



**Lent Midweek 4**

**March 10, 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.

## Midweek Lent

**OPENING HYMN: CW 124**.....*Savior, When in Dust to You*

*PLEASE STAND*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

**C: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.**

M: If we claim to have fellowship with him, yet walk in the darkness,

**C: We lie and do not live by the truth.**

M: If we claim to be without sin,

**C: We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

**C: Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to purge away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of the Holy Spirit let me serve you all my days.**

*Silence for private confession.*

M: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### PRAYER

**M:** Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly, that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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**PSALM OF THE DAY: CWS Psalm 69** (*Printed on your worship folder insert*)

**PSALM PRAYER**

**M:** O Lord, spare us from the folly of wickedness and the pursuit of evil. Make us rejoice in your saving acts that we who have been redeemed by your Son may abound in works of faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**PASSION READING LESSON THREE—*Trial Before High Priest*** Mark 14:43-65

**SEASONAL RESPONSE**

**All:** All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

**HYMN: CW 108**.....*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

**Sermon**

**Hands of Hypocrisy (Caiaphas)**

*Mark 14:55-65*

<sup>55</sup> The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. <sup>56</sup> Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree.

<sup>57</sup> Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: <sup>58</sup> “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.’” <sup>59</sup> Yet even then their testimony did not agree.

<sup>60</sup> Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” <sup>61</sup> But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

<sup>62</sup> “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

<sup>63</sup> The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. <sup>64</sup> “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?” (*Continues on page 4*)

They all condemned him as worthy of death. <sup>65</sup> Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

**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*

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## **PRAYER**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: 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.**

### **EVENING PRAYER**

**ALL: In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ (+), and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

**C: Amen**

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**CLOSING HYMN: 116.....*In the Hour of Trial***