



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

September 12, 2026

5:00 p.m.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 103)

God, you are full of mercy and grace.

You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

In you we find complete forgiveness; you don't hold a grudge or pay us back for our wrongdoing.

How far away do you remove our transgressions? As far as the east is from the west! As high as the heavens are above the earth. You are like a loving parent who offers forgiveness to a child. We worship you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Hymn All Creatures, Worship God Most High ELW 835

Confession and Forgiveness

God, we want to see you. We want to touch you. We want to hear your clear declaration of forgiveness. As we worship, hear our prayers of confession.

We admit that we are dead in our sin. We do not forgive as we have been forgiven. We strike back, hold grudges, and judge others. Forgive us.

Hymn In Thee Is Gladness ELW 867

You have opened the window to eternal life through the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of your Son, Jesus Christ. Now we can see all of life in a new way.

We thank you for the saving actions of Jesus Christ on our behalf!

Let us pray together...**God, we want to see you. We want to see the world through your eyes. We want to look at one another through the lens of your love and forgiveness. Teach us how to resolve conflict and see endless possibilities for reconciliation. Pour out your power and love as we worship you in Jesus' name. Amen!**

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Word Matthew 18:21-35

Message Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn I Come with Joy ELW 482

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...**God, you are able to see us as we really are. Make these gifts signs of your gracious love to everyone they touch. Grow our hearts in thankfulness and gratefulness. Use our hands in loving service. Give us spiritual eyesight to see the many needs around us and respond in your name. Amen!**

The Table

We come to the table of love to see things in a new way. Here we see God's vision of love for the whole world.

This is the bread of life. This is the cup of love. Christ is with us.

We come to touch with our hands and taste on our lips a love which we cannot comprehend.

The risen Christ is truly present in bread and wine.

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 teach us how to extend forgiveness to others. Holy Spirit, come and help us to be those who live for reconciliation and restoration. Holy Spirit, come and allow us to let go of all that we selfishly hold in our hands.

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 God's Work, Our Hands ACS 1000

Dismissal

Go in peace. Walk in love. Put your faith into action!
Thanks be to God!



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