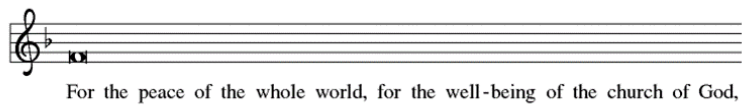
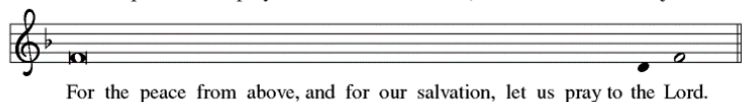
## Opening    *O Savior, Precious Savior*    ELW 820

### 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



## Hymn Of Praise

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ELW 834

## Prayer Of The Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(please be seated)

## Community Moment

## Reading

*Reader:* The Reading today is from Colossians 1:15-28

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout

the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm**

*Reader:* The Psalm today is from Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

they do not slander with the tongue,

they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**In their sight the wicked are rejected,  
but they honor those who fear the Lord.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take  
back their word.**

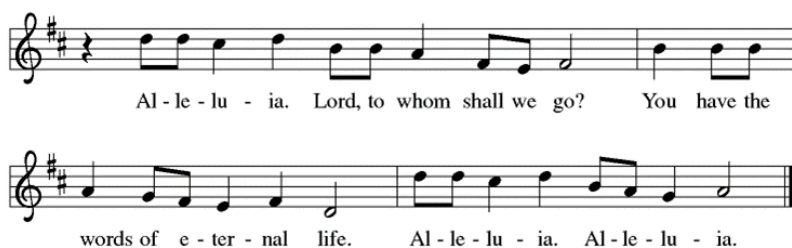
They do not give their money in hope of gain,  
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be  
overthrown.

(please rise in body or spirit)

**Gospel Acclamation**

(ELW p. 142)



## **Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to  
Luke the 10th chapter.

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

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

*Preacher:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(please be seated)

## **The Message**

Pastor Ryan Mackey

## **Hymn of the Day**

*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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love

and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause...*). Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**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**

“Give Me Jesus”

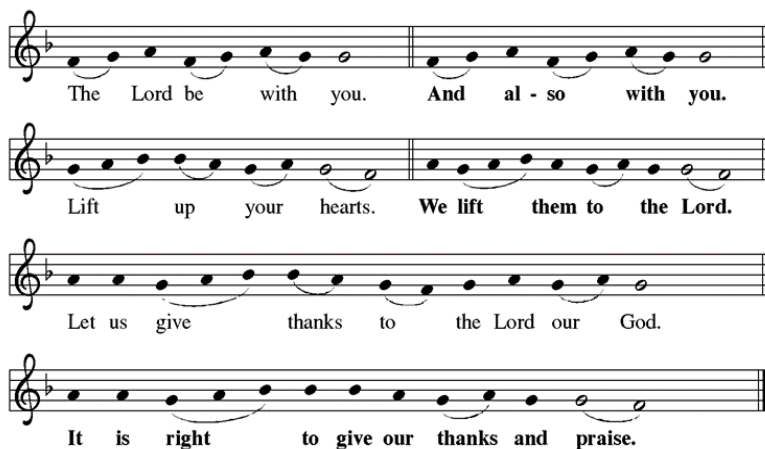
Shannon McMullen, soloist

Robert Blazek, instrumentalist

## Offering Prayer

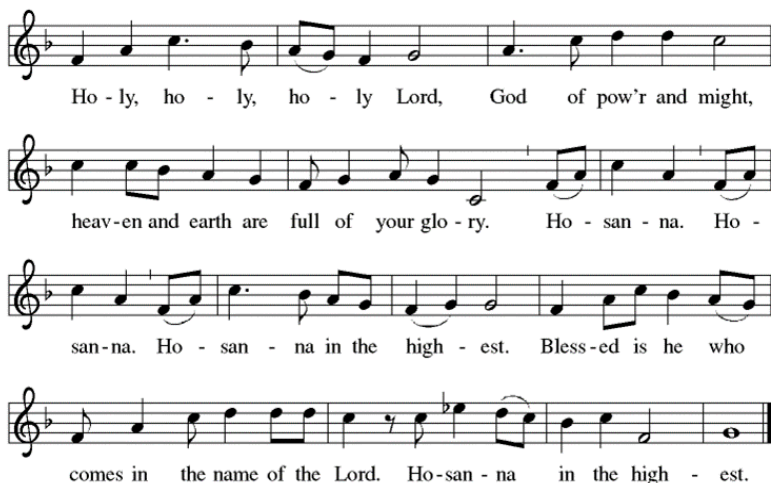
*Assisting Minister:* Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving



*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:





## 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

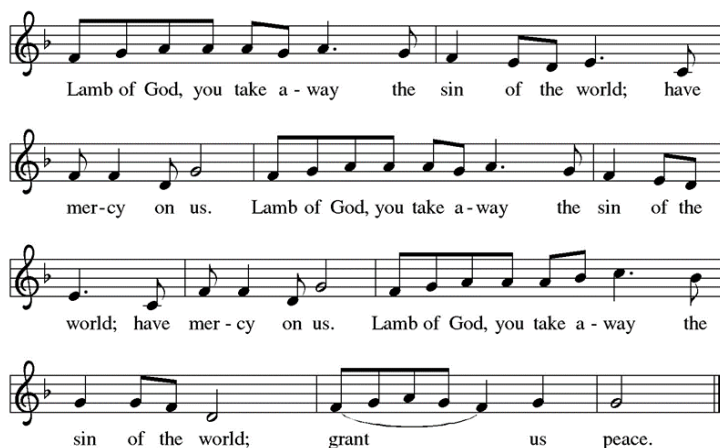
The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

### 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.

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

ELW 471

*I Am the Bread of Life*

ELW 485

## 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:* Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## Benediction

## Sending Hymn

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing* ELW 543

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

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