



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

April 11, 2026

5:00 p.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 16)

God, without you there is nothing that makes sense.

We are blessed to be surrounded by faith-filled saints; saints from days past and saints yet to come. You have chosen us and now we choose you.

Day in and day out; from morning and through the night you give instructions to our hearts.

You've put our feet on the pathway that leads to life; kingdom life now and forever. We worship you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises* ELW 379

Confession and Forgiveness

You are the God of love; the Giver of love; the one whose love sent Jesus Christ to live, die, and rise from the dead. Because you love us, we can confidently confess our sin.

You love us, choose us, and call us to live in love for others. We admit we cannot love you, love one

another, or love our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, give us new life that only comes from you. Teach us to trust in your love and not our own. Call us into your deeper purposes for the sake of your kingdom.

Hymn *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* ELW 384

Your love for us is most evident in the sacrificial life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are Easter people who live in the promise of resurrection living.

Because of your love for us we can live in peace.

You change our mourning into dancing. You bring light into the middle of our darkness. You bring joy where there is only sadness. You give new life to those who are dead in sin. Because of you, we can live into your deeper purposes for us and for your kingdom.

Let us pray together. **God, you sent your Son to bring love and life to a creation dead in sin. By your Holy Spirit, breathe new life into the dead places of our life and world. You have chosen us to live for deeper purposes. You have chosen us to love you, to love each other, and to love our neighbor in Jesus' name.**

Amen!

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Word

John 20:19-31

Message

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* WOVS 675

The Nicene Creed

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, all that we have and all that we will become belongs to you. We bring these offerings as a living sign of your goodness. Bless them and use them in the work of your kingdom among us. Allow them to be life-giving sources of hope to a world in need. Teach us how to be your faithful, generous followers who work on behalf of your deeper purposes in Jesus' name.**

Amen!

The Table

Come touch his healing hands.

Come touch his wounded side.

The outstretched arms of the risen Christ are waiting to embrace you in this meal of love and forgiveness.

Come and touch. Come and see.

Come and encounter the risen Christ in bread and wine.

The love of God is giving broken hearts new life.

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; breathe on us with new life.

Come, Holy Spirit; fill us with love for you and one another. Come, Holy Spirit; move us to live for your deeper purposes.

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution

Blessing

Prayer

Let us pray together. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,
Amen.

Benediction

Hymn *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!* ELW 380

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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