



# SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship  
June 21, 2026  
9:00 a.m.

## The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude and Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."  
In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

### Opening Hymn

*How Firm a Foundation* ELW 796

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

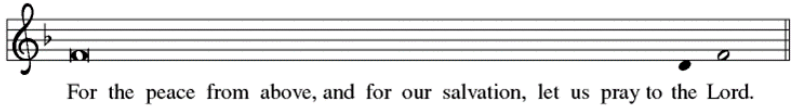
**And also with you.**

# Kyrie


(ELW p. 138)



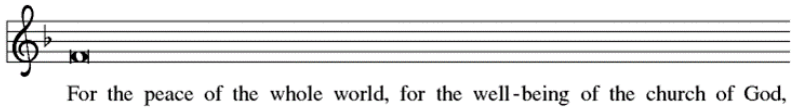
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



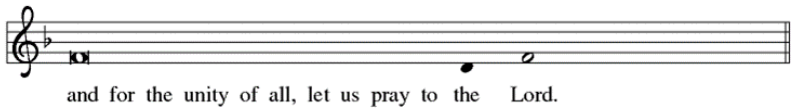
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



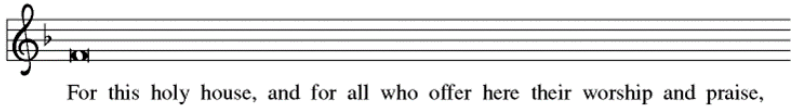
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



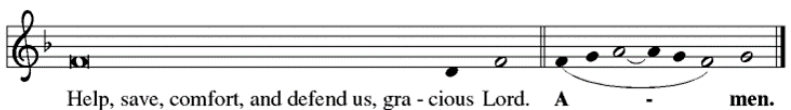
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## Hymn Of Praise *Let the Whole Creation Cry* ELW 876

### Prayer Of The Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

(you may be seated)

## **Reading** Romans 6:1b-11

*Reader:* The Reading today is from Romans 6

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader:* Word of God, word of life.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm** The Psalm today is from Psalm 69

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.

**Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Gospel Acclamation**

(ELW p. 142)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to  
Matthew the 10th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,  
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own  
household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(you may be seated)

## **The Message**

Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please rise in body or spirit)

**Hymn of the Day** *O God, My Faithful God* ELW 806

## **The Apostles’ Creed**

## **Prayers of the Church**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus’ sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering especially those we name aloud or in the quietness of our hearts (*pause...*).  
God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful.  
God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service.  
God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through 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.”**

(you may be seated)

## Offering

(please rise in body or spirit)

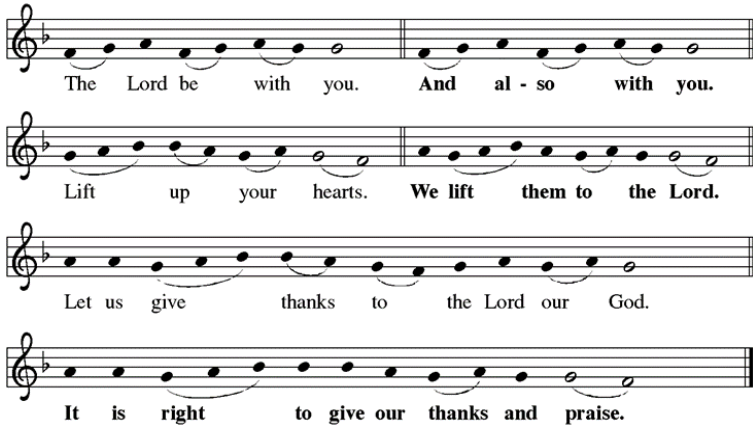
## Offering Prayer

*Assisting Minister:* Let us pray together. **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

(ELW p. 144)



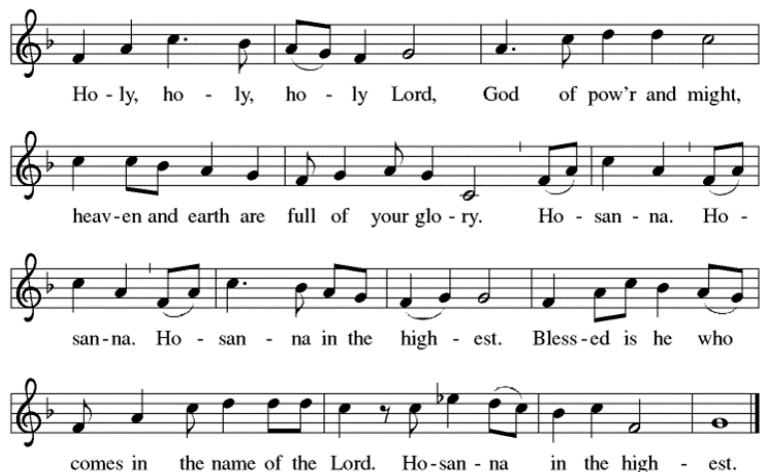
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed 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.

(you may be seated)

### Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near.  
 Come, share in the feast!

### Communion Distribution

## Distribution Music

“Lamb of God”

(ELW p. 146)

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.

*Let Us Break Bread Together* ELW 471

*Children of the Heavenly Father* ELW 781

(please rise in body or spirit)

## 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.

**Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Community Moment

## **Benediction**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
‡ one God, bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised* ELW 810

## **Dismissal**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**