



# SHEPHERD OF THE PRAIRIE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Morning Worship

July 14, 2024

9:00 a.m.

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Prelude**

(please stand as you are able)

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from  
the ways of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

# Opening Hymn

Lead On O King Eternal

ELW 805

## Greeting

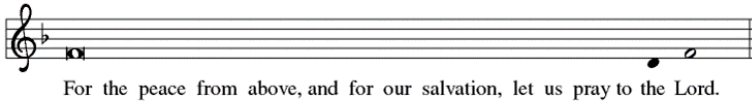
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



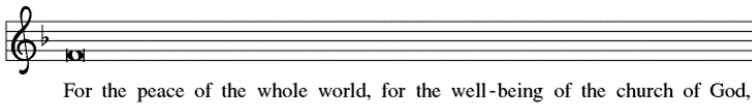
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



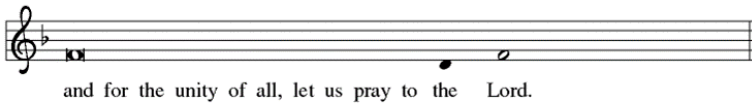
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



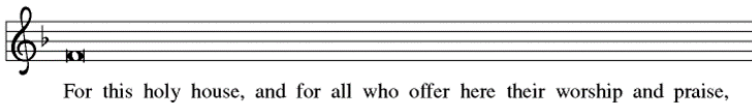
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



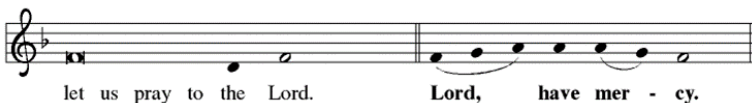
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



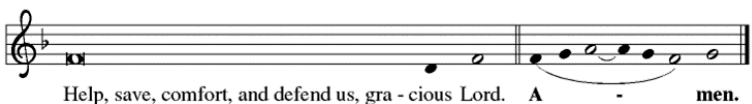
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## Hymn Of Praise

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

## Prayer Of The Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

## Community Moment

### Reading

*Reader:* The Reading today is from Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard

the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; 14 this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Reader: The Psalm today is from Psalm 85

I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Reader: Word of God, word of Life.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand as you are able)

## Gospel Acclamation

(ELW p. 142)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel:** Mark 6:14-29

*Preacher:* The Gospel according to Mark the 6th chapter.

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

King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples

heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

## **The Message**

Pastor Mark Boster

## **Hymn of the Day**

Faith of our Fathers

ELW 812

## **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**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. (*We pray especially for those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts*) In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

# Passing of the Peace

*Presiding Minister:*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

Greet one another: **“Peace be with you.”**

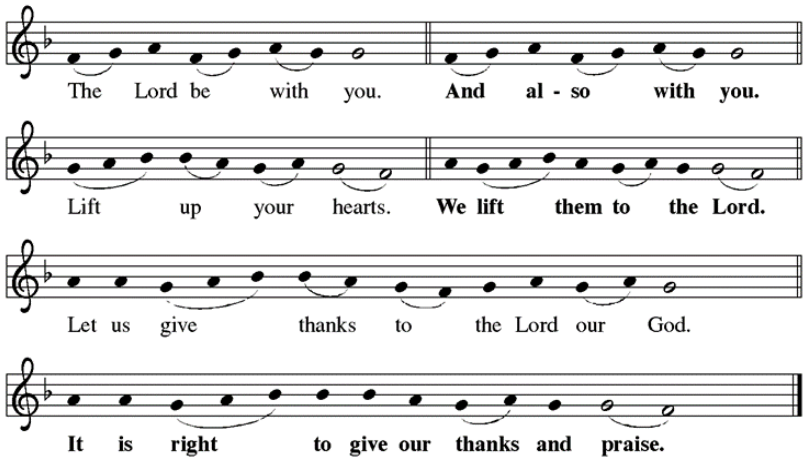
# Offering

## Offering Prayer

*Assisting Minister:* Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

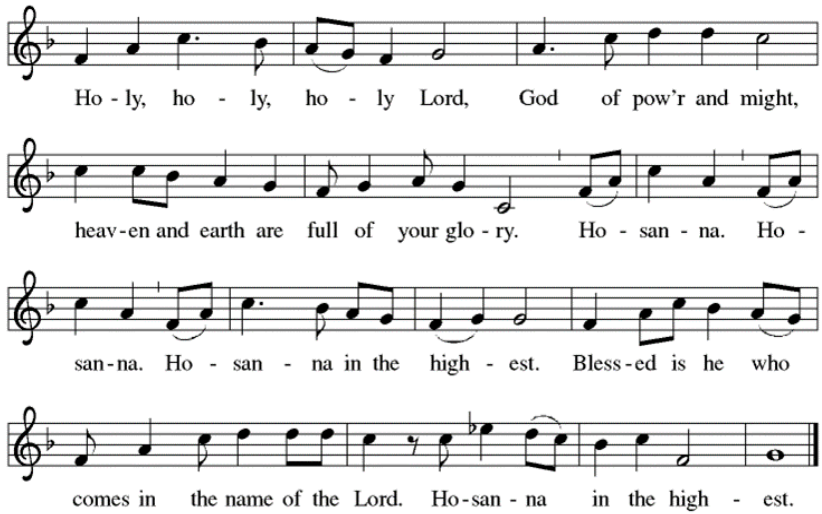
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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:





Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

### Invitation to Communion

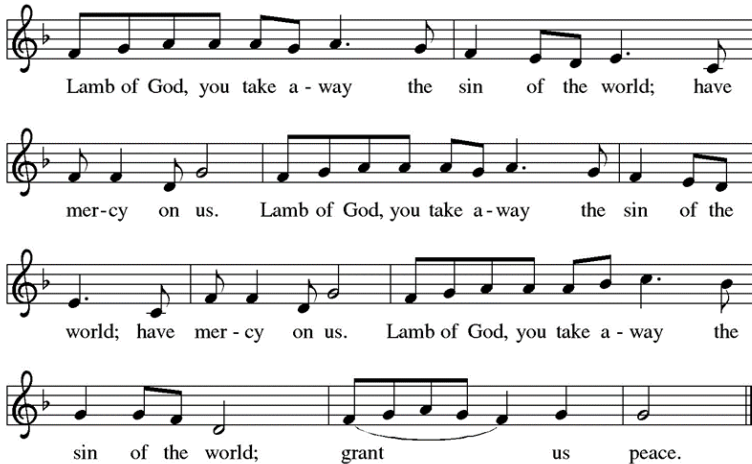
Christ has set the table with more than enough for  
 all. Come and be fed!

# Communion Distribution

## Distribution Music

Lamb of God

(ELW p. 146)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee ELW 697

Lead Me Guide Me

ELW 768

## 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:* Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table more than we  
could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this  
meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your  
own life. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## Benediction

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

‡ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

Just A Closer Walk with Thee

## **Dismissal**

*Assisting Minister:*

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**