



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Saturday Evening Worship

August 8, 2026

5:00 p.m.

**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

(please rise in body or spirit)

**Call to Worship**

(based on Psalm 85)

We want to listen to what you say to us; speak peace  
into our troubled hearts.

**Where you are, steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Faithfulness springs up from the ground and  
righteousness looks down from the sky.

**You fill your creation with all that is good. We worship  
you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen!**

**Hymn**

Evening and Morning

ELW 761

**Confession and Forgiveness**

God, storms press against us and threaten us. We need  
you to be our refuge. We need you to be that safe place  
we call home. Because you are worthy of our trust, we  
can confess our sin to you.

**We are sinners who need you to save us. Save us from our sin. Save us from ourselves. Save us from life outside of your presence. Forgive our sin.**

## **Hymn**

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

You are our refuge; our safe home in times of trouble. In Jesus Christ you welcome us home. In Jesus Christ you forgive our sin. We give you thanks and praise. Let us pray together.

**God, you are that safe and secure place; a shelter in the time of storm. You shade us at day and defend us by night. The raging storms can threaten us but you are our safe place. You not only understand our circumstances; you have felt our pain. We are your people who worship you in Jesus' name. Amen!**

(you may be seated)

## **Community Moment**

### **Word**

Matthew 14:22-33

### **Message**

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

## **Hymn**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

## **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. **You have placed a song on our lips and grateful thanksgiving in our hearts. Build in us hearts of generosity, who respond to your goodness through specific acts of justice and mercy. Make your church a safe place, a haven of safety for those caught in the storms of life. Make us, your people, those who name you as Lord of all creation. Amen!**

## **The Table**

Welcome to the bread of life and the cup of love.

**The life of Jesus is poured for all who are thirsty. The body of Christ is broken for sinners who need a Savior.**

The risen Christ is truly present in bread and wine.

**This is a mystery and a miracle. You are both the host and the meal. You are the Son of the living God and you take away the sin of the world.**

## **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 save us from our self-destructive behaviors. Bring peace. Holy Spirit, come and calm the raging storms of life. Bring peace. Holy Spirit, come and be close to us; present with us. Bring peace.

## **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**      Precious Lord, Take My Hand      ELW 773

## Dismissal

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

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