

**Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**

**— Luke 4:21**

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114 E. Blue Earth Ave.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 11:00am

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**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 23, 2022**

## *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.



# 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 221.....Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

PLEASE STAND

## INVOCATION

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



## CONFESSION 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.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



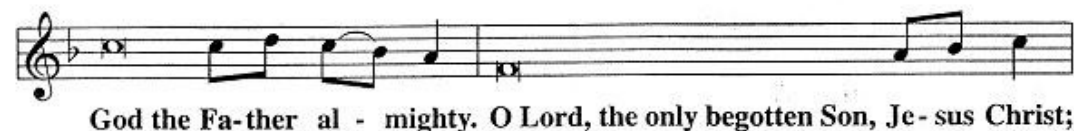
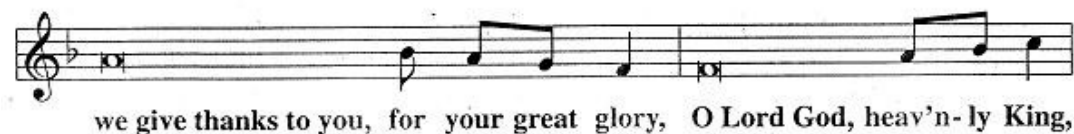
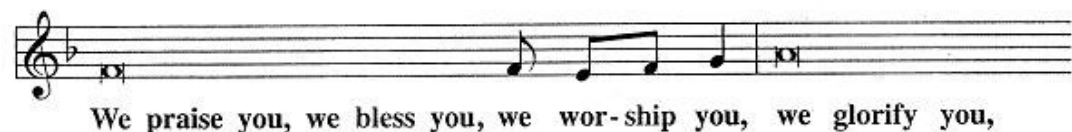
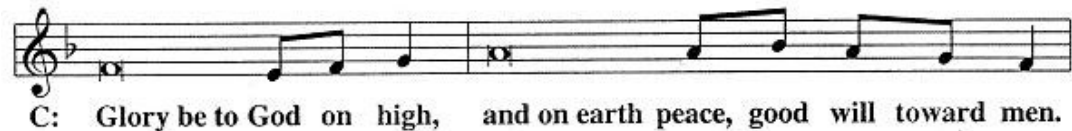
## ABSOLUTION

**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.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** A - men.

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

## GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

### **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim freedom for the captives  
and release from darkness for the prisoners,  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor  
and the day of vengeance of our God,  
to comfort all who mourn,  
<sup>3</sup>and provide for those who grieve in Zion—  
to bestow on them a crown of beauty  
instead of ashes,  
the oil of joy  
instead of mourning,  
and a garment of praise  
instead of a spirit of despair.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD  
for the display of his splendor.  
<sup>4</sup>They will rebuild the ancient ruins  
and restore the places long devastated;  
they will renew the ruined cities  
that have been devastated for generations.  
<sup>5</sup>Strangers will shepherd your flocks;  
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.  
<sup>6</sup>And you will be called priests of the LORD,  
you will be named ministers of our God.  
You will feed on the wealth of nations,  
and in their riches you will boast.

**PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 78** (*page 95 in the front part of the hymnal*)

## **SECOND LESSON: Acts 4:23-31**

<sup>23</sup>On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup>When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. <sup>25</sup>You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

" 'Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?

<sup>26</sup>The kings of the earth rise up  
and the rulers band together  
against the Lord  
and against his anointed one.'

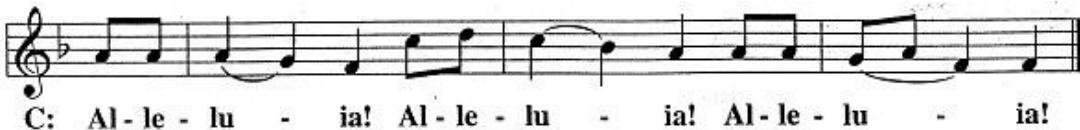
<sup>27</sup>Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. <sup>28</sup>They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. <sup>29</sup>Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup>Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

<sup>31</sup>After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18)

*After the minister speaks the Verse of the Day, the congregation sings the following Alleluia.*



*PLEASE STAND*



M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### CONFESSION OF FAITH—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.

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 93** .....*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

### SERMON

**SERMON RESPONSE:** *Create in Me*



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from your presence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
 tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**OFFERING**

*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.*

**THANK OFFERING HYMN: CW 485vv1,2.....We Give Thee but Thine Own**

**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
 All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
 And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our firstfruits give.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & 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.**

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

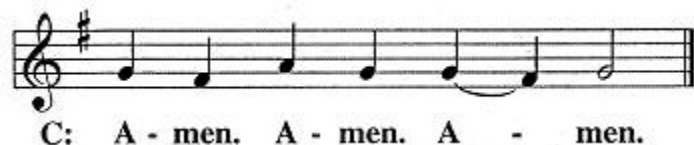
PLEASE STAND

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### 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.



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**CLOSING HYMN: CW 340vv1,3,4,6**.....*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## Notes and News for January 23, 2022

**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!

**Congregational Update and Voters Meeting**— After our service today we will hold our quarterly congregational voters meeting. If you haven't heard the congregational update last week you can hear much of that information again today. We will be voting on the 2022 budget and also on whether or not to adopt the new WELS Christian Worship hymnal for our congregation. So all voters, please make yourselves available.

**SCRIP**— Don't forget about our SCRIP program, where you can purchase gift cards to use at your favorite stores while simultaneously raising money for our church! A portion of every SCRIP order you use goes to Shepherd of the Lakes! Didn't get it in this month? No worries! It is an ongoing and regular program here at Shepherd of the Lakes! Ask Lisa Swift if you have any questions!

**New Hymnal Matters**— At our voters meeting we will be voting on whether we will or will not be transitioning into using the new WELS hymnal. ***Should we vote to adopt*** the new hymnal and you would like to purchase one for your personal use at home, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the fellowship hall where you can put your name and the number of hymnals you would like to purchase. The cost per hymnal is \$24.00. We will purchase in bulk with the hymnals for the sanctuary to help save on extra shipping costs. ***We would also like to offer*** the chance for anyone to donate money for a hymnal purchase for church in memory of a someone. If you would like to purchase a hymnal for church in memory of someone, please contact pastor. A hymnal will then be labeled accordingly on the inside cover before being placed in the sanctuary.

**Budget Committee Meeting**— Our Budget Committee will be meeting on Wednesday (January 19th) at 6:30pm to finalize a budget to suggest to the voters at our voters meeting on January 23rd)

### Remember in your Prayers this Week

- + Anniversaries: Gordy & Loretta Luckow (1/29, 40 years)!
- + Birthdays: Margo Smith (1/26)!
- + Prayer Requests:

**Coming Up this Week**

**Sunday 1/23**.....Worship 9:30am  
Congregational Voters Meeting 10:45am  
Bible Class & Sunday School to follow Congregational Voters Meeting

**Monday 1/24**.....Weeknight Bible Class 6:30pm

**Tuesday 1/25**.....Choir 6:30pm  
Chimes 7:30pm

**Wednesday 1/26**.....Confirmation 4:30pm

**Sunday 1/30**.....Worship 9:30am  
Bible Class 10:45am  
Sunday School 10:45am



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