



# SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

March 14, 2026

5:00 p.m.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

## Prelude

## Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

## Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 23)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

**he leads me beside still waters;**

**he restores my soul.**

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,**

**I fear no evil, for you are with me;**

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me**

**in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life, and

I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

**We worship in the name of the**

**Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!**

**Hymn** *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word* ELW 520

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

God, you love us and save us from our sin. You seek us and find us. You open our eyes so we can see our need for you. Because you are a God of grace, we can bring our prayers of confession before you.

**We admit that we cannot see or comprehend your amazing love for all of humankind. You are at work in ways that are not visible or tangible. Forgive our sin.**

**Hymn** *There Is a Balm in Gilead* ELW 614

You protect us in times of danger.

**Your grace has brought us this far in life and we are confident that your grace will lead us through this life and into eternity.**

You are a God who keeps your promises.

**You forgive sin and bring abundant life to your people everywhere.**

Let us pray together...**You are the one who breaks through the darkness. Open our eyes to see you at work in your world. Give us your wisdom so that we can see new possibilities in every day. Give us eyes to see our own prejudices that distort our sight and limit our future. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!**

(you may be seated)

## **Community Moment**

**Word**

John 9:1-41

**Message**

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

**Hymn** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* ELW 779

## **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, you bless us in order that we would be a blessing to others. Use these gifts that we bring that they might be living signs of your grace to all who are in need. Bless your church that we would be a source of hope and a blessing to your world. Give us servant hearts that beat to the rhythm of your grace in Jesus' name. Amen!**

## The Table

Your grace is amazing. Your love is steadfast.  
Your mercy is never-ending.

**We gather at your table to receive your forgiveness and feast on your grace.**

We celebrate your victory over sin and death.

**You are truly present in bread and wine.**

## 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; open our eyes to see you more clearly.  
Come, Holy Spirit; open our hearts to love you in deeper ways. Come, Holy Spirit; open our hands to serve your world through specific acts of love and mercy.

## 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** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* ELW 324

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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