



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday Morning Worship

October 5, 2025

9:00 a.m.

**17th 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 Hymn

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* ELW 597

## 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

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(please be seated)

## Community Moment

God's Story Connecting to Ours

Jordan Wildermuth

## Reading

*Reader:* The Reading today is from 1 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

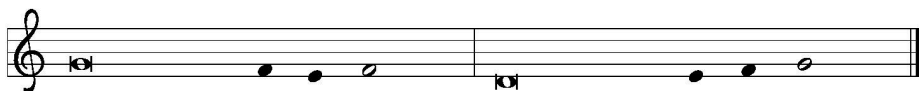
but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm

Reader: The Psalm today is Psalm 37



**Do not be provoked by | evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.**

For they shall soon wither | like the grass,  
and like the green grass | fade away.

**Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;  
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.**

Take delight | in the LORD,  
who shall give you your | heart's desire.

**Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust | in  
the LORD, and see what | God will do.**

The LORD will make your vindication  
as clear | as the Light  
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.

**Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.**

Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.

**For evildoers shall | be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD  
shall pos- | sess the land.**

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Gospel Acclamation**

(ELW p. 102)



## **Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter.

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(please be seated)

## **The Message**

Pastor Mark Boster

## **Hymn of the Day**

*How Firm a Foundation* ELW 796

## **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**

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need, especially those we now name aloud or in the quietness of our hearts (*pause...*). Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**



We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 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:* Let us pray together. **Lord of the harvest, 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.

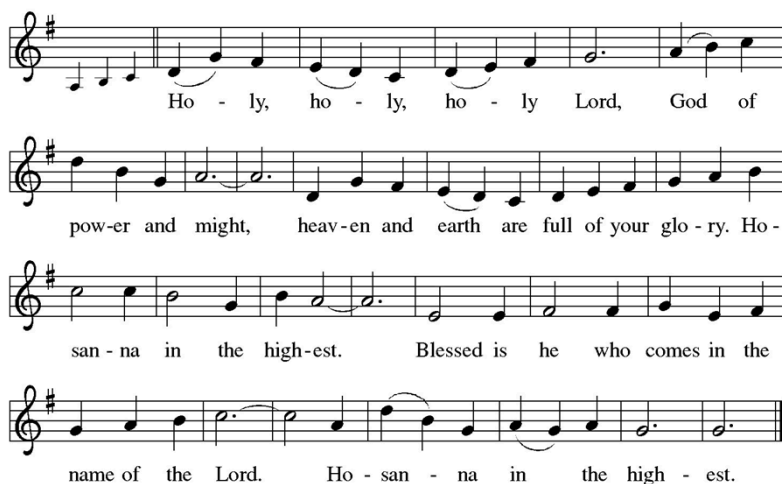
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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)



## 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.

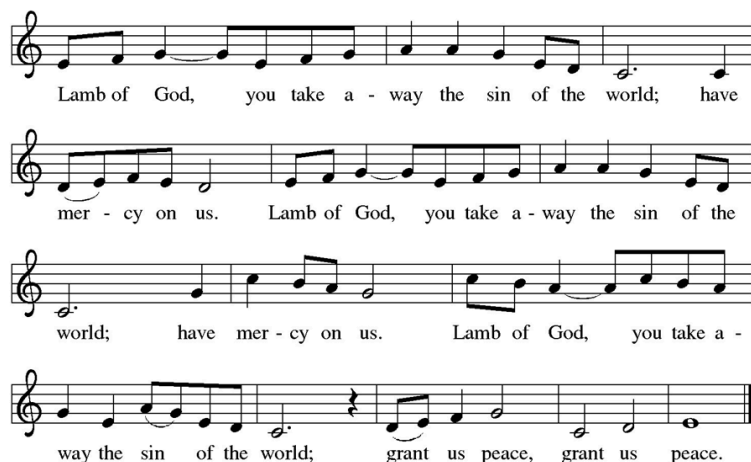
Come to this meal of mercy.

## 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.

*In the Singing*

ELW 466

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW 733

## Post-Communion Blessing

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

**Amen.**

## Prayer

*Assisting 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**

*Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*     ELW 548

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

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