



# 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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**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 12, 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



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.*

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**OPENING HYMN: CW 233v1.....All People that on Earth Do Dwell**

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with fear; his praise forthtell;  
Come ye before him and rejoice.*

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.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through 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: Numbers 27:15-23**

<sup>15</sup> Moses said to the LORD, <sup>16</sup> "May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community <sup>17</sup> to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."

<sup>18</sup> So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. <sup>19</sup> Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. <sup>20</sup> Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. <sup>21</sup> He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”

<sup>22</sup> Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. <sup>23</sup> Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 72 *Read responsively according to the directions printed*

***Refrain***

**All:** Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

**M:** Endow the King with your justice, O God,

**C: the royal Son with your righteousness.**

**M:** He will defend the afflicted among the people

**C: and save the children of the needy.**

**M:** He will endure as long as the sun,

**C: as long as the moon, through all generations.**

**M:** He will be like rain falling on a mown field,

**All: like showers watering the earth.**

***Refrain***

**M:** All kings will bow down to him,

**C: and all nations will serve him.**

**M:** All nations will be blessed through him,

**C: and they will call him blessed.**

**M:** Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.

**C:** May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

**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 Corinthians 4:1-7**

This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. <sup>2</sup> Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. <sup>3</sup> I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup> My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup> Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

<sup>6</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written." Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other. <sup>7</sup> For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy.  
Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)

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## **GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 9:35-10:8**

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

**10** Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. <sup>6</sup> Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, <sup>[a]</sup> drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

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

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

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**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 542v1.....Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give**

*Dear Lord, to your true servants give*

*The grace to you alone to live.*

*Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,*

*They go to share your living Word,*

*The gospel message to proclaim*

*That all may know your saving name.*

## SERMON

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## 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.*

## RAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they 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.**

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**HYMN: CW 576v6**.....*Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word*

***Lord of harvest, grant anew,  
Joy and strength to work for you,  
Till the gath'ring nations all  
See your light and heed your call.***

*PLEASE STAND*

**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 560v5**.....*I Hear the Savior Calling*

***I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!  
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.  
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:  
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!***