



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship
August 9, 2026
9:00 a.m.

The Eleventh 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.

Silence is kept for reflection

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.

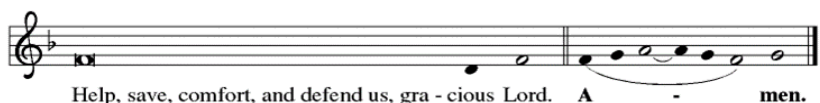
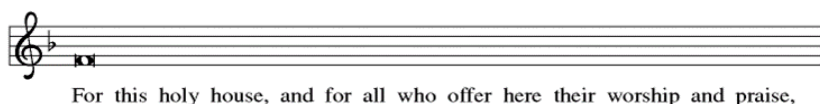
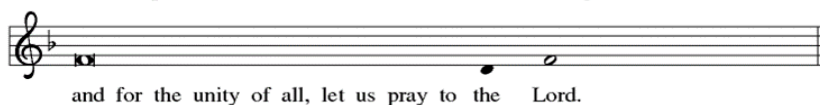
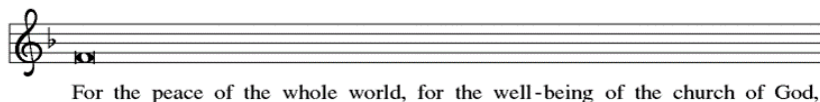
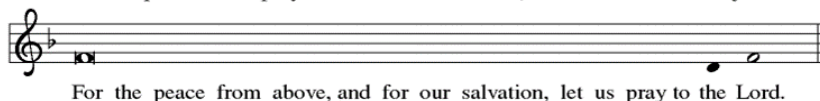
Greeting

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)



Hymn Of Praise

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774

Prayer Of The Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(you may be seated)

Reading Romans 10:5-15

Reader: The Reading today is from Romans 10

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,

in your mouth and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear

without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm The Psalm today is from Psalm 85

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and
to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear
you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from
heaven.**

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land
will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

(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 14:22-33

Preacher: The Gospel according to
Matthew the 14th chapter.

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

Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and go on

ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

(you may be seated)

The Message

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn of the Day

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW 632

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer (*especially those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts*).

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

For Shepherd of the Prairie Lutheran Church and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal

kingdom. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you
have promised. All this we ask in the name of
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

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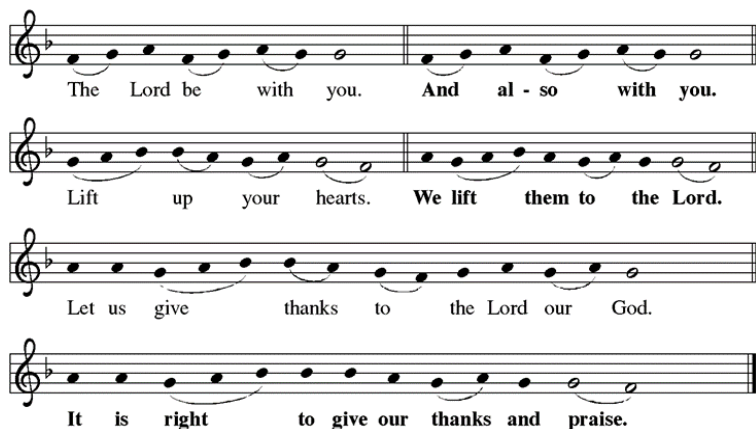
Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: Let us pray together.

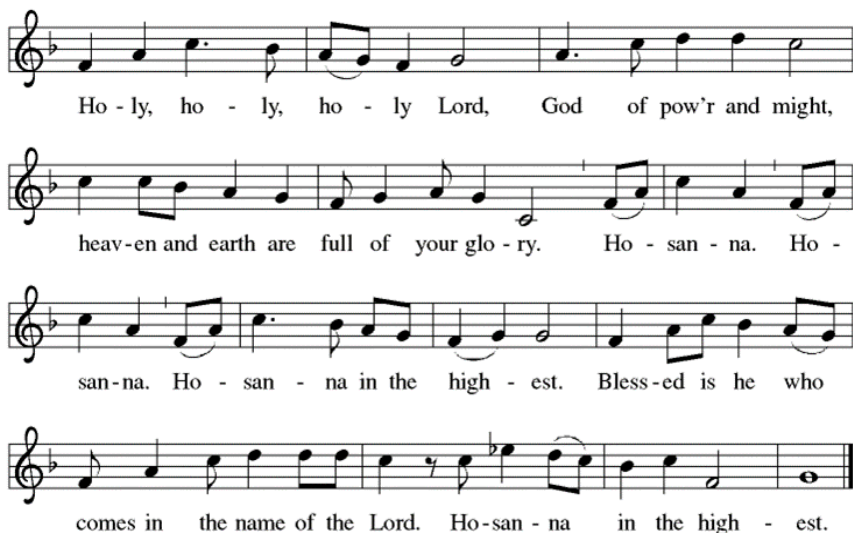
**Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our
hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of
your love, so that all creation can taste your
abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

(ELW p. 144)



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:



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.

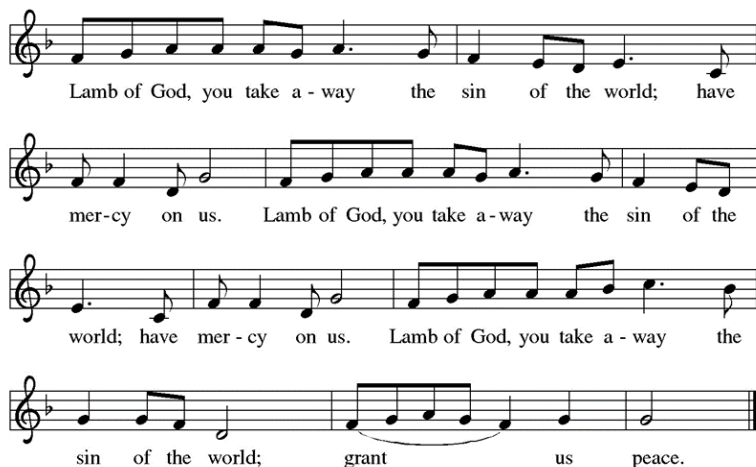
Come, share in the feast!

Communion Distribution

Distribution Music

"Lamb of God"

(ELW p. 146)



*Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Eternal Father Strong to Save*

ELW 773

(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

Sending Hymn

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

