SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship
November 8, 2026
9:00 a.m.
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

(please rise in body or spirit)

Confession and Forgiveness

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.
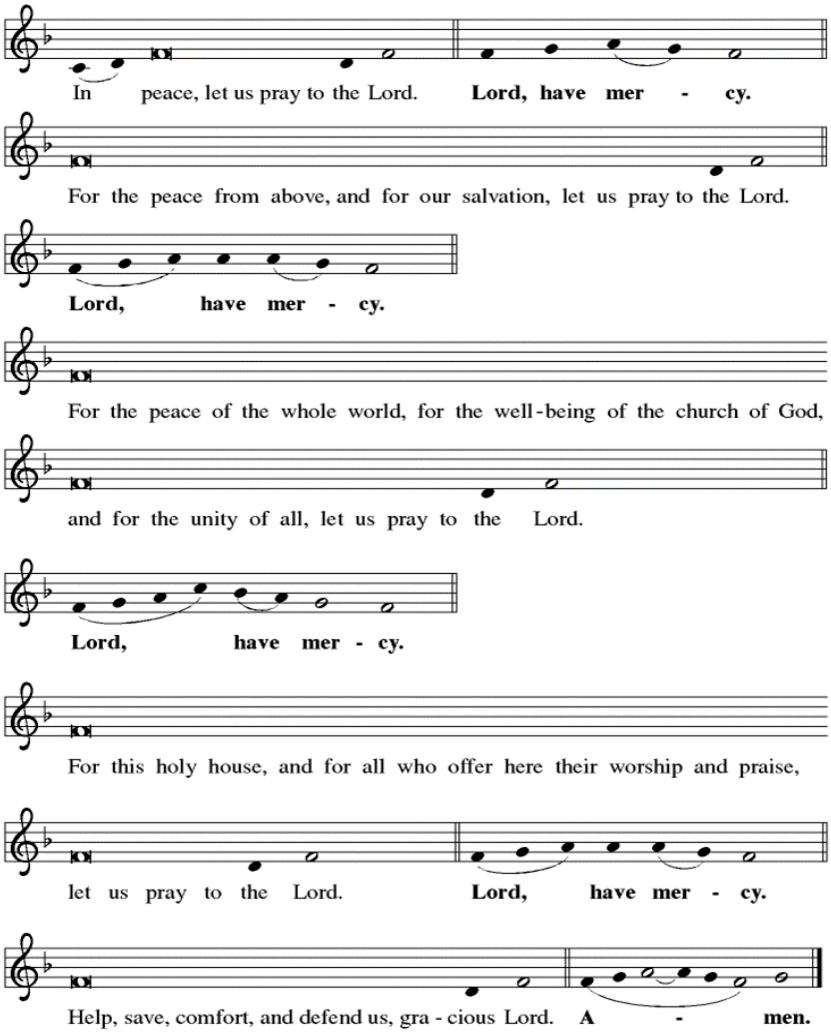
Opening Hymn *When Peace Like a River* ELW 785

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

(ELW p. 138)



Hymn Of Praise

Come, We That Love the Lord ELW 625 vv. 1, 3, 4

Prayer Of The Day

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)

Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader: The Reading today is from 1 Thessalonians 4

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm *Reader:* The Psalm today is from Psalm 70

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be put to shame
and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
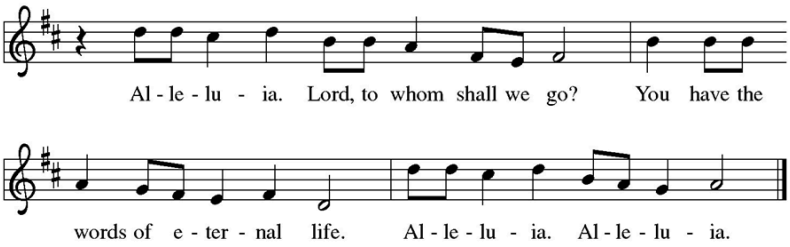
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever,
"Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly,
O God. You are my helper and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not tarry.

