



SHEPHERD *of the* LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH

114 E. Blue Earth Ave.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

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Last Judgment

November 7, 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 277.....*God, We Praise You*

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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



CONFESSION OF SINS

(Confession of sins sung according to CW 304, Jesus Sinners Does Receive)

**v1. *Jesus sinners does receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live And from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve—Jesus sinners does receive***

**v2. *We deserve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe—Jesus sinners does receive.***

**v4. *Come, O sinners, one and all, Come, accept his invitation.
Come, obey his gracious call; Come and take his free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe—Jesus sinners does receive***

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.

**v5. *I, a sinner, come to you With a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too; Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve—Jesus sinners does receive.***

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.

*v6. Oh, how blest it is to know, Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe—Jesus sinners does receive.*

*v7. Jesus sinners does receive. Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying still to him I cleave—Jesus sinners does receive.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before 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: Malachi 4:1-3

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and they day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty.

PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 111 (*page 106 in the front part of the hymnal*)

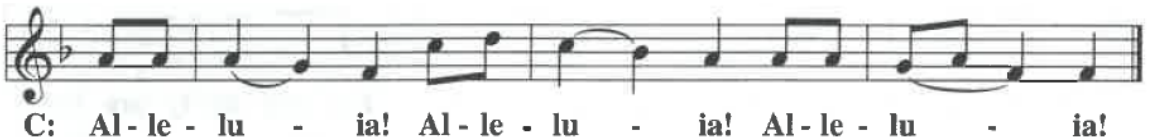
SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. ²⁵ Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Alleluia. (Matthew 24:32, NIV)

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



PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 12:38-44

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

³⁸As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,³⁹ and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

⁴³Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 207vv1-5.....*The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

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

*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 OF THE CHURCH

M: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear our voices.

C: Let our ears be attentive to our cries for mercy.

M: Heavenly Father, we confess with sorrow that we have sinned and deserve only your anger and punishment.

C: If you kept a record of our sins, we would surely be lost.

M: We confess with joy that your unfailing love has redeemed us.

C: Our hope is in you and in your full redemption

M: Around us we see the birth pangs of the last days: war, famine, earthquakes, false prophets, spiritual apathy.

C: Use these signs to remind us that we do not know the day or hour when Christ will come again.

M: Keep us faithful to your Word; send your Spirit to strengthen our faith so that we are always prepared for your Son’s return as judge.

C: Make us faithful in sharing your Word, and cause many more to put their hope in you before the end comes.

M: Build our fellowship of love as brothers and sisters in faith.

C: Help us support one another when trials and troubles come our way.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, we eagerly wait for Jesus to come again and make all things new. May he find us, whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life, faithfully enduring to the end, through the power of your Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Lord Jesus. May your grace be with us. Amen.

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.

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.

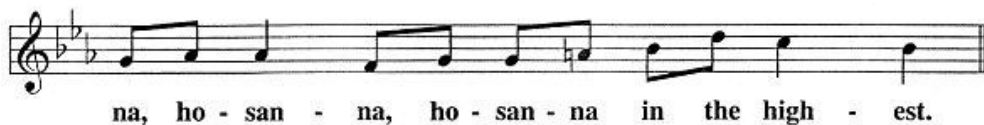
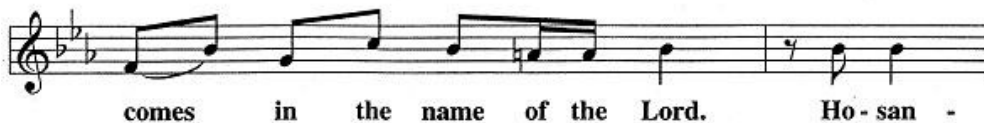
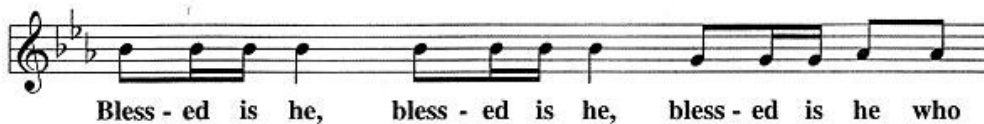
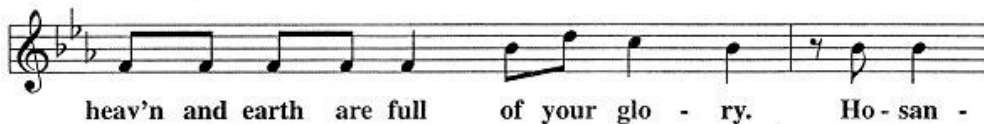
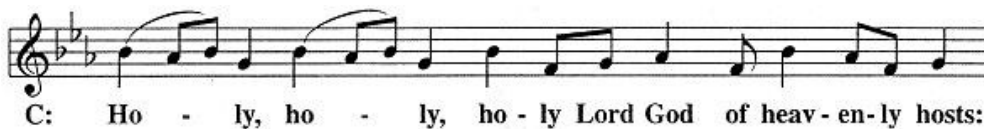
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—*Sanctus*



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 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 311v1,3,6,8Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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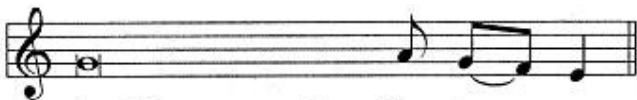
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SONG OF SIMEON—*Nunc Dimittis*



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.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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.



