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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

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New Year's 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 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.

New Year's Eve Order of Worship

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

M: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: **Amen.**

M: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: **To sing praise to your name, O Most High;**

M: To herald your love in the morning,

C: **Your truth at the close of day.**

M: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

C: **Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

EVENING HYMN: CW 587.....*Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow (Stanzas 1, 3)*

**Now rest beneath night's shadow The woodland, field, and meadow;
The world in slumber lies. But you, my heart, awaken,
With prayer and song be taken; Let praise to your Creator rise.**

**Lord Jesus, since you love me, Oh, spread your wings above me
And shield me from alarm. Through Satan would assail me,
Your mercy will not fail me; I rest in your protecting arm.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1: 8*

C: **But God has promised that if we acknowledge our sins and confess them to Him,
He will forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ. *1 John 1: 9, adapted***

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)

M: Looking back on our thoughts, our words, and our actions of this past year, we must confess:

M: Almighty God,

ALL: **Almighty God, I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault; wherefore I pray God almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.**

M: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: **Yes, I believe.**

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, upon this confession it is my responsibility and privilege as your called servant to announce the grace of God to you, and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMH OF PRAISE: CW 64 vv 1,3,4.....*Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ and walk in the way of his peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

+ THE WORD +

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 90 (*printed on p. 99 In the front part of your hymnal*)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:22-25

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Alleluia.
(Psalm 119:105)

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THE GOSPEL: Luke 13:6-9

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.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 441*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

SERMON

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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.

PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

M: In these last hours of the year we lift up our voices, reflecting on the praises and petitions our Lord Jesus gave us as an outline for praying:

C: Our Father in heaven.

M: Eternal God, our Creator, in Your mercy You have restored us as Your forgiven children. Trusting in Jesus’ sacrifice and victory in our place, we come before You tonight.

C: Hallowed by Your name.

M: We revere Your supreme majesty as Designer of Your universe and Author of time. Help us to know You as Lord of our lives here and in eternity, as You have revealed in Your holy Word.

C: Your Kingdom come.

M: Uphold Your claim on our hearts; reign in our lives, and employ us for sowing the Seed of Your saving Word in more and more hearts in the year ahead.

C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

M: Overcome the influence of Satan on us in this fallen world, and make us earnest to conform our desires and our actions to Your plan for our future with You.

C: Give us today our daily bread.

M: Sustainer of life, You have provided for our bodily necessities in the year past. Fill us with appreciation and trust. Year by year keep us alert for meeting the needs of others.

C: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

M: Continue to show us Your pardon for Jesus' sake, and keep us ready to do good even to those who do wrong to us. While there still is time in this passing life, help us point them to Your saving mercy.

C: Lead us not into temptation,

M: Defeat the enemy who wants to strangle our faith in disregard for Your Word. Bring to naught the world's ruinous appeal to our self centered nature, and deliver us from the hold of unrepented sin.

C: Deliver us from evil.

M: Be with us through every trouble, so that when we depart this life we will still be trusting and walking with our living Savior.

C: The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

M: We look to You as Lord of time, Governor of Your universe, Head of Your Church, and we join with angels to adore You from Whom all blessings flow.

ALL: We are relying on Jesus whose perfect obedience and atoning death have made us acceptable in Your sight. His resurrection assures His promises, and we look into the future eagerly awaiting His return. Now then, as Your children we pray with confidence: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: Heavenly Father, You have indeed been our refuge throughout all generations. Even before You created the heavens and the earth, You are God of gods and Lord of lords. At the close of this year, we praise You for Your constant love and compassion, having forgiven our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ and having restored us to Your family. For these and all that You do to support our bodies and souls, we join together with angels, archangels, and all the generations of believers who have gone before us and those generations yet to come, as we praise You and sing:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

***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 Evangelical Lutheran 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.*

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL CANTICLE

M: Guide us waking, O Lord,

C: And guard us sleeping;

M: That awake we may watch with Christ,

C: And asleep we may rest in peace.

Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus Christ, as the old year comes to a close, we are reminded of how swiftly all of life passes. We are strangers and pilgrims in this world; our real home is with you in heaven. Help us to keep our eyes on that heavenly goal and not to become distracted by the temporary joys of this life which soon pass away. Everything else may change and decay, but you, O Lord, remain the same. Therefore we pray:

C: *(sing)* Abide with me, fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see;
Oh, thou who changest not, abide with me.

M: Lord Jesus Christ, the struggle of this life is constant. The devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh are no friends to your people. These enemies never stop trying to rob us of our faith, our Christian joy, and our love. Because the danger is so real and the fight of faith so critical, be at our side every moment of the year that lies ahead destroying the devil's efforts in our church, our homes, and our personal lives. We do not want you to be only an occasional visitor in our homes, but a permanent and honored member of the family. Come with your healing touch, your abiding love, and your constant forgiveness.

C: **Not a brief glance I beg, a passing word,
But as thou dwell'st with Thy disciples, Lord,
Familiar, condescending, patient, free.
Come not to sojourn, O abide with me.**

**Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in thy wings,
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea;
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.**

M: Lord Jesus, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know the sins and rebellious patterns of our lives. Though we have often left you, you have not left us. You have reclaimed us from the way of death, and restored us to your kingdom of life. Now, Lord, in the temptations that yet lie in this coming year, abide with your grace, and equip us to overcome them all. Be our Guide and Stay throughout the new year, that we are fully committed to you and serve you better and more faithfully.

C: **Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee,
On to the close, O Lord abide with me.**

**I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.**

M: Lord Jesus, one enemy remains to rob us of life and salvation. Yet even this enemy you have defeated for us. You have destroyed the terror of death and robbed it of its victory. Abide with us, then, to the very end of life. Let your cross shine through the clouds of this life and the gloom of that last hour so that we may see you waiting to receive us into our heavenly home. When we open our eyes in heaven, then we will be free from all the trouble and danger of this earthly life, and so we pray: "In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!"

**C: I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

THE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: CW 71 v.1-4.....*The Old Year Now Has Passed Away*

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes down every good and perfect gift:

We give you thanks for all your benefits, temporal and spiritual, bestowed upon us in the year past, and we beseech you of your goodness, grant us a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all dangers and adversities, and send upon us the fullness of your blessing; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer found on ELS.ORG