



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

February 28, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 121)

We lift up our eyes to the hills.

Where will our help come from?

**Our help comes from the God
who made the heavens and the earth.**

This God will not let us stumble.

This God never falls asleep.

Our God is a shield, a shade, and a shelter.

God guards us from evil and gives us life.

**The Lord will keep our going out and coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

**We worship in the name of the
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!**

Hymn *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

ELW 335

Confession and Forgiveness

God, we cannot imagine the depth of your love for us. We cannot comprehend your incredible plan to bring us back into right relationship with you. Hear us as we pray and admit our need for you to do what we cannot do for ourselves.

We confess that sin has shattered the relationship between us. We cannot love each other as we should. We cannot love you with our whole heart, soul, and mind. Forgive us.

Hymn *Thy Holy Wings* ELW 613

Your plan for your world is completed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Nothing we can do or say can save us. We do not have the gifts, the power, or the wisdom to make things right. It is the saving work of Jesus Christ that renews and restores all of creation.

Let us pray together...**God of love, we want to know how you work. We want to see your activity among us and in us. Teach us what it means to be born of the water and the spirit. In baptism you give us a new birth as your children. Lead us in the way of deeper love for you and one another. Amen!**

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Word John 3:1-17

Message Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn *God Loved the World* ELW 323

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, we are your people who are
born of water and the Spirit. Because of your great love
for us, you have given us Jesus Christ and our world can
be restored and renewed. Use these gifts for the
restoration and renewal of every life that they touch.
Make us a servant church who reaches out in love to
those around us in Jesus' name.**

Amen!

The Table

We are children of God born of water and the Spirit.

Jesus Christ is the only Son of God.

The risen Christ is present in bread and wine.

We gather at your table for renewal and restoration.

**We gather at your table to receive
forgiveness and freedom.**

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, and lead us away from spiritual
ignorance. Come, Holy Spirit, and help us to discern the
things that come from you. Come, Holy Spirit, and reveal
yourself to us in every day.

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution

Blessing

Prayer

Let us pray together. **God of our salvation, we give you
thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles
us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through
the body and blood of your Son, may we become
Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love
for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

Benediction

Hymn *Lift High the Cross* ELW 660

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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