C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

PLEASE BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: CW 207v6.....*The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

Notes and News for November 7, 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!

Elders and Council Meetings—Elders and the council will be meeting this Tuesday at 6:30pm and 7:00pm.

Quarterly Voters Meeting—We will be holding our quarterly voters meeting after our service before Bible Class today

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!

Martin Luther College Food Drive—Martin Luther College will once again be holding their annual food drive! It is such a big help to many of the students at the college and is very much appreciated by them! There boxes in the entryway where you can put your donations which will be taken up by Joy Johnson. To learn more about the drive or know which items are specifically needed, take a look at your worship folder insert. If you have any questions, you can ask Pastor or Joy Johnson! Thank you!

SCRIP Program!—Don't forget about our SCRIP program, where you can purchase gift cards to use at our favorite stores while simultaneously raising money for Shepherd of the Lakes! 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!

Advent by Candlelight—The Lutheran Women will be hosting Advent By Candlelight again this year! All ladies are welcome to join on December 11th at 1:30pm. There are also invitations on the table in the narthex so the ladies can invite any other ladies they would like to bring and think would love and could benefit from an afternoon focusing on the gospel with the program, "*An Afternoon With Isaiah*"! If possible, please let us know how many of you and your invitees will be attending by Sunday, December 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Rosener!

Thanksgiving Meal!—Our Thanksgiving meal is taking place after worship on November 14th! If you have questions on food to bring, you can contact Sharon Scheff!

Christmas Decorating!—Everyone is invited to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas after our Bible Class on November 28th. Please bring a sack lunch for yourself to eat before we begin decorating!

Lutheran Women Mission Box Donations—There is a box on the table in the narthex for our Lutheran Women to collect donations to send in for both home and world mission projects! They will be collecting from now through November 14th! If you'd like to see any more info on our WELS missions, feel free to take one of the *Faces of Faith* magazines in our rack in the narthex!

Lutheran Women Meal Change—The monthly Lutheran Womens meeting for December has been moved from the first Thursday of the month to December 9th (the time remains at 6:00pm). This will be the night of their Christmas party! All the ladies are invited and are asked to bring some snacks or hors d'Oeuvres, a white elephant gift, and their stockings in which they have been collecting their monthly offerings for a gift to a place of the ladies choosing! They will also be decorating for the candlelight night as well!

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Donations For Our College Students!—We have a handful of college students from our congregation! And we would love for you to join us in helping them! We are collecting donations (anything from giftcards to dorm snacks) that we can give them!

Poinsettias for Christmas—The Lutheran Women will soon be purchasing poinsettias for the church for Advent and Christmas. If anyone would like to help donate to the purchase of these beautiful seasonal additions to our decorations, you can put your donation in an enveloped marked "Flowers" into the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary!

WELS Florida Trip Invitation, January 10th-25th!—WELS members are invited to join the MLC Alumni Association's 2-week midwinter trip to sunny Florida. The tour will focus on the state's fantastic flora and fauna. In addition to daily devotions and WELS worship, planned highlights include several seaside sunsets, Silver Springs State Park, Crystal River Manatee Preserve, the Edison/Ford Estate, Everglades National Park, Key West, Bok Tower Gardens, and much more. Attendees can choose to meet in Orlando or join the nonstop group flight from Minneapolis. Full details and registration

information can be found at www.mlc-wels.edu/alumni/florida-2022. Questions? Contact tour director Steve Balza at 507-217-1731 or alumni@mlc-wels.edu.

WELS National Choral Festival—The 2021 WELS National Choral Fest will take place November 12-14 at Martin Luther College under the theme "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord." Twenty-three WELS Lutheran High Schools from around the nation will participate. Make plans to join us on Friday, November 12 at 7pm CST for the Pops Concert, or Sunday, November 14 at 2pm CST for the Sacred Service in person or online via our Livestream. Learn more at welsfinearts.org/2021-wels-national-choral-fest

Adopt A Seminary Student!—Our Lutheran Women have made the wonderful decision to participate in the *Adopt a Seminary Student!* This program is for congregations to help support our future WELS ministers with encouragement and various needs as they attend the Seminary! There will be a collection box with pictures and biographies of our adopted seminary students (also found on your worship folder inserts) into which you can donate anything helpful to our students, such as gift cards, financial donations, dorm snacks and food, and even cards and letters with words of encouragement! At the end of every month our Lutheran Women president will make sure these are sent to our adopted seminary students! For any more questions and info, you can ask our Lutheran Women president, Marie Jacobsen!

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: Jethro Johanson (11/10)! Travis Rogotzke (11/11)!
- + Prayer requests: We ask the Lord to be with all those who are sick or suffering, especially amongst our family of believers; We want to give the Lord thanks for his giving recovery to all those among us who were suffering with COVID, especially for the recovery we have seen him grant Tess Meyer

Coming Up this Week

Today 11/7.....Worship 9:00am
Quarterly Voters Meeting 10:30am
Bible Class & Sunday School To Follow Voters Meeting

Monday 11/8.....Monday Night Bible Class 6:30pm

Tuesday 11/9.....Elders Meeting 6:30pm
Council Meeting 7:00pm
NO choir or chimes practice due to elders and council meetings

Wednesday 11/10.....Confirmation Class 4:30pm

Saturday 11/10.....Wine, Women, and the Word 2:00pm

Sunday 11/14.....Worship 9:30am
Thanksgiving Lunch 11:00am
No Bible Class



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