SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship
November 7, 2026
5:00 p.m.
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

(please rise in body or spirit)

Call to Worship

(based on the Wisdom of Solomon 6 alternate text for the day)

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her
and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known
to those who desire her.

One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account
will soon be free from care,

because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

Hymn *Blessed Assurance* ELW 638

Confession

What a blessing it is to be the children of our Holy God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
We come before our God, in worship, confessing our sins.

Holy God, we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.

Hymn *When Peace Like a River* ELW 785

Jesus Christ, we are yours. We belong to you. In you, we find new life in the Spirit. Through your life, death, and resurrection, you have won for us a deep forgiveness and freed us to live a life worthy of your love. Let us pray together.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!

(you may be seated)

Community Moment

Word Matthew 25:1-13

Message Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn *Wake, Awake, for Night is Falling ELW 436*

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...**Eternal God,**
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Table

The love of God, the grace of Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you. In this meal, the risen Christ is truly present in bread and wine. We are no longer dead in our sin but alive in Christ.

The overwhelming generosity of God is revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

He is the bread of life. He is the cup of love. Jesus Christ is both the host and the meal.

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 prepare our hearts to receive our Savior fully and eagerly. Holy Spirit, come and feed us, mind and spirit, for the work of sharing your good news in all the world. Holy Spirit, come and make us passionate followers of Jesus Christ.

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution

Blessing

Prayer

Let us pray together. **Holy God,**
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out,
awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

Benediction

Hymn *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* ACS 950

Dismissal

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