



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 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 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.

OPENING HYMN: CW 240v1.....Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise!***

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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**

ABSOLUTION

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.

M: Thanks be to God!

C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! *1 Corinthians 15:57*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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: Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard

them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

PSALM OF THE DAY: CWS Psalm 37

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

Refrain

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

M: Oh, how I love your law!

Women: I meditate on it all day long.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

Men: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: I have more understanding than the elders,

All: for I obey your precepts.

Refrain

M: I have kept my feet from every evil path

All: so that I might obey your Word.

M: I have not departed from your laws,

Men: for you yourself have taught me.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

Women: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

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 1:12-17

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (II Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV)

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation speaks:

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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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HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 380v1.....Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You

***Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you;
That, I know, could never be,
For this heart would still refuse you
Had your grace not chosen me.
You removed the sin that stained,
Cleansing me to be your own;
For this purpose you ordained me,
That I live for you alone.***

SERMON

PLEASE STAND

SERMON RESPONSE: Psalm 51:10-12 (Spoken in unison)

- ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
- ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.**
- ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

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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.*

PLEASE STAND

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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 good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name:

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: “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

C: **“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

ALL: **“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”** *Matthew 21:9*

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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

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.

PLEASE STAND

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON—*Nunc Dimittis*

M: ²⁹ "Sovereign Lord,

**C: as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.**

³⁰ **For my eyes have seen your salvation,**

³¹ **which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:**

³² **a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel."** *Luke 2:29-32*

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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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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: Amen

CLOSING HYMN: CW 460vv2,3.....*How Can I Thank You, Lord*

*How can I thank you, Lord, For all your loving kindness,
That you have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!*

O grant me of your strength In my infirmity;

That I may serve you here And in eternity!

Independence Day Prayer

Gracious Lord, wonderful God, we praise you for the blessings of living in a free country. Help us to acknowledge that the greatness and prosperity of the United States are gifts from you. Help us use these gifts to lead people everywhere to the knowledge of true freedom: unconditional forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus Christ. Thank you that we have the liberty to worship you, the Creator of the Universe, in our homes and churches. Where people in the world are not free to worship you openly and without persecution, give them strength of faith to persevere, knowing they will attain life everlasting with you in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Notes and News for July 5, 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!

Dinner with Pastor and His Wife—We would love to be able to visit you at your home and get to know you better! If dinner doesn't work or going out or just visiting for a bit in the afternoon works better, just let us know!

Men's and Women's Bible Classes—There has been interest in the Men's Saturday Morning Bible Class beginning up again at the Ranch now that they are open. Pastor is planning on starting up with class again on the first Saturday morning of August (July 4th is a holiday and Pastor is planning on helping with the Opera House block party that day at our VBS booth).

If any of the ladies are interested in starting Wine, Women, and the Word again, please let Pastor know so he can get the announcement out if there is interest.

Remember in your Prayers this Week

- + Birthdays: Ventura Ulrich (7/11)!
- + Anniversaries: Terry & Deb Barnes (7/8, 42 years)!
- + Prayer requests: