



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

September 19, 2026

5:00 p.m.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 145)

We will praise you, our God and King, and always honor your name.

We will praise you each day and always honor your name. You are wonderful, Lord, and you deserve all praise, because you are much greater than anyone can understand.

Each generation will share with the next your wonderful and powerful deeds. We will keep thinking about your marvelous glory and your mighty miracles.

Everyone will talk about your awesome deeds, and will tell all the world how great you are. We will celebrate and sing about your matchless mercy and your power to save. You are merciful, Lord! You are kind and patient and always loving.

Hymn *How Great Thou Art* ELW 856

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy God, you lavish each of us with incredible generosity and grace, but we don't always freely share your generosity and grace with others.

We admit that we have not always followed the ways of your Son. We fail to put others before ourselves and we hoard your generosity and grace rather than let it flow through us toward others.

Help us to learn from your Son, Jesus Christ. Ground us in your love and mercy. Transform us how we see you, others, and ourselves, that we may be better instruments of your grace.

Forgive us for the things we have done and the things we have failed to do. Send your Spirit of renewal among us and this assembly that we may be restored to live to praise and glorify only you.

Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* ELW 733

God's mercy knows no bounds. In great love for us, God sent us Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to die in order that we might live. In his name, your sins are forgiven!

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace as we pray together...**Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Word

Matthew 20:1-16

Message

Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness* ELW 765

The Sacrament of Baptism - Camden Andrew Fasel

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 creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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 bless us in this meal so that we may be filled with your grace. Holy Spirit, come and teach us how to extend grace and mercy to others. Holy Spirit, come and send us from this table ready to spread peace and love throughout all the world.

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution

Blessing

Prayer

Let us pray together. **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Benediction

Hymn *Rise Up, O Saints of God!* ELW 669

Dismissal

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

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