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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 11:00am

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Thanksgiving Eve

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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.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 27, 2019

INVOCATION

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

C: **We give thanks to the Holy Trinity who alone creates, redeems, and sanctifies. Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES FROM THE PSALMS

M: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

C: **You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

M: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

C: **The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

M: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

C: **he hears their cry and saves them.**

M: My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

C: **Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.**

M: The LORD watches over all who love him.

C: **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN: CW 610.....*Now Thank We All Our God*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8***

M: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

Silence for reflection on God's Word, private confession, and self-examination

M: Lord God,

C: we come to you today confessing that we are often unthankful for all the gracious gifts you have given us. So often we worry unnecessarily about our future since it is in your hands. Forgive our unthankfulness. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, for give us, and fill us with the joy of your forgiveness and eternal salvation.

M: Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, we have all gained access to his grace by which we now stand. Therefore, by the command of Christ and the power of the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: Amen. Sing to the LORD; give praise to the LORD! For he rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked. *Jeremiah 20:13*

HYMN OF PRAISE: CW 615.....*We Thank You for Your Blessings*

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.

+ THE WORD +

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:1-10 (Don't forget that everything we have is from the Lord)

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. ² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in *the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.* ³ *He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live*

on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ *Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years.* ⁵ *Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.*

⁶ *Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him.*

⁷ *For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills;* ⁸ *a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey;* ⁹ *a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.*

¹⁰ *When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.*

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 100 (page 104 in the front part of your hymnal)

SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:6-20 (Whether in little or a lot, give thanks because of Christ)

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 remember 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: CWS 609.....*We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer*

SERMON

OFFERING

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. Please do not feel obligated in to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: For the world in which we live, for its fruitfulness and order, its beauty and its wonder, and for the life you have given us, we praise you, O God.

C: **For our home, for our families and friends, for our congregation and its members, for all the blessed fellowship we share, we praise you, O God.**

M: For the common blessings of our everyday life, for food and clothing, for shelter and rest, for work to do and strength to do it, for the opportunities of service to others.

C: **For this land we love, for the peace and security we have, for the Christian freedoms that we possess, we thank you, O God.**

M: For your gracious gifts, for courage in times of trouble, for patience in tribulation, and for love at all times, we praise you, Heavenly Father.

C: **For yourself, O God, for your majesty and power, your wisdom and goodness, your justice and truth, for your Son, your blessed gift of love through whom we have forgiveness for all our sins, for your Holy Spirit enlightening our hearts, we thank you, O God.**

M: So direct us in word, thought, and deed,

C: **that our gratitude and thanks are reflected in the way we live our lives for you.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: Accept now, we pray, the prayers of all of us for your blessings in our individual lives:
A moment of silence for special prayers of thanks and personal requests

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.

HYMN: CW 613:1-3.....*Come, You Thankful People, Come*

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 613:4.....*Come, You Thankful People, Come*

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: December 1, 12:00pm
- Midweek Advent 1: December 4, 7:00pm
- Children's Service Practice: December 8, 11:40am
- Midweek Advent 2: December 11, 7:00pm
- Children's Service Practice: December 14, 9:00am
- Children's Christmas Service: December 15, 9:30am
- Midweek Advent 3: December 18, 7:00pm
- Christmas Eve: December 24, 7:00pm
- New Year's Eve: December 31, 7:00pm



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