



SHEPHERD *of the* LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 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 SERVICE of WORD and SACRAMENT



Pg. 26 in Christian Worship

OPENING HYMN: CW 232.....*Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care*

PLEASE STAND

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 OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

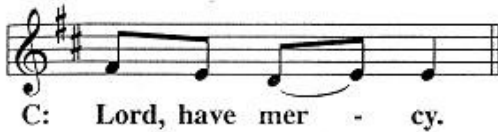
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY—*Kyrie*

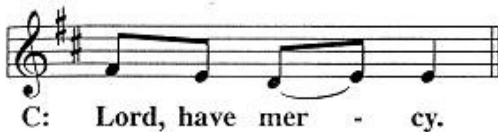
M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

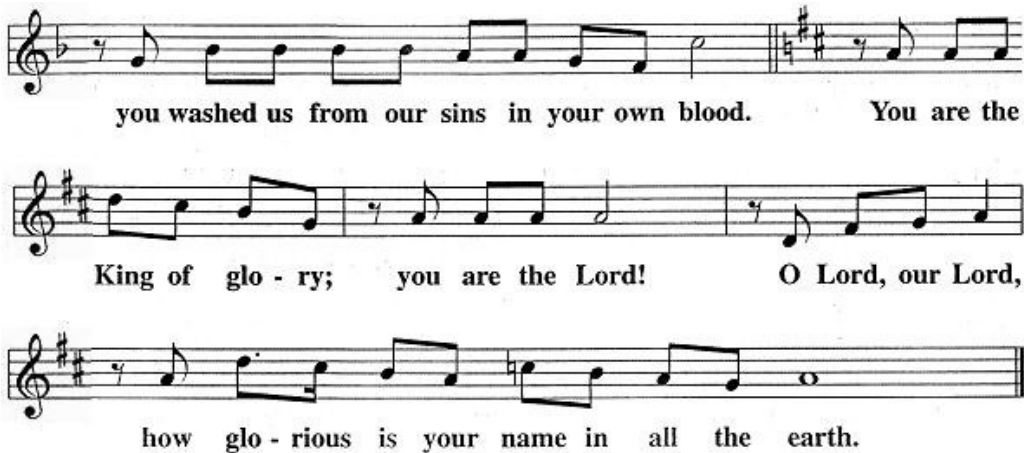


M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. The first nine staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tenth staff changes to the key of B minor (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the second staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots at the end of the tenth staff.



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; 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: Exodus 3:1-15

¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹²And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

¹³Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 85 (*p. 97 in the front part of your hymnal*)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9, NIV)

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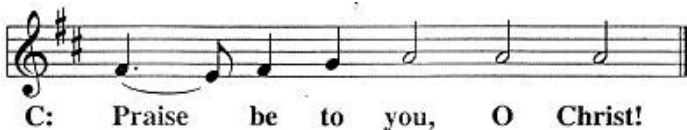
GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:1-9

¹Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

⁸“ ‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’ ”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 423.....*Not in Anger, Mighty God*

SERMON

PLEASE STAND

CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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, they 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

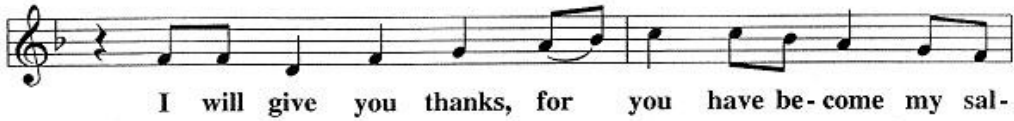
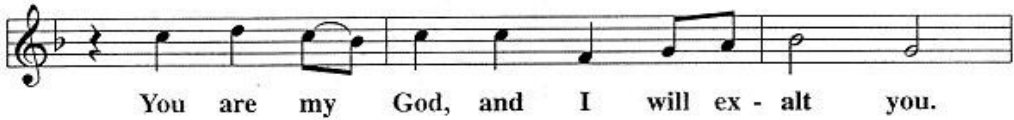
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD— *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



