



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday Morning Worship

January 18, 2026

9:00 a.m.

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

## **Community Moment**

### **Prelude**

(Please rise in body or spirit)

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us  
completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
**you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,  
 and new things God now declares:  
 Like a spring of water that never fails,  
 God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
 and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name.  
 May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
 and bless you with the gift of peace.  
**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn *Evening and Morning* ELW 761

### 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

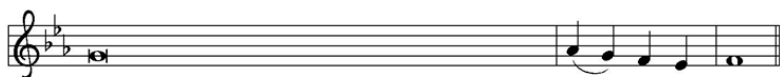
(ELW p. 98)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



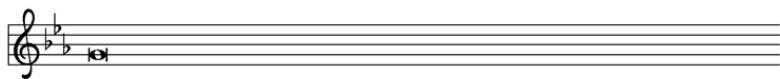
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



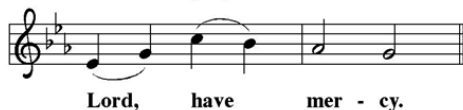
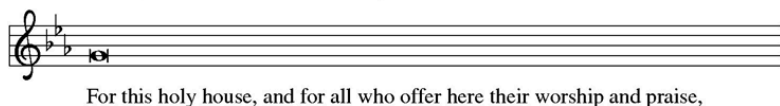
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For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



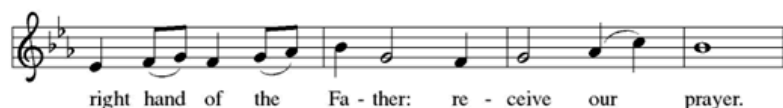
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



## Hymn Of Praise

(ELW p. 99)





## Prayer Of The Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(please be seated)

## Reading

*Reader:* The Reading today is 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

## Psalm

*Reader:* The Psalm today is Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently upon the Lord,  
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

**The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit,  
out of the miry clay,  
and set my feet upon a high cliff,  
making my footing sure.**

The Lord put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the Lord.

**Happy are they who trust in the Lord!  
They do not turn to enemies  
or to those who follow lies.**

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God!  
In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
But they are more than I can count.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;  
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and  
sin-offering you have not required.**

And so I said, "Here I am; I come.  
In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep within me.'**"

I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;  
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth  
from the great assembly.**

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion  
from me; may your steadfast love and your truth  
continually keep me safe.

(please rise in body or spirit)

## Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 102)



## Gospel: John 1:29-42

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to  
John the 1st chapter.

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

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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 Marvelous God's Greatness* ELW 830

## **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.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray  
for the church, the whole human community, and the  
well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Just God, you desire respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Embolden leaders and those in authority to advocate for people in need. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness especially those we name aloud or in the quietness of our hearts (*pause...*). Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Abiding God, you are present with Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church. Keep us mindful of our mission and guide our ministries in this community. Keep us outwardly focused on those whom you named the least of these. Kindle in us a desire to help one another. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you. Strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**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 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.**

## Great Thanksgiving

(ELW p. 107)

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

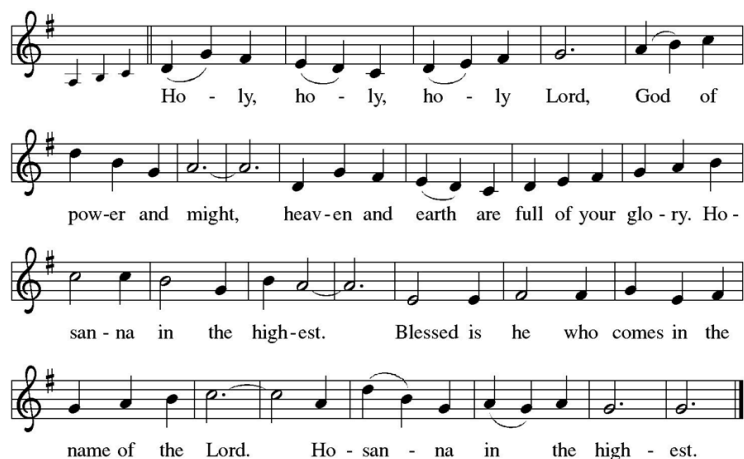
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

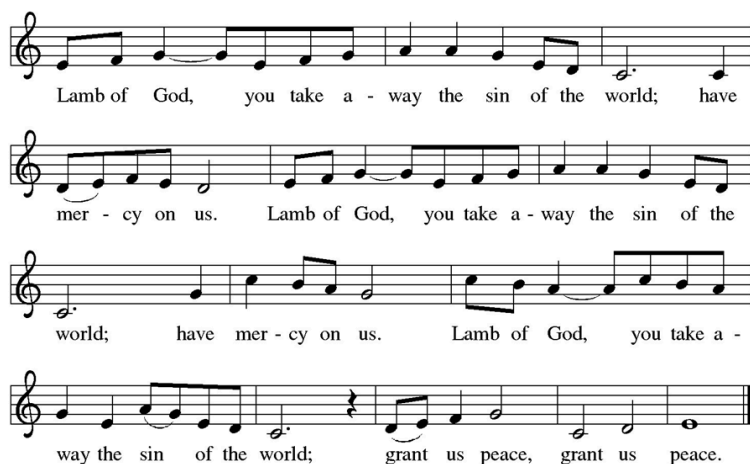
God is now in flesh appearing.  
Come to the feast of joy!

### 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.

*God, Whose Almighty Word*

ELW 673

*The King of Love my Shepherd Is*

ELW 502

## 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.

**Radiant God, we have seen your 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

## Sending Hymn

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

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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