



# SHEPHERD *of the* LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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323 E. 1st St.

Fairmont, MN 56031

Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

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**Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 14, 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 recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.



# SERVICE of the Word



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*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.*

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**OPENING HYMN: CW 232v1.....***Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care*  
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*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**

**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.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

**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.

Almighty and eternal God, you govern all things in heaven and on earth. In your mercy hear our prayers and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen**

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## GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

### FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 49:13-18

<sup>13</sup> Shout for joy, you heavens;  
rejoice, you earth;  
burst into song, you mountains!  
For the LORD comforts his people  
and will have compassion on his afflicted ones.

<sup>14</sup> But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,  
the Lord has forgotten me."

<sup>15</sup> "Can a mother forget the baby at her breast  
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?  
Though she may forget,

I will not forget you!  
<sup>16</sup> See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;  
your walls are ever before me.  
<sup>17</sup> Your children hasten back,  
and those who laid you waste depart from you.  
<sup>18</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around;  
all your children gather and come to you.  
As surely as I live," declares the LORD,  
"you will wear them all as ornaments;  
you will put them on, like a bride.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** CWS Psalm 37

*We will read the psalm responsively according to the directions typed in your worship folder*

***Refrain***

**All:** We commit ourselves to you, O Lord. Your faithfulness endures forever.

**M:** Do not fret because of evil men  
or be envious of those who do wrong;

**Women:** for like the grass they will soon wither,

**Men:** like green plants they will soon die away.

**M:** Trust in the LORD and do good;

**Women:** dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

**M:** Delight yourself in the LORD

**Men:** and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**M:** Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him and he will do this:

**All:** He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,  
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

***Refrain***

**M:** I was young and now I am old,

**All:** yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

**Men:** Turn from evil and do good;  
**Women:** then you will dwell in the land forever.

**M:** For the LORD loves the just  
and will not forsake his faithful ones.

**Women:** The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;

**Men:** he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**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: Philippians 4:8-20**

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all

your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

<sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end. Alleluia. (Lamentations 3:22 cf. RSV)

*PLEASE STAND*

### **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:24-35**

<sup>24</sup> “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 421v1.....***All Depends on Our Possessing*  
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## SERMON

## 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 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:** *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.**

**PRAYER**

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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 438v4**.....*In God, My Faithful God*  
*Cf. your worship folder insert*