



# 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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**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 21, 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.



# THE SERVICE of WORD and SACRAMENT



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**OPENING HYMN: CW 221 v1**..... *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

*Blessed Jesus, at your Word  
We are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear you,  
By your teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love you solely.*

*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 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 rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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: Deuteronomy 11:18-21,26-28**

<sup>18</sup> Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>19</sup> Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>20</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

<sup>26</sup> See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse— <sup>27</sup> the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; <sup>28</sup> the curse if you diso-

by the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** CW Psalm 78

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

***Refrain:***

***Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.***

***Verses:***

M: O my people, hear my teaching;

**C: listen to the words of my mouth.**

M: I will utter things from of old,

**C: what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.**

M: We will not hide them from our children;

**C: we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord**

***Refrain***

M: The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob

**C: and established the law in Israel.**

M: so the next generation would know them,

**C: and they in turn would tell their children.**

M: Then they would put their trust in God

**C: and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

**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: 2 Peter 1:19-2:3**

<sup>19</sup> We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. <sup>21</sup> For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. <sup>2</sup> Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. <sup>3</sup> In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY:**

Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia. (Psalm 119:105)

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## **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 7:15-29**

<sup>15</sup> “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out

demons and in your name perform many miracles?’<sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

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

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

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**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 283 v1**..... *Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening*

*Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,  
As a servant to his lord.  
Let me show respect and honor  
To your holy precious Word,  
That each day, my whole life through,  
I may serve and follow you.  
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure  
And my heart's most precious treasure.*

**SERMON**

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### 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.**

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### 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.*



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## **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.**

*Psalms 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 Dei***

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.**

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## 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.*

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## 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 with shouts of thanksgiving.**

**ALL: Alleluia! 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 325 v2.....** *How Blest Are They Who Hear*

*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.*

### **Remember in your Prayers this Week**

- + Birthdays:
- + Anniversaries: Tony and Doris Rosener (6/26, 38 years!)
- + Prayer requests:

### **Prayer Requests**

As 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!

### **Communion Opportunity**

Communion will be available at church this Friday and Saturday (June 25th and 26th) from 10:00am to 12:00pm