



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

October 10, 2026

5:00 p.m.

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

2026 Stewardship Emphasis - There is Always Room

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 23)

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my
fears, from death into life.

**God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want, I rest in
the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the
quiet waters of peace.**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my
fears, from death into life.

**You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth.
Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no
evil, for you are at my side, your rod and your staff my
comfort and my hope.**

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my
fears, from death into life.

**You have set for me a banquet of love in the face of
hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to
hold. Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all
the days of my life; I will dwell in Your forevermore.**

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God ELW 839

Confession and Forgiveness

God, you have invited us to the bountiful feast that is your kingdom. You have blessed us richly, but we don't always share your gracious abundance as freely as we should.

We confess that we are not always as generous and caring as you created us to be. We sometimes take for granted the awesome abundance of everything you have first given to us. Forgive us for the things we have done, and the things we have failed to do. Help us to be better stewards of your riches, more open to lavishing others with the kind of blessings you have lavished upon us.

Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing ELW 362 vv. 1, 7, 8

Hear this good news: 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.

Amen.

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Word

Matthew 22:1-14

Message

Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS 977

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 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

Come to the feast our Lord Jesus has set before us. Taste the bread and drink the cup, trusting that Christ joins us at his table.

The risen Christ is truly present in this sacrament.
We come to receive all that God has to offer.

Come experience the richness of God's kingdom. Come to the banquet that never ends. Receive food for your soul, nourishment to go out and serve God's world.

When we gather here, we are filled with heavenly
blessings and grace, and we are formed to live as
God's holy people, sent to love the world God made.

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 open our hearts to receive this meal with gratitude and joy. Holy Spirit, come and open our hearts to to know more deeply the any ways you bless us daily. Holy Spirit, come, unite us at this table, join as one in the body of your Son, then send us out yearning to share our faithful joy with others..

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

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 *Sent Forth BY God's Blessing* ELW 547

Dismissal

Go in peace. Walk in love. Put your faith into action!

Thanks be to God!