



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday Morning Worship  
November 16, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Community Moment**

### **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**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*    ELW 879

## **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 (Spoken)

(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.

## Prayer Of The Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(please be seated)

## Reading

*Reader:* The Reading today is from  
Malachi 4:1-2

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

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

## Psalm

*Reader:* The Psalm today is Psalm 98

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.**

Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Word of the God, Come Down to Earth v. 1 ELW 519

## **Gospel: Luke 21:5-19**

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to Luke the 21st chapter.

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after

them.

“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(please be seated)

**The Message**

Pastor Mark Boster

**Hymn of the Day**

Rise O Sun of Righteousness

ELW 657

## 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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for  
the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of  
your church as they proclaim the gospel using  
discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep  
all the baptized on righteous paths in response to  
Christ's call. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters. Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind (*especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building an equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness (*especially*). Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God,  
trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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.”**

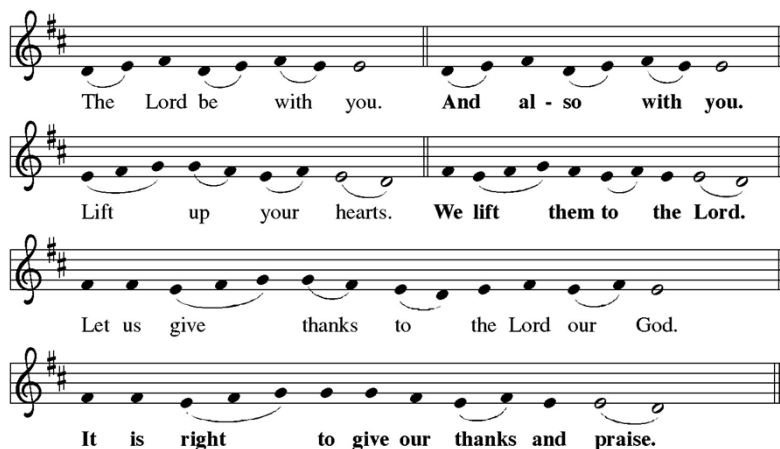
## **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

*Assisting Minister:* Let us pray together. **God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

(ELW p. 107)



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

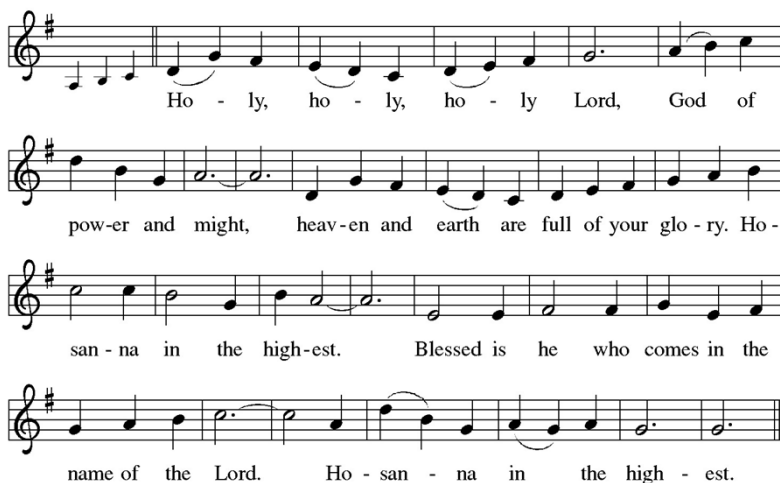
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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:

spoken (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.

## 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**

There is a place for you at the table of God.  
Come, receive the food that does not perish,  
a taste of life eternal.

## **Communion Distribution**

### **Distribution Music**

Let us Talents and Tongues Employ ELW 674  
*How Great Thou Art* ELW 856

## **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.

**God of field and flower, wheat and grape,  
you have nourished us with the bread of  
heaven that gives life to the world.**

**Strengthened by the body and blood of your  
Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for  
all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to  
love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

## **Sending Hymn**

*Let All Things Now Living* ELW 881

## **Dismissal**

Go and share your story.

Go and live out your faith.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

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