



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Saturday Evening Worship

July 18, 2026

5:00 p.m.

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

(please rise in body or spirit)

**Call to Worship**

(based on Psalm 86)

Teach us to follow you, and we will obey your truth.

Always keep us faithful.

**With all our heart we thank you.**

**We praise you, Lord God. Your love for us is so great  
that you protected us from death and the grave.**

But you, the Lord God, are kind and merciful.

You don't easily get angry, and your love can always be  
trusted.

**We serve you, Lord.**

**Look on us with kindness. Make us strong and save us.**

**Show that you approve of us!**

**Hymn**    *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*    ELW 597

## Confession and Forgiveness

Compassionate God, you reached out your hand to us, beginning a relationship with you that never ends. You sent your Son to save us and teach us, and through him, you send us out on the mission of extending your grace and love toward others.

**We continue to fall short of your glory. 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.**

**Hymn**    *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*    ELW 694

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Jesus Christ, you sacrificed your life's blood to set us free, which means our sins are now forgiven. Because of God's gift of undeserved grace to us, you have shown us the great mystery, wisdom, and understanding of God, our Father. We thank you.

In the name of God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

(you may be seated)

## Community Moment

**Word** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Message** Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please rise in body or spirit)

## Hymn

*The Reign of God, like a Farmer's Field*    ACS 952

## The Apostles' Creed

# Prayers of the Church

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

(you may be seated)

## The Offering

(please rise in body or spirit)

## Prayer of Blessing

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.**

## The Table

Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens. Jesus offers nourishment and wholeness at his table.

**Jesus, you are our source of life and you are truly present with us in bread and wine.**

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

**Great are you Lord, and greatly to be praised!**

## 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.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe new life into us.

Come, Holy Spirit. Send us forth burning with justice,  
peace, and love.

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Invitation to Communion**

## **Communion Distribution**

## **Blessing**

## **Prayer**

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.**

## **Benediction**

**Hymn**    *Jesus, Still Lead On*    ELW 624

## **Dismissal**

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

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