



# SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship  
November 26, 2022  
5:00 p.m.

First Weekend of Advent

## Prelude

## Advent Hope

(please stand)

## Candle Lighting Litany

*In this season of longing and anticipation,*  
draw us together, Lord, in unity,  
**that our praise and worship might echo in these walls  
and also through our lives.**

*In this season of longing and anticipation,*  
draw us together, Lord, in mission,  
**that the hope within might be the song we sing and  
the melody of our lives.**

*In this season of longing and anticipation,*  
draw us together, Lord, in service,  
**that the path we follow might lead us from a stable  
to a glimpse of eternity.**

## Hymn

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

ELW 257 vs. 1-2

# The Confession and Forgiveness

God, it is your dream that we would come to you and place our trust in you. You dream that we would see the futility of religious behavior and realize that we are dead in our sin. Hear us as we pray:

**Lord Jesus, we would like to believe that we are better than those around us. We cannot save ourselves from sin. We cannot run away from death. Forgive us.**

**Hymn**      “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”      ELW 244

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

(please be seated)

**Message**      Matthew 24:36-44      Pastor Ryan Mackey

(please stand)

**Hymn**      “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”      ELW 242

# The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

# The Prayers & Sharing of Peace

(sit)

## Offering

(stand)

## Offering Prayer

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

## The Table

God comforts us with the promise of our Redeemer.

**As we come to the table, we come with hopeful hearts, trusting in God’s promises. We come to meet our promised Redeemer.**

The risen Christ is truly present in bread and wine.

**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!**

God, with this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

## **Lord’s Prayer** *(prayed together)*

(please be seated)

## **The Distribution**

(please stand)

## **Blessing**

## **Hymn** “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!” ELW 246

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**