



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

September 13, 2025

5:00 p.m.

Holy Cross Day

Prelude

Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(from the Psalm 98:1-4 text for the day)

Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness
in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807

Confession

God, you welcome everyone to the table. All who are hungry and thirsty can come to you and be satisfied. It is by your invitation that we gather here. It is through your love and mercy that sin is forgiven. Hear our prayers of confession.

We confess the sin of our human condition and ask for your forgiveness. You know us as no other. You know that we need you to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Forgive our sin.

Hymn *Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW 685

In love, you extend your nail-scarred hands to us. In love, you live, die, and rise for us. In love, you forgive our sin and offer us abundant life.

We thank you! We praise you! We worship you! Amen

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, your Son paid the ultimate price so that our relationship with you could be restored. Your Son turned the cross, an ugly weapon of death, into a symbol of grace and love. Help us to keep our eyes on the cross. Remind us of its healing power of forgiveness, and use it to inspire us to extend your grace and love to others. We thank you for your boundless mercy and forgiveness. Amen!

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Message John 3:13-17 Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* ELW 324

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

Let us pray together. Generous God,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to
us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of
riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are
suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Table

Come to the banquet! All who are hungry and thirsty, come to the feast of forgiveness.

Everyone! All are welcome here!

The risen Christ is present in bread and wine.

We will hold in our hands and taste on our lips a love that we cannot comprehend.

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, and move us beyond our current reality. Come, Holy Spirit, and move us beyond our closed circle of relationships. Come, Holy Spirit, and move us beyond the boundaries of our limited understanding of how you are at work within us and among us.

Lord's Prayer

(you may be seated)

Communion Distribution

(please rise in body or spirit)

Blessing

Prayer

Let us pray together.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us ELW 789

Dismissal

Go in peace. Look to the cross and live!

Thanks be to God.