



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

August 15, 2026

5:00 p.m.

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on Isaiah 56)

This is God's message for us; salvation is coming and deliverance is being revealed.

I am welcoming everyone, including "outsiders," to come and work in this covenant kingdom.

Their offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar. My house is a house of prayer for all people, not just "insiders."

This is the word from God for us today. The outcasts of Israel will be gathered together, and all people will worship me in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Hymn

All Are Welcome

ELW 641

Confession and Forgiveness

God, you are able to break down every dividing wall that separates us from you and one another. Forgive our sin.

We have lived alone for too long. We build walls of isolation so high that no one can get through to us. Our fortress of protection is so complete that nothing can penetrate our existence. Break down the walls. Forgive the sin that separates us from you and one another.

Hymn Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW 886

You are the God of new community; the God of authentic, genuine relationships. You are the God who, in Jesus Christ, forgives our sin and makes us a new creation. You are the God who changes death into life.

We praise you and give you thanks. We offer our life to you.

Let us pray together.

By your love and grace, let the walls fall down. In your love there is common ground. In your grace, nothing can divide us from each other. Let no wall stand between us. Let no barrier keep us apart. We are your people who worship you in Jesus' name. Amen!

(you may be seated)

Back to School Blessings

Word

Matthew 15:21-28

Message

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn

Build Longer Tables

ACS 1063

The Apostles' Creed

New Member Welcome and 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. **God of radical inclusivity, keep us from drawing lines that exclude. Give us open, thankful hearts that are motivated to generosity by your goodness. May these gifts be used to break down barriers between people and bring your mercy to all who are in need. Teach us how to be those who practice radical hospitality in the name of Jesus Christ.**

The Table

All are welcome at Christ's table of love and mercy.

There is no division here. There is no barrier between us that God's love cannot penetrate.

The risen Christ is truly present in bread and wine.

Jesus Christ, you are the Son of God and Savior of the world. You are the way, the truth, and the life. We are those who respond to your command to "come."

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!

Holy Spirit, come and break down the walls that divide us from one another. Holy Spirit, come and show us how bias and prejudice have no place in your kingdom.

Holy Spirit, come and penetrate our hardened hearts
with your love and mercy.

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 Shall Reign ELW 434

Dismissal

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

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