



# SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

February 8, 2026

9:00 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

## Community Moment

### Prelude

(Please rise in body or spirit)

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> 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 <sup>☩</sup> Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.  
**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*Rise, Shine, You People!* ELW 665

## 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

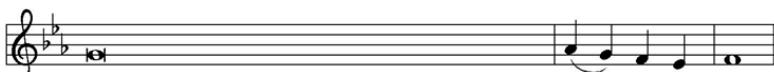
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



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



Lord, have mercy.



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.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



## Hymn Of Praise

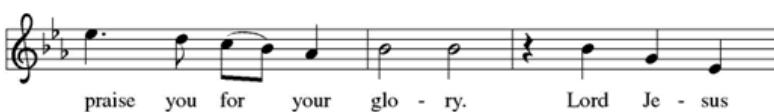
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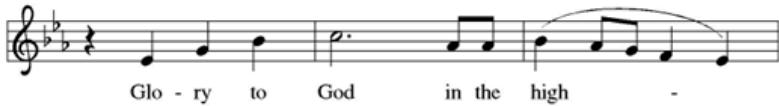
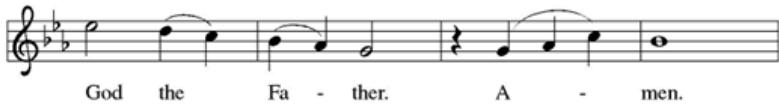
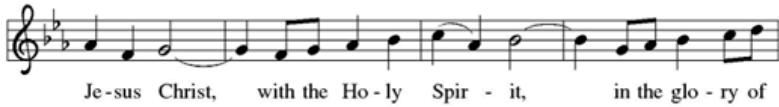
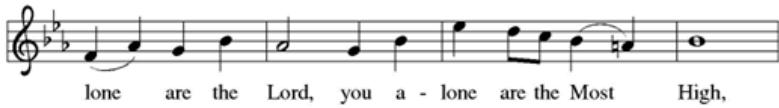
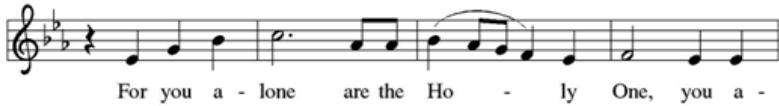
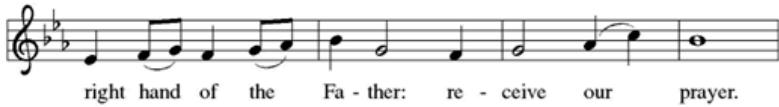


est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we





## Prayer Of The Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(please be seated)

## Reading

Reader: The Reading today is from 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

[Paul writes:] When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him”—  
God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader: Word of God, word of Life!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm

Reader: The Psalm today is Psalm 112:1-9

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept  
in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor,  
and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

(please rise in body or spirit)

## Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 102)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Preacher: The Gospel according to  
Matthew the 5th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(please be seated)

**The Message**

Pastor Ryan Mackey

## Hymn of the Day

*This Little Light of Mine*    ELW 677

## 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.*

Your church does ministry in many and various ways.  
Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our  
works and witness bring hope to a troubled world.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore  
polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness.  
Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and  
songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth.  
Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving especially those we name aloud or in the quietness of our hearts (pause...). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. 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:

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

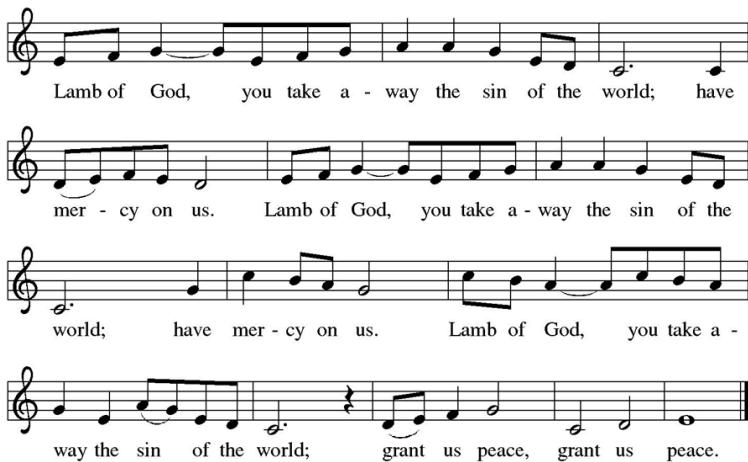
Here is the Lamb of God  
 who takes away the sin of the world!  
 Come to the table; taste and see.

### 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.

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*  
*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 717

ELW 715

## 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

God's Work, Our Hands ACS 1000 (tune: ELW 731)

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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