



*Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
has blessed us in the heavenly
realms with every spiritual
blessing in Christ.
(Ephesians 1:3)*

114 E. Blue Earth Avenue

Fairmont, MN 56031

Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

www.shepherdofthelakes.net

Pastor Jason Zuehlke

Church Phone: (507) 238-2998

Parsonage Phone: (507) 238-9663

Pastor Zuehlke Cell: (507) 848-8905

PastorZuehlke@outlook.com

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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 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



THE SERVICE of WORD and SACRAMENT



Pg. 26 in Christian Worship

OPENING HYMN: CW 339vv1,4.....*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

Verse 1: Today your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.

*However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today*

Verse 4: O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,

*What should we do without you When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.*

PLEASE STAND

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 & ABSOLUTION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY—*Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of 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 God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 17:1-6

Elijah Announces a Great Drought

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

Elijah Fed by Ravens

² Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³ "Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there."

⁵ So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 42-43 *Read responsively according to the directions printed*

Refrain

ALL: Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

M: As the deer pants for streams of water,

C: so my soul pants for you, O God.

M: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

C: Where can I go and meet with God?

M: Why are you downcast, O my soul?

C: Why so disturbed within me?

M: Put your hope in God,

C: for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Refrain

M: Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;

C: let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

M: Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.

C: I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

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: Ephesians 1:3-8

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and

will—⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace⁸ that he lavished on us.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. Jesus replied, “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)

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 421v2.....*All Depends on Our Possessing*

*He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.*

*He who ever gently schools me, He who daily guides and rules me,
Will remain my help divine.*

SERMON

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

*Offerings can be placed in the offering plate in the back of our sanctuary. They can also be mailed to our church office at **114 E. Blue Earth Avenue, 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:** 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—*Sanctus*

M: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;

C: the whole earth is full of his glory.” *Isaiah 6:3*

M: LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, *Isaiah 25:1*

C: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

Psalm 118:21

M: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;

C: the whole earth is full of his glory.” *Isaiah 6:3*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD—*Agnus De*

M: O Christ, Lamb of God,

C: you take away the sin of the world;

ALL: have mercy on us.

M: O Christ, Lamb of God,

C: you take away the sin of the world;

ALL: have mercy on us.

M: O Christ, Lamb of God,

C: you take away the sin of the world;

ALL: grant us your peace. Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

To our visitors: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. Therefore, if you are not a member of Shepherd of the Lakes, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to wait to commune with us until you've had the opportunity to learn more about what we believe and teach and then publicly express that unity at your confirmation. This is not a judgment in any way on your faith. Rather, we want you to be sure you agree with us before you express that unity at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning more about what we believe and teach or if you have any questions, please talk with our Pastor.

PLEASE STAND

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

M: Thank the Lord and sing his praise.

C: Tell everyone what he has done.

M: Let all who seek the Lord rejoice

C: and proudly bear his name.

M: He renews his promises

C: and lead his people forth in joy

ALL: with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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 432vv1,3.....I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

*Verse 1: I am Jesus' little lamb; Ever glad at heart I am,
For my shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my needs and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.*

*Verse 3: Who so happy as I am, Even now the shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By his angel hosts attended,
He shall fold me to his breast, There within his arms to rest.*

Notes and News for August 16, 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!

Bible Information Class—Bible Information Class will resume at 9:30am on August 22nd. We will have a quick review lesson of the first few lessons we covered before COVID and then dive into our new lesson: Who Is Jesus--Part II. The class is open to anyone who wishes to join. Join it as a simple refresher or invite a friend or acquaintance who may be learning the basics of the truth of the Bible for the first time! It's not too late to join to be able to easily get caught up that first day back.

Evangelism Committee Meeting—Evangelism Committee will be meeting quickly right after worship and before Bible Class. We will quickly discuss Picnic in the Park, Friendship Sunday snacks, and do some COVID out-of-the-box thinking.

Ladies Meeting—Lutheran Women officers will be meeting on August 19th at 6:30pm. The first Lutheran Women's meeting will be taking place on September 3rd at 6:00pm. If anyone would like to suggest any cleaning changes or preferences for Doris Rosener for their officers' meeting, please let her know by August 18th.

Remember in your Prayers this Week

- + Birthdays: Tagen Jacobsen (8/16)! Marlys Deterling (8/19)!
- + Anniversaries:
- + Prayer requests: We pray for continued recovery for Terry Barnes after his hospital visit

Coming Up this Week

Sunday 8/16 Worship 9:30am/Bible Class 10:45am/Ev. Comm. between service and class

Wednesday 8/19 Lutheran Women Officers' Meeting 6:30pm

Saturday 8/22 Bible Information Class 9:30am

Sunday 8/23 Worship 9:30am/Bible Class 10:45am

Thursday 9/3 Lutheran Women first resuming meeting 6:00pm