



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

August 23, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 103 text for the day)

Bless you! Bless you, God! Everything in our heart and soul blesses you!

You heal us and lift us from the pit. You crown us with love and mercy. You forgive our sin.

Wrap us tight in the arms of your love. Renew us by simply being in your presence.

Show us your plans. Show us how you act on behalf of your people. Amaze us with all that you can do and teach us how to connect to your movement in the world in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Hymn Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW 886

Confession

God, your love amazes us. Your mercy saves us. Because you are loving and merciful, we can bring our confession before you.

We confess that we are so busy that we cannot stop long enough to consider your greatness and goodness. By our sinful human nature we are separated from you and your intentions for us. Forgive us.

Hymn

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

Through your dying for us we will live forever. Through the saving action of Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven.

Living Christ, slow us down so that we can simply rest in your presence. Move us in love for you and one another.

Let us pray together..

Amazing God, you are above all things and beyond our comprehension. You are at work in our world, renewing and restoring all things in the name of Jesus Christ. You are moving in amazing ways that we can only begin to see. Teach us how to slow down and take the time to be in your presence. Amen!

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Message

Luke 13:10-17

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand ELW 441

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

Sharing the Peace of Christ

(you may be seated)

The Offering

(please rise in body or spirit)

Prayer of Blessing

**Bless these gifts we bring that first come from your
goodness. Your abundance is amazing and
indescribable. Your blessings are beyond what we can
comprehend. Make us grateful, thankful people. Fill us
with generosity toward the world in which we live.
Open our hearts to the many needs around us in Jesus'
name. Amen**

The Table

**You are the Living Christ, the Son of the Living God, and
you take away the sin of the world.**

**You meet us in this sacrament. You are truly present in
bread and wine.**

As we gather at your table, help us to comprehend the depth of love that would go to a cross on our behalf.

As we gather at your table, we celebrate your resurrection presence.

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!

Come, Holy Spirit, we need you to break us out of the legalistic traps that hold us captive. Come, Holy Spirit, we need you to slow us down so we can see you at work. Come, Holy Spirit, we need you to teach us how to be still and know that you are God.

Lord's Prayer

(you may be seated)

Communion Distribution

(please rise in body or spirit)

Blessing

Prayer

Loving God, in this sacrament you forgive us and unite us as the body of Christ. You nourish and sustain us in love for you and one another. Now send us out to work for the good of all your creation. Amen!

Benediction

Hymn

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802

Dismissal

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