



SHEPHERD *of the* LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 11:00am

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

For Your Convenience...

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located in the back corner of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located on the lower level. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

Prayer before worship

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am re-committed to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.



The Common Service

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*The Common Service" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church
and became the service commonly used by English-speaking Lutherans in America.*



PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING DIALOUGE AND HYMN

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

C: God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Genesis 1:31

HYMN: CW 235 v 1.....*Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him*

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: There is no difference. . . For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God *Romans 3:22,23*

C: All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one. *Romans 3:12*

M: Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:8

C: What a wretched [person] I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

Romans 7:24

HYMN: CW 235 v 3.....*Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him*

M: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

HYMN: CW 235 v 2.....*Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him*

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God who delivers us through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:25

C: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

Romans 8:1

HYMN: CW 235 v 4.....*Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



PLEASE BE SEATED

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him,

though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 66 (*page 90 in the front part of the hymnal*)

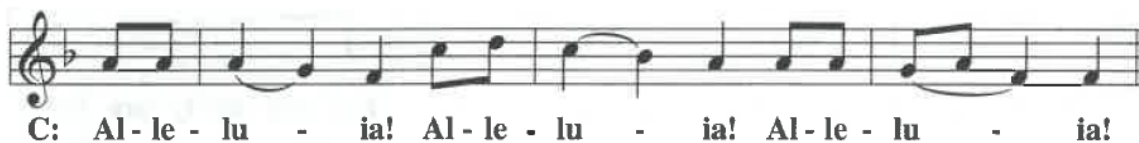
SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰ to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹ and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

After the minister speaks the Verse of the Day, the congregation sings the following Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (John 14:23 cf. NIV)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:15-21

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH—APOSTLES’ CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 377 vv 1-8*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

SERMON

PLEASE STAND

SERMON RESPONSE: *Create in Me*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

Offerings can be mailed to our church office at 517 Tilden Street, Fairmont, MN 56031 or made on our website under the "Donate" tab at the top of the homepage or taken to Profinium Bank in Fairmont

***To our visitors:** The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world.. Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

PRAYER & 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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN: CW 377 vv 9,10*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

PLEASE STAND

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

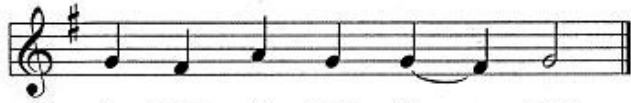
C: A - men.

THE BLESSING

M: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 479 vv 1,4.....Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me

Notes and News for May 17, 2020

Prayer Requests

As a we love each other as the body of Christ, we want to "rejoice with those who rejoice [and] mourn with those who mourn" (Romans 12:15). If you have any prayer requests, please pass them on to Pastor that we may take them to the Lord with you!

Member Communion Opportunities

Our next opportunity for communion for our members will take place on May 21st and May 22nd at church from 9:00am to 12:00pm. The same precautions will be put into place as they have been so far.

Building Project

Continue to look at Facebook at the "Building Project" photo album to see pictures go up of our project's progress! Rooms have been painted, along with the sanctuary! Pastor will post more updates when he receives some more specifics! Thank you to all who have volunteered and put their time and other resources into this project! You have all been a wonderful blessing for your work for the Lord's house!

Easter Breakfast Donations

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our Easter Breakfast this year due to COVID-19 circumstances. During our breakfast, the Lutheran Women collect donations for specific work. If you still wish to donate what would have been given at our Easter Breakfast, feel free to mail it to church and specify it for our Easter Breakfast. These donations this year will be given toward our organ fund to help finish raising funds for our new organ purchase for our new building!

Remember in your Prayers this Week

- + Birthdays: Roger Miedtke (5/20)!
- + Anniversaries:
- + Prayer requests:

~Please remember also in your prayers those whose birthdays or anniversaries Pastor forgot to mention last week!

- + Birthdays: Terry Barnes (5/14)!
- + Anniversaries: Travis & Ventura Ulrich (5/15)!