



# SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Saturday Evening Worship

April 27, 2024

5:00 p.m.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

## Prelude

## Welcome

(please stand as you are able)

## Call to Worship

(from Psalm 22)

When your people meet,  
you will fill our hearts with your praises, Lord,

**The poor will eat and be full,  
and all who worship you will be thankful  
and live in hope.**

Everyone on this earth will remember you, Lord.

People all over the world will turn and worship you,  
because you are in control,  
the ruler of all nations.

**All who are rich and have more than enough  
will bow down to you, Lord.**

**Even those who are dying and almost in the grave  
will come and bow down.**

In the future, everyone will worship  
and learn about you, our Lord.

**People not yet born will be told,  
“The Lord has saved us!”**

**Hymn** This Joyful Eastertide ELW 391

## 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** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds ELW 367

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 15:1-8

Pastor Ryan Mackey

## Hymn

We Know that Christ is Raised ELW 449

(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

## Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

(you may be seated)

## Communion Distribution

(please stand as you are able)

## Blessing

## Benediction

**Hymn** Let All Things Now Living ELW 881

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**