



SHEPHERD *of the* LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

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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 just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. 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 recommitted to serve you faithfully. In



SERVICE of the Word



Pg. 38 in Christian Worship

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN: CW 409vv1,4.....Come, My Soul, with Every Care

Verse 1:

***Come, my soul, with ev'ry care;
Jesus loves to answer prayer.
He himself bids you to pray
And will never turn away.***

Verse 3:

***Lord, your rest to me impart;
Take possession of my heart.
There your blood-bought right maintain
And without a rival reign.***

PLEASE STAND

GREETING

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: Taste and see that the LORD is good;

C: **Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.** *Psalm 34:8*

M: Your word, LORD, is eternal;

C: **it stands firm in the heavens.**

ALL: **Your faithfulness continues through all generations.** *Psalm 119:89-90a*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 119b *Read responsively according to the directions printed*

Refrain

All: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

M: Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;

C: then I will keep them to the end.

M: Give me understanding, and I will keep your law

C: and obey it with all my heart.

M: Direct me in the path of your commands,

C: for there I find delight.

Refrain

M: Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

C: preserve my life according to your Word.

M: Fulfill your promise to your servant,

C: so that you may be feared.

M: How I long for your precepts!

C: Preserve my life in your righteousness!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:17-21

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

²⁰ Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

Grace be with you all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68 cf. NIV)

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 418v5.....*My God Will Never Leave Me*

*And when the world will perish With all its pride and pow'r,
All that the world may cherish Will vanish in that hour.
But though in death they make The deepest grave our cover,
When there our sleep is over, Our God will us awake.*

SERMON

PLEASE STAND

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.

OFFERING

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

***To our visitors:** 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. The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. 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 OF THE CHURCH

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 477v4.....*What Is the World to Me*

***What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my pleasure.
My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss eternally.
Once more then I declare: What is the world to me!***

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 325vv2,3.....How Blest Are They Who Hear

Verse 1:

***God's Word a treasure is to me,
Through sorrow's night my sun shall be,
The shield of faith in battle.
The Father's hand has written there
My title as his child and heir,
"The kingdom's yours forever."
That promise fails me never.***

Verse 3:

***Today I was my Savior's guest;
My soul was here so richly blest,
The bread of life receiving.
Oh, may thereby my faith prevail
So that its fruits may never fail
Till my account is given
Before God's throne in heaven.***