(please rise in body or spirit)

Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 142)



Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Preacher: The Gospel according to
Matthew the 25th chapter

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord**.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not

know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(you may be seated)

The Message

Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please rise in body or spirit)

Hymn of the Day

Wake, Awake, for Night is Falling ELW 436

The Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the Church

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. We pray especially for those we now name aloud or in the quietness of our hearts *pause…)*.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life.
God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Presiding Minister:
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Congregation: **And also with you.**
Greet one another: **"Peace be with you."**

(you may be seated)

Offering

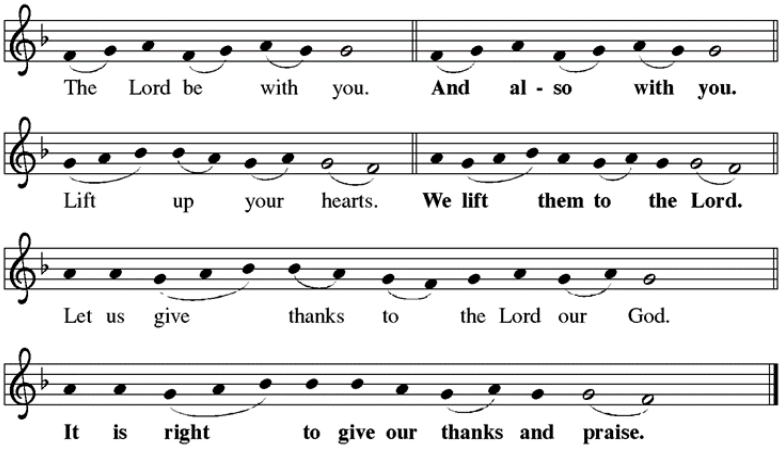
Autumn Carol
Choir with Hand Bells

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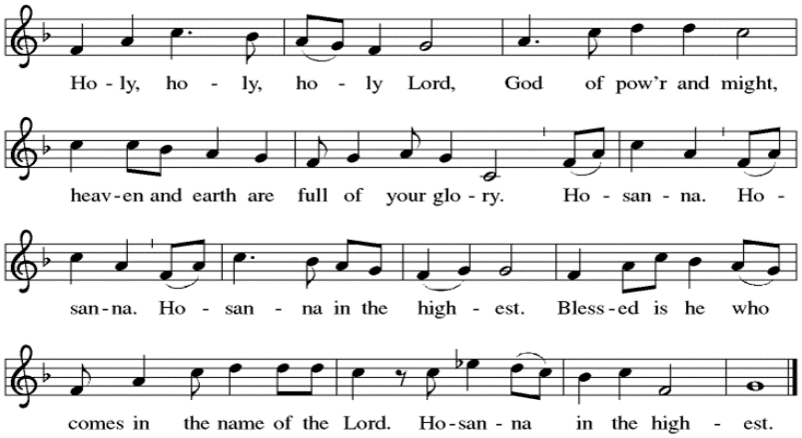
Offering Prayer

Assisting Minister: 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.

Great Thanksgiving (ELW p. 144)



Presiding Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

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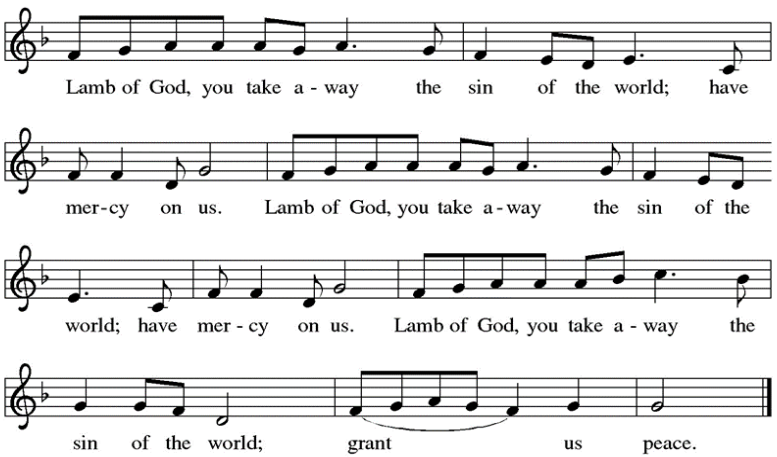
Invitation to Communion

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

Communion Distribution

Distribution Music

"Lamb of God" (ELW p. 146)



As Saints of Old ELW 695
Blessed Assurance ELW 638

(please rise in body or spirit)

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Prayer

Assisting Minister: 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.

Community Moment

Benediction

Sending 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!

Postlude

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