



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday Morning Worship

September 14, 2025

9:00 a.m.

**Holy Cross Day**

## **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 Hymn

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807

## 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

(ELW p. 98)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## Hymn Of Praise

(ELW p. 101)



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer Of The Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

(please be seated)

## Community Moment

### Reading

*Reader:* The Reading today is from Numbers 21:4b-9

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,] but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

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

## Psalm

*Reader:* The Psalm today is Psalm 98:1-4

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.**

(please rise in body or spirit)

## Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 102)



## Gospel: John 3:13-17

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to John the 3rd chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(please be seated)

## **The Message**

Pastor Ryan Mackey

## **Hymn of the Day**

*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

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Sustaining God, guide your church on the way. Give us patience in our journey, and protect us from division and doubt. May we look to the cross and live.

God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Creator God, renew the earth. Heal our planet from the venom of greed and exploitation, and direct us to respect all life as a gift from you. May we look to the cross and live. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

God of wisdom, grant discernment to those in authority. Thwart the plans of the proud, bring low the mighty, and uphold those who work for peace. May they seek the way of the cross and live. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of grace, alleviate suffering. Comfort the sick and the grieving especially all we name aloud or in the quietness of our hearts (*pause...*). Come to the aid of those who are hungry or needing shelter. May they find hope in the cross and live. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, guide your flock. Protect us from the world's lies and lead us in the way of truth. Strengthen us in our faith and inspire us to serve others. May we follow you to the cross and live. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, you receive into your loving embrace those who have died. Giving thanks for them, may we find comfort in the cross and live in the hope of resurrection. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

## **Farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Roy Olson**

### **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**

**Offertory**     "All the Works of the Lord"

Adult Choir

### **Offering Prayer**

*Assisting Minister:* 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.**





## Great Thanksgiving

(ELW p. 107)

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

*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:

(ELW p. 108)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

## 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

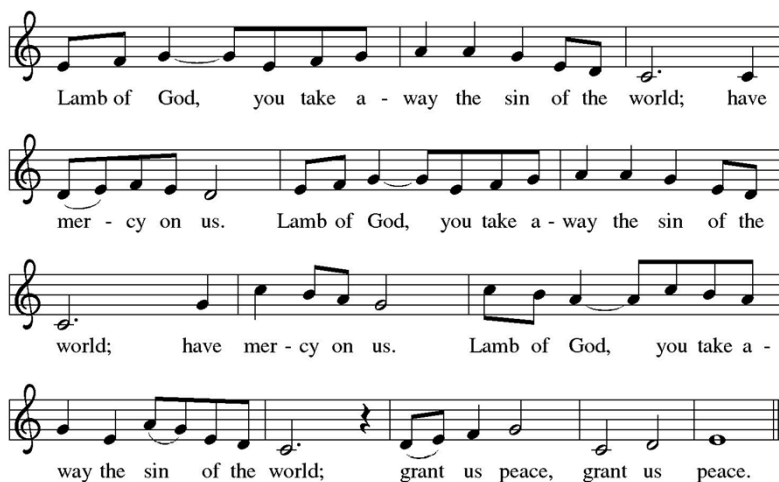
Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.

## Communion Distribution

### Distribution Music

Lamb of God

(ELW p. 112)



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, grant us peace.

*I Come, O Savior, to Your Table* LBW 213 (see screens)  
*Amazing Grace* ELW 779

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

## **Prayer**

*Presiding Minister:* 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!**

## **Postlude**

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