



# **SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Saturday Evening Worship

April 20, 2024

5:00 p.m.

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

(please stand as you are able)

## **Call to Worship**

(from Psalm 23)

Holy God, you are our shepherd,  
You care for us always.

**You provide me rest in rich, green fields  
beside streams of refreshing water.**

**You soothes my fears;**

You make us whole again,  
steering us off worn, hard paths  
to roads where truth and righteousness echo your  
name.

**Even in the unending shadows of death's darkness,  
I am not overcome by fear.**

**Because You are with me in those dark moments,  
near with your protection and guidance,  
I am comforted.**

You spread out a table before us,  
in the midst of attack from our enemies;  
You care for all our needs, anointing our heads with  
soothing, fragrant oil,  
filling our cups again and again with your grace.  
**Certainly your faithful protection and loving goodness  
and mercy will pursue me, always, wherever I go.  
I will always be with you,  
in your house forever.**

**Hymn** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing ELW 385

## **Confession**

God, this is our prayer; that the seed of your Word would grow in us. Make our hearts good soil where the smallest seeds of faith can become the fruit of imperishable life. Because you are loving and merciful we can bring our confession to you.

**We admit that the soil of our hearts is often cold and hardened to the seed of your Word. Because of sin, we cannot love you with all our heart, love one another, or love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, come and stir the soil of our hearts so that we can be those who grow in love for you and one another.**

**Hymn** The Lord's My Shepherd ELW 778

You have broken through the hardened places of our life. Your love and light warm the cold earth and new life begins to grow. We have new life again and again because of Jesus Christ. His life, death, and resurrection transforms our old life into eternal life. Let us pray.

**God, you are the giver of all life. You are the one who is able to breathe new life into places where there has only been death and despair. Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Allow the seeds of faith you've given us to grow and flourish so that we can be part of the work you are already doing in Jesus' name. Amen!**

(you may be seated)

## **Community Moment**

### **Message**

John 10:11-18

Pastor Ryan Mackey

### **Hymn**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502

(please stand as you are able)

## **The Apostle's Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**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

(you may be seated)

## The Offering

(please stand as you are able)

## Prayer of Blessing

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## The Table

Come, risen Christ, and meet us in bread and wine.

**Come, Holy Creator of the universe, and touch us in this sacrament.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us as your people to bear fruit in your kingdom.

**This is your feast; the meal of love and forgiveness.**

## 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!**

## Lord's Prayer

(you may be seated)

## The Distribution

(please stand as you are able)

## Blessing

# Benediction

**Hymn** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us ELW 789

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**