



LOVE

Pentecost 16



September 24, 2017

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, in the back corner of the sanctuary there is a room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place. The restrooms are located on the lower level. Please ask if you have any questions or concerns.

LORD JESUS, you alone sought us out, forgave us, bought us, made us your own. Grant that we see your saving work and respond with the same resolute focus on eternity, that all our doing and living here may please you; for you alone have chosen us and granted us heaven; AMEN.

LAW & GOSPEL, LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS:

The doctrine of the Law...prescribes good works to believers in this way: it shows and indicates at the same time, as in a mirror, that in this life works are still imperfect and impure in us. So we must say with the beloved Paul, "I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted" [1 Cor 4:4]. So Paul, when encouraging the regenerate to do good works, clearly presents to them the Ten Commandments (Romans 13:9). ... Although in this life the good works of believers are imperfect and impure because of sin in the flesh...the Gospel teaches that our spiritual offerings are acceptable to God through faith for Christ's sake (1 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 11:4; 13:5).

Formula of Concord, Article 6 (Concordia p. 560-561)

LOVE:

The Church fulfills her role as her brother's keeper. The unique privilege, responsibility and importance of this task all rest in the words from our Gospel lesson that follow Jesus' divine directive, "I tell you the truth..." The keys of the kingdom have been placed in our hands. **How does this truth encourage Christian love, which seeks the eternal welfare of others?**

OPENING HYMN: 230 - *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

LITURGY: CW p. 38

Please rise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

M: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♫ Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: *Ezekiel 33:7-11*

Love speaks the truth in warning:

7As for you, son of man, I have appointed you to be a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. 8When I say to a wicked man, “Wicked man, you shall surely die,” if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. 9But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life.

10So you, son of man, say this to the house of Israel. This is what you are saying, “Certainly our rebellions and our transgressions weigh upon us, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?” 11Say to them, “As surely as I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Instead I take pleasure if the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?”

PSALM OF THE DAY: 51a, p. 86

SECOND READING: Romans 13:1-10

Love does no harm to a neighbor:

Everyone must submit to the governing authorities. For no authority exists except by God, and the authorities that do exist have been established by God. Therefore the one who rebels against the authority is opposing God's institution, and those who oppose will bring judgment on themselves.

3For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to evil. Would you like to have no fear of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will receive praise from him, 4because he is God's servant for your benefit. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because he does not carry the sword without reason. He is God's servant, a punisher to bring wrath on the wrongdoer. 5Therefore it is necessary to submit, not only because of wrath, but also because of conscience.

6For this reason you also pay taxes, because the authorities are God's ministers, who are employed to do this very thing. 7Pay what you owe to all of them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, and honor to whom honor is owed.

8Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law.

THEME VERSE: John 6:68

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:15-20

Love leads the Christian to speak:

15"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. 16But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

17If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector.
18Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. 20In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY: 304 - *Jesus Sinners Does Receive*

SERMON based on Romans 13: *What does love for God really look like?*

CONFession OF FAITH: *Apostles' Creed*, p. 41

OFFERING

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: p. 42

Please rise.

HYMN: 738 - *In Hopelessness and Near Despair* (next page)

CLOSING PRAYER: CW p. 43

CLOSING HYMN: 494 - *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

NOTES

Congregational Update today. QVM next week (no Bible class.)

Benefit for Denise Malcolm at the Pizza Ranch, 5-8 PM tomorrow.

Jonathan Mayer will present today during Bible class hour.

The Lutheran Women will be hosting a food drive for the MLC Food Bank, collecting items at the back of church until Oct 15.

1 In hope - less - ness and near de - spair, I
2 I see my heart's con - di - tion now, My
3 I trem - ble as I feel your hand, Ex -
4 For - giv - en, free of guilt and shame, Grant

cry to you, my Sav - ior! My guilt is more than
heart's di - verse af - fec - tions. Why do I love the
pec - ting re - tri - bu - tion, Yet hear no curse or
me some time to ren - der A gift to glo - ri -

I can bear. I have not earned your fav - or. You
things you loathe; I'm torn in two di - rec - tions: Now
re - pri - mand, But grace and ab - so - lu - tion: With
fy your name, Love to re - flect your splen - dor: This

know me as I real - ly am: How
prod - i - gal, now Phar - i - see, O
you there is for - give - ness, Lord, You
world must know what I have learned, That

much is truth, how much is sham; Why
God, be mer - ci - ful to me; Who
speak the sweet, con - sol - ing Word, And
you be - stow what none has earned: The

should you heed my plead - - ing?
else but you can help me?
I am sure you love me!
joy of full for - give - ness!

THIS WEEK

Today	Mark 9 9:30 AM - Pentecost 15A Worship 10:57 AM - Presentation: Art in Support of Gospel Proclamation
Monday	Mark 10
Tuesday	Mark 11 Treasure Haus Work Day 7-8:30 - CAP Class: Christology
Wednesday	Mark 12 5-6:45 - Small Catechism Class: Creation & Providence
Thursday	Mark 13 6:30 - Choir 7:30 - Chimes
Friday	Mark 14
Saturday	Mark 15 9:15 - Bible Basics: Who is Jesus?
Sunday	Mark 16 9:30 AM - Pentecost 16 Worship with Holy Communion 10:50 AM - Quarterly Voters' Mtg Fall Family Cleanup Day
October 7	



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MY WORSHIP NOTES



For children to use during worship.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today? _____

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue White Purple Red Green

The Sermon Text Was: _____



This is in the: Old Testament New Testament

What was the sermon about? _____



My favorite song today was: _____



Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

- Yes
 No



Communion?

- Yes
 No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

