



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

August 9, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we won't be afraid even when the earth shakes, when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea, when its waters roar and rage, when the mountains shake because of its surging waves. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

We gather here to worship and behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. In the midst of trouble, the Lord says:

“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Confession

God, we witness your power and majesty in the beauty of your creation, yet your world is not as you created it to be. We come to you as flawed people in a broken world, trusting in your power to save. " Your power is on display everywhere in the universe. We turn our hearts to you and offer our confession, asking you to save us from our sin.

Glorious and merciful God, you freed us from the power of sin that we might deeply love and care for you and our neighbors without fear, but we turn away from you when we neglect our neighbors, fail to care for your holy creation, and put ourselves first. In your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and put us back on the path that leads to life in you.

God is our strength, our shield, our caregiver, our redeemer, and our source of hope. Broken as we may be, God has redeemed us all through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we are forgiven all our sins. We are filled with overwhelming joy and kneel in humble adoration of God's amazing and abundant grace as we pray:

Great are you, Lord! You sent your Son to live, die, and rise for us, and we are freed from the bonds of our sins. Your power and glory are all around us. We thank you for your boundless mercy and grace that unite us as one body in your Son. Help us live lives worthy of your gifts, walk in your ways, and glorify your holy name. Amen!

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Message Luke 12:32-40 Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* ELW 802

The Apostles' 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

Let us pray together. **Bless and accept these offerings that come from the abundance of your love. Teach us how to store up treasure in heaven. Show us where to place our energies and efforts. Direct our thinking and our doing so that we are in step with the kingdom of God among us. Amen**

The Table

Great God, you are moving among us and through us. You are drawing us into a new future in your kingdom.

You have given us Jesus Christ, your only Son, to live, die, and rise. This risen Christ is truly present in bread and wine.

Jesus, you are the One who brings renewal. Jesus, you are the One who creates restoration. Jesus, you are the One who can reconcile every broken relationship and bring peace.

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)

Invitation to Communion

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

Communion Distribution

(please rise in body or spirit)

Blessing

Prayer

Benediction

Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer ELW 618

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.