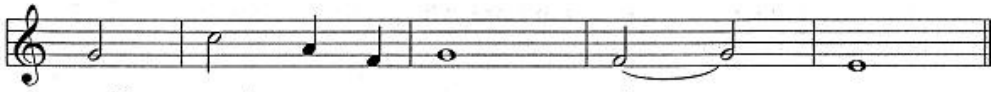
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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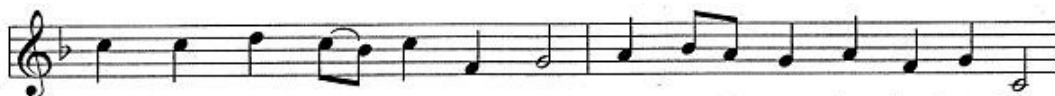
To our visitors: Scripture teaches us that those who commune together are expressing a unity in faith and all of Scripture's teachings. This is called close communion. Therefore, if you are not a member of Shepherd of the Lakes, the Wisconsin Synod, or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, you will want to wait to commune with us until you've had the opportunity to learn more about what we believe and teach and then publicly express that unity at your confirmation. This is not a judgment in any way on your faith. Rather, we want you to be sure you agree with us before you express that unity at the Lord's Table. If you are interested in learning more about what we believe and teach or if you have any questions, please talk with our Pastor.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: CW 312Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

PLEASE STAND

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

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.



PLEASE BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: CW 305.....*From Depths of Woe I Cry to You*



Notes and News for March 20, 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!

Fellowship Bowling—We're returning to our regularly scheduled fellowship events at the end of the month! It has been a while but this month we are returning to our pizza and bowling! This year we are looking at switching it around. Instead of bowling and then getting pizza, we'll order pizza beforehand to eat at church and then go bowling. We are also looking at bowling in Winnebago instead of in Fairmont. See the signup sheet in the fellowship hall for more information and to let us know how many will be participating and what type of pizza to order for you.

Business Cards Available!—Pastor has ordered new business cards for himself which include church information on the back (including service times and Bible class times and address). There will be some available on the table in the fellowship hall for you to take so you can leave some behind at places or hand out to friends and acquaintances! Don't hesitate to grab a handful!

New Hymnal Matters— Due to some specific details that need some figuring out, the new hymnals have not yet been ordered. If you would still like a personal hymnal, psalter, or devotion book to take home with you, you can still sign up on the sheet on the table in the fellowship hall. The cost per hymnal is \$24.00. The psalter is \$22.00. The devotional book is \$15.00. If you would still like to give money toward the hymnals or purchase one in memory of someone, you can still place your money/check in the offering plate with a clear letter or some indication you would like it to go toward the hymnal fund or be for purchasing a hymnal in memory of someone. ***THIS SUNDAY WILL BE THE LAST DAY FOR THE SIGNUP SHEET TO BE OUT FOR PERSONAL ORDERS TO BE TAKEN.***

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!

Watch Our Worship Live—You can watch us worship live on Sundays at 9:30am by going to our YouTube page. You can scan the QR code to the right to be taken there!



Remember in your Prayers this Week

- + Birthdays: Loretta Luckow (3/20)! Heather Klenke (3/26)!
- + Prayer requests: At the anniversary of the passing of Marlys Deterling into glory we pray for all those who were affected by their loss

Coming Up this Week

Sunday 3/20.....Worship 9:30am / Bible Class 10:45am / Sunday School 10:45am
Monday 3/21.....Weeknight Bible Class 6:30pm
Tuesday 3/22.....Choir Practice 6:30pm / Chimes Practice 7:30pm
Wednesday 3/23.....Confirmation 4:30pm / 6:00pm Lent Supper / 7:00pm Lent Worship
Sunday 3/27.....Worship 9:30am / Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45am /
 Pizza & Bowling Fellowship



“It’s no secret that there are a lot of hurting people in the world, and we know that untreated mental health concerns can affect entire families. At Christian Family Solutions, it is our mission to heal and help people in need through the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Our loving God tells us how anxiety, depression, grief, and other problems can be addressed. Using this understanding from God’s Word and evidence-based counseling techniques, our mental health professionals can assist people with all the challenges of life.

“We want to be the Christian counseling resource people turn to for hope, healing, and peace.”

Mental health faces many obstacles in our world today. What a blessing God has given us through Christian Family Solutions, as they provide counseling and other psychological help along with the comfort of God’s Word!

Our congregation has also been blessed to have received gifts in the past to partake in Christian Family Solutions’ Member Assistance Program (MAP). MAP helps to provide a number of counseling services to our members while helping to defray their cost. These gifts have been very helpful. We would love to continue to use MAP to help our family here at Shepherd of the Lakes.

If you would ever like to contribute to this cause, please let Pastor or one of our elders know. Your contribution will be much appreciated as you aid in providing much needed help to God’s flock and our family. And not only do we do it for them, but whatever we do for one of God’s flock, we do for our Savior (Matthew 25:40)!



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