



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Saturday Evening Worship

January 17, 2026

5:00 p.m.

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

(please rise in body or spirit)

**Call to Worship**

(based on Isaiah 49)

Listen! Every nation of the world; listen

**God has called us and named us.**

**God has put us to work from the first day.**

God has prepared us to speak clearly to the nations.

**We have been sharpened and polished like a straight  
arrow and hidden in God's quiver to be used at  
exactly the right time.**

Through us, God will shine.

**But we feel like we may have labored with no  
purpose; that our strength has been spent in vain.**

And now God is telling us that we will be a light for the  
nations.

**God will restore our strength and bring salvation to  
the ends of the earth. We praise our God! We worship  
our God in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy  
Spirit. Amen!**

**Hymn**     *Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory*     ELW 561

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

God of broken hearts, we can trust in your faithfulness and mercy. Because you love us and forgive us, we can bring our confession to you.

**We confess our broken condition and admit that we need you to restore us. Our illusion of self-sufficiency has been shattered and we need you to bring your healing into our deepest needs. Forgive our sin. Bring us back together. Bring our world together.**

**Hymn**     *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*     ELW 314

We give you thanks and praise that you take our broken hearts and put us back together. We belong to you forever. Because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven and we are reconnected to you and one another.

**We worship you! We honor you!**

Let us pray together...**God, you are at work restoring all that has been shattered. You bring together the broken pieces of discouragement and disillusionment and fashion a new creation of beauty and purpose. When we feel like we've labored in vain, you renew our strength and draw us toward the new future you are preparing. Amen!**

(you may be seated)

## **Community Moment**

**Word**

John 1:29-42

**Message**

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

**Hymn**    *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*    ELW 502

## **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. God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have  
prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you  
reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have  
gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## The Table

In the bread of life, the risen Christ is present.

**In the cup of love, the risen Christ is truly with us.**

**He is the Messiah, the Savior of the world who forgives sin.**

He is the Son of the living God, the restoring One; the forgiving One.

**He is both the host and the meal. We are his people who gather at his table.**

## 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; restore all that has been broken.

Come, Holy Spirit; renew the strength of your people.

Come, Holy Spirit; revive your church with the fire of love.

## Lord's Prayer

## Invitation to Communion

## Communion Distribution

## Blessing

## Prayer

Let us pray together. **Radiant God, we have seen our glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

**Hymn**    *We Are Marching in the Light of God*    ELW 866

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

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