



SHEPHERD *of the* LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH

114 E. Blue Earth Ave.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 11:45am

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 2021

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 586.....O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

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*



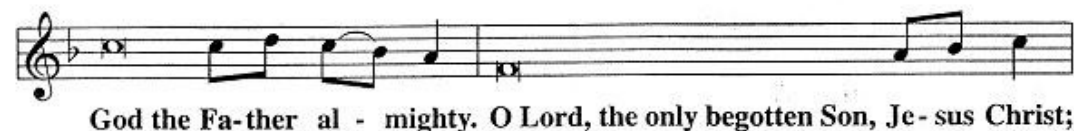
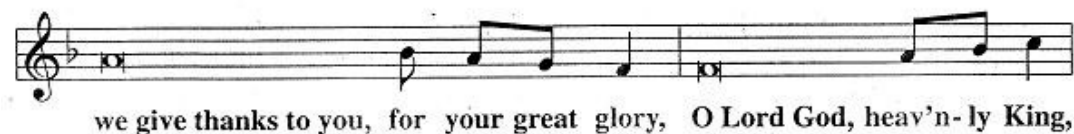
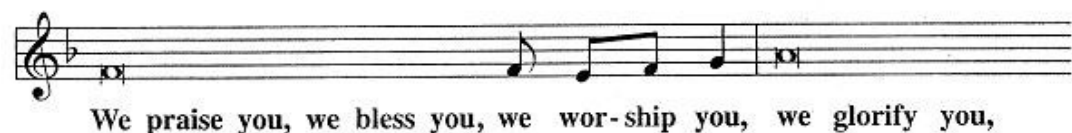
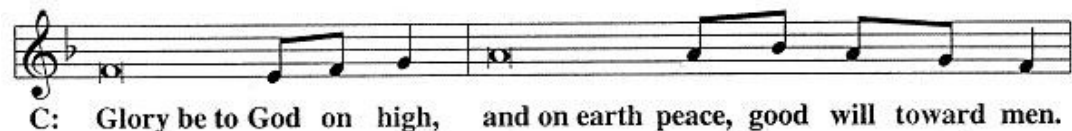
ABSOLUTION

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, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

⁴The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, "If only we had meat to eat!"⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic.⁶But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!"

¹⁰Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled.¹¹He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me?"¹²Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors?¹³Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!'¹⁴I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me.¹⁵If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin."

¹⁶The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent.²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

²⁶However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.²⁷A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

²⁹But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 19 (*page 70 in the front part of the hymnal*)

SECOND LESSON: James 4:7-12


⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.⁹Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.¹²There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Alleluia. (Micah 6:8)

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



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:38-50

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

³⁸“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me,⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us.

⁴¹Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

⁴²“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,⁴⁸ where

“ ‘the worms that eat them do not die,
and the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁹Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

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.

SERMON

PLEASE STAND

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 pres - ence, 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 *Your offering 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

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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN: CW 462*Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

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.

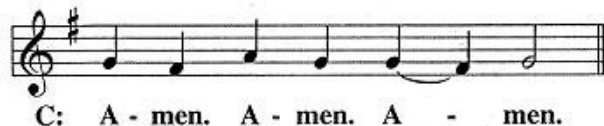


THE BLESSING

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.



CLOSING HYMN: CW 333.....*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

Notes and News for September 26, 2021

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!

Sunday School

Sunday School is at 10:45AM. If you or someone else you know might like to register children, register with Pastor by calling (507) 238-9663 or emailing sotlfairmont@gmail.com. With the return of all of our Sunday School teachers we will install our Sunday School teachers during our service today.

Monday Night Bible Class

Monday night Bible Class has returned and begins at 6:30pm right at church. We will be going through Martin Luther's Large Catechism, Luther's Catechism which he wrote for clergy and for parents. So if you remember your confirmation days and looking to dive a little further, don't hesitate to join us!

Chimes and Choir

Practices began on September 21st, with choir beginning at 6:30pm and chimes beginning at 7:30pm! If you have never played or done choir before, no worries! We would still love to have you and so would the Lord!

Wine, Women, and the Word Hosting?

If you are interested in hosting Wine, Women, and the Word at your home with our ladies this year, be sure to see the signup sheet in the fellowship hall!



New Hymnal Sample

Northwestern Publishing House has sent out to every church two samples of the new hymnal and one sample of the new psalter. Be sure to take a look at a sample of the hymnal and psalter on the table in the fellowship hall! You can see the new service settings, see some of the new hymns and some of our old, beloved hymns, see the variety of the psalms in the psalter, and some of the other great additions and helpful tools for everyday life in the new hymnal! Be sure to take one of the sample booklets on the table which offers insights and explanations of some of the new features of the new hymnal! Don't be afraid to take one! Pastor

Men's Saturday Morning Bible Breakfast

Don't forget that this coming Saturday is the first Saturday of the month! That means the Men's Bible Breakfast will be happening this Saturday at 8:00am at The Ranch in town! All men are welcome! Be sure to bring family and friends if you wish!

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: Andy Jacobsen (9/28)!
- + Anniversaries:
- + Prayer Requests:

Coming Up this Week

Today 9/26.....Worship (with Sunday School teacher installation) 9:30am
Bible Class 10:45am
Sunday School 10:45am

Monday 9/27.....Monday Night Bible Class 6:30pm

Tuesday 9/28.....Choir Practice 6:30pm
Chimes Practice 7:30pm

Wednesday 9/29.....6th Grade Confirmation 4:30pm
7th & 8th Grade Confirmation 6:00pm

Sunday 10/3.....Worship 9:30am
Bible Class 10:45am
Sunday School 10:45am



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