



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday Morning Worship

August 10, 2025

9:00 a.m.

**9th 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.**

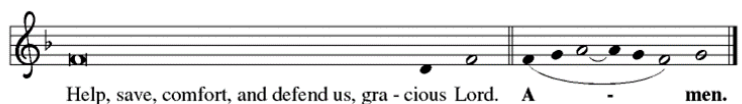
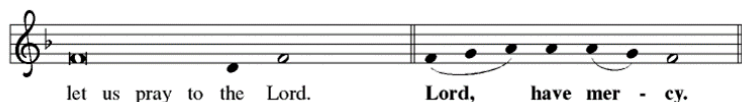
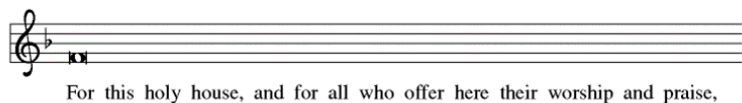
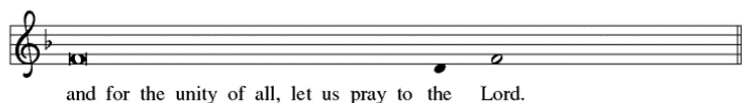
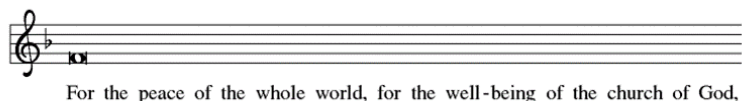
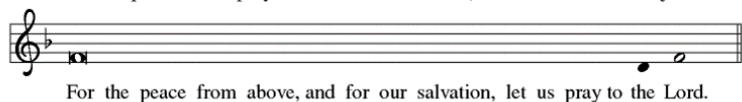
**Opening**    *All Are Welcome*    ELW 641

## 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** *This Is My Father's World* ELW 824

## Prayer Of The Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(please be seated)

## Community Moment

### Reading

*Reader:* The Reading today is from Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Reader:* Word of God, word of Life!

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

### Psalm

*Reader:* The Psalm today is from Psalm 33

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**The Lord looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,  
our helper and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Gospel Acclamation**

(ELW p. 142)



## **Gospel:** Luke 12:32-40

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to  
Luke the 12th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(please be seated)

## **The Message**

Pastor Ryan Mackey

## **Hymn of the Day**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* ELW 802

## **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.*

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (*pause...*). Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge, Exodus World Service, and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. 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.**

## **Back to School Blessings**

### **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

*Presiding Minister:*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

Greet one another: **"Peace be with you."**

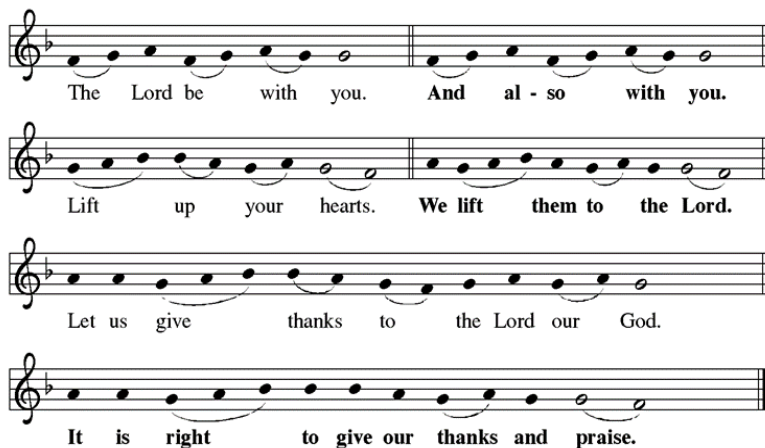
## **Offering**

### **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



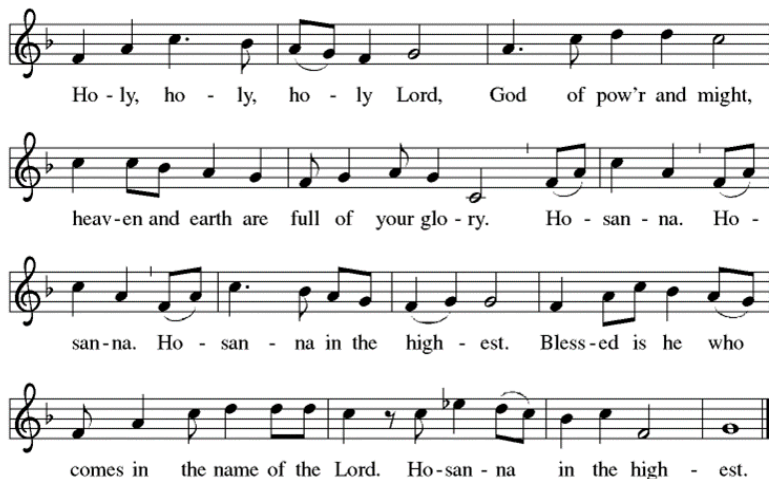
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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)



*The King of Love My Shepherd is* ELW 502  
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ELW 632

## Post-Communion Blessing

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

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 and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your  
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 that we may work for the good of all;  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## Benediction

## Sending Hymn

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW 618

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**



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