



SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

March 19, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Pre Service Announcement Loop

Welcome

Song "God Is For Us"

Song "Way Maker"

Children's Message

The Word John 9:1-41

Message Pastor Mark Boster

Song "Lord I Need You"

The Creed (Luther's Explanation to the Third Article of the Creed)

I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, made me holy and kept me in the true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one common, true faith. Daily in this Christian church the Holy Spirit abundantly forgives all sins—mine and those of all believers. On the last day the Holy Spirit will raise me and all the dead and will give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

The Prayers

Eternal God, you seal us by the Holy Spirit and mark us with the cross of Christ forever in baptism. Inspire us by your love as together we strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

By your word you have made all things, and you hate nothing you have made. Teach us to perceive the beauty of the breadth of your creation, from the grandest mountain range to the smallest springtime bud.

You anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all.

You lead us beside still waters and restore our souls.
Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick
and comfort those who grieve.

You fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask.
Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding
ministries of this congregation and community. Nourish us
so we can nourish our neighbors.

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your
steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole
creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Offering

Prayer of Blessing

God, you bless us in order that we would be a blessing to
others. Use these gifts that we bring that they might be
living signs of your grace to all who are in need. Bless
your church that we would be a source of hope and a
blessing to your world. Give us servant hearts that beat
to the rhythm of your grace in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Table

Your grace is amazing. Your love is steadfast. Your mercy
is never-ending.

We gather at your table to receive your forgiveness and feast on your grace.

We celebrate your victory over sin and death.

You are truly present in bread and wine.

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!

Come, Holy Spirit; open our eyes to see you more clearly.
Come, Holy Spirit; open our hearts to love you in deeper ways.
Come, Holy Spirit; open our hands to serve your world through specific acts of love and mercy.

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus,
our strength in the wilderness.

The Distribution

Distribution Song "Simplicity"

Prayer

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

Blessing

God, the giver of love,
✝ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

Song “Great Are You Lord”

Go in peace. Serve in love

Thanks be to God.

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