



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

October 17, 2026

5:00 p.m.

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 96)

Sing to the Lord a new song; let all the earth rejoice!

**We gather to praise God
and proclaim God's saving love.**

Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

Great is the Lord and worthy of our praise!

Bring your offerings and come into God's presence.

With grateful hearts, we offer our lives to God.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Let us worship with joy, wonder, and thanksgiving!

Hymn

You Servants of God ELW 825

Confession and Forgiveness

God, you are sovereign, loving, and merciful. Because you promise to forgive the sin of those who confess their sin, we pray our confession before you now.

We are dead in our sin and we cannot save ourselves; not by what we think, say or do. Sin has distorted our view of the world and your restoration can heal us. Sin has shattered your intentions and your restoration can bring us back to your purposes and promises. Forgive our sin.

Hymn *Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW 685

You are the God of restoration, reconciliation, and renewal.

Jesus Christ has done for us what we cannot do for ourselves. In his life, death, and resurrection, he has changed everything through forgiveness and love. We are a new creation. We are reconciled with God and one another. We are restored through the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise God!

Let us pray...Holy God, all things are yours and your kingdom belongs to you. You are our sovereign God and everything in all creation lives under your canopy of grace and mercy. As we worship, help us grasp your holiness and your love for your creation. We belong to you and you call us by name. Restore us and all creation in Jesus' name.

Amen!

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Word

Matthew 22:15-22

Message

Pastor Mark Boster

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW 686

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...**Generous God, all that we have comes from your loving hands. Receive these gifts and the offering of our lives as our song of thanksgiving. Use them to proclaim your saving love, welcome our neighbors, and share your goodness with the world. May all we give and all we do bring glory to your name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Table

We come to touch and taste what our minds cannot comprehend.

This is the cup of love and the bread of life. This is the sacrament of love and mercy given for all. The risen Christ is truly present in this meal.

We come to be forgiven and freed for God's purposes.

It is God who invites us. It is God who meets us here. There is a place for everyone in the kingdom of God.

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, help us understand how you are at work in your world. Holy Spirit, teach us how to respond to your grace in every minute of every day. Holy Spirit, restore your church and heal the broken places. Bring your kingdom among us.

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 *God of Grace and God of Glory* ELW 705

Dismissal

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