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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

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Thanksgiving Eve

November 24, 2021

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 Jesus' name, amen.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

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OPENING CHOIR ANTHEM:.....*With Joyful Thanksgiving*
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INVOCATION

M: In the name of God, our Heavenly Father,

C: **our Creator and Provider.**

M: In the name of God, His Son, Jesus Christ,

C: **our Savior and Protector.**

M: In the name of God, the Spirit,

C: **our Counselor and Guide.**

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

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: As we this day offer our thanksgiving and praise, let us reflect upon our many sins and confess them before our God and LORD, asking Him to forgive us for the sake of Jesus, His Son:

C: **“Lord, the eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.”**

M: We come before You to confess our sins, including our ingratitude and lack of appreciation for all the blessings You have given us.

C: **We confess to You, O Lord, that we have not given You thanks for all Your generous blessings; nor have we shown gratitude or appreciation, but too often we have grumbled and complained. For these sins and all our other wicked thoughts, words, and actions, we deserve to be punished. But we appeal to Your mercy and ask You to forgive us for Jesus’ sake. Amen.**

M: The LORD, our gracious Father has forgiven all our sins through the suffering and death of His one and only Son, Jesus; and with His resurrection from the dead has given us the hope of everlasting life. God in His Word has declared,

C: “the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from every sin.”

M: He also assures us:

C: “You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

M: Therefore, give thanks to God for our salvation! You are forgiven. Go in peace.

C: Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE: CW 238.....*Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul*

COLLECT PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new everyday. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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+ THE WORD +

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:10-20 (*Don't forget who is responsible for all you have—the Lord*)

¹⁰ *When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may*

say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.”¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

¹⁹ If you ever forget the LORD your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed.²⁰ Like the nations the LORD destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the LORD your God.

PSALM: CW 100 (Printed on page 104 in the front of the hymnal)

SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:6-20 (Be content in all circumstances)

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, 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. ⁹ 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.

¹⁰ I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² 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. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ 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; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and even more; 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. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Alleluia. (Psalm 136:1a, NIV 2011)

GOSPEL Luke 17:11–19 (*For all his goodness we ought to thank and praise him*)

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Creed (*The First Article*)

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

M: What does this mean?

All: I believe that God made me and every creature and that he gave me my body, soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land cattle and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 612.....*Praise to God, Immortal Praise*

SERMON

RESPONSIVE HYMN: CW 614.....*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

PLEASE STAND

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

M: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

For food, health, clothing, and homes,

C: thank you, Lord.

M: For the many freedoms we enjoy,

C: thank you, Lord.

M: For a just government,

C: thank you, Lord.

M: For teachers, pastors, family, and friends,

C: thank you, Lord.

M: For the gifts you give to your Church,

C: thank you, Lord.

M: For Baptism, the Lord's Supper, forgiveness, grace, hope, and your Word,

C: thank you, Lord.

M: For all other personal things in our own lives, here us as we bring to you our own private prayers of thanks.

(A moment of silence to give personal thanks to God.)

M: Thank you, Lord, for Jesus Christ, your only Son, through whom you give us the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life in your Kingdom.

All: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Thanks be to God. Amen!

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.

M: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, Son (+), and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C: Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: CW 334.....*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING:

Heavenly Father, as we look around us, you have once again shown us all your blessings. We know that you have provided much more than just our daily needs. We thank you for so generously giving us your Son, our Lord. Through him you have showered us with the blessings of forgiveness, a purpose in life, and eternal life in paradise—no strings attached. For all these blessings, may we truly be thankful, dear Lord. Amen.



Upcoming Holiday Worship Dates and Times



- Church Christmas Decorating: November 28, 12:00pm
- Midweek Advent 1: December 1, 7:00pm
- Midweek Advent 2: December 8, 7:00pm
- Midweek Advent 3: December 15, 7:00pm
- Christmas Eve: December 24, 7:00pm
- New Year's Eve: December 31, 7:00pm



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