



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

March 7, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 95)

Come, let's sing to the Lord!

Let's make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

We will worship and bow down.

We will kneel before our Maker!

We don't belong to ourselves anymore.

We belong to God.

We will listen carefully to what God says.

Come, make a joyful noise to the God of all creation!

We worship in the name of the

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Hymn *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW 533

Confession and Forgiveness

God, you are the fountain of forgiveness and the wellspring of life. As we worship you, we are confident that we can bring our confession to you. You know us as no other. You love us as no other.

We admit the sin of our human condition and our need for you to forgive us. Shower your sweet rain of forgiveness. Flood us with mercy. Forgive our sin.

Hymn *O Lord, We Praise You* ELW 499 vv. 1, 3

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...**Fountain of life, we gather here to drink deeply from the water of everlasting life. Because you are the living water, we will never thirst again. You are the one who can cleanse us. You are the one who can wash our sins away. You are the one who can turn our shame into a new confidence in our identity as your children. Amen!**

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Word

John 4:5-42

Message

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* ELW 611

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 spirit. Because of your great mercy, you offer us living water that will sustain all of life. Bless and use these gifts that we bring to sustain and restore all of life. May these blessings flow like a river of life through the dry desert of despair. Make your church a river of mercy for everyone this ministry touches in Jesus' name. Amen!**

The Table

You are the living water that springs up to eternal life.

**You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God
and you take away the sin of the world.**

We worship you. We gather at your table of mercy.

**You are the risen Christ, and 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; fall fresh on us. Come, Holy Spirit; rain your grace and mercy into the dry places of life. Come, Holy Spirit; shower us with grace and life.

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 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW 618

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

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