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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 11:00am

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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.



DIVINE SERVICE I



OPENING HYMN: CW 601......Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

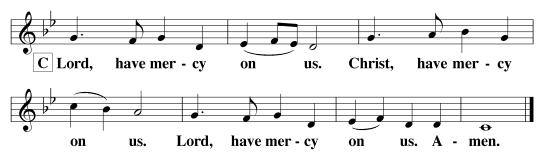
C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 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



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

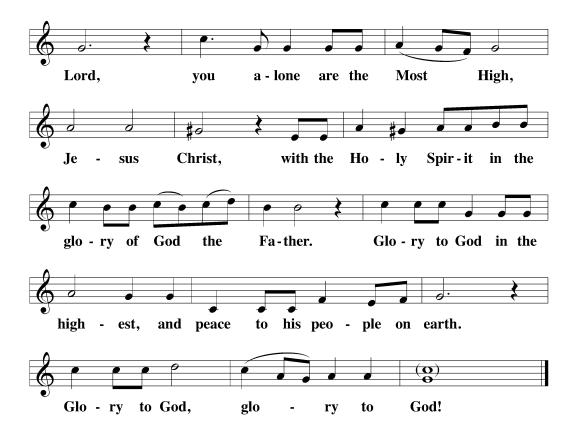
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis







M: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found.²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 139b (page 117 in the front part of the hymnal)

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:21-6:4

²⁴That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

²¹Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or

any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.²"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—³"so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia. (Ephesians 5:2)

PLEASE STAND

The Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 6.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



²Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³"What did Moses command you?" he replied.

⁴They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."

⁵"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. ⁶"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female. ⁷'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹²And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

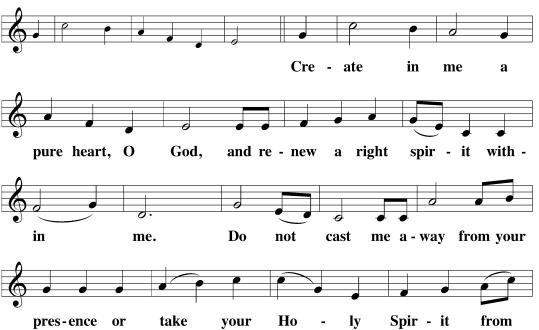
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HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 505.....Love Is the Gracious Gift

SERMON

PLEASE STAND







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.

<u>To our visitors</u>: 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 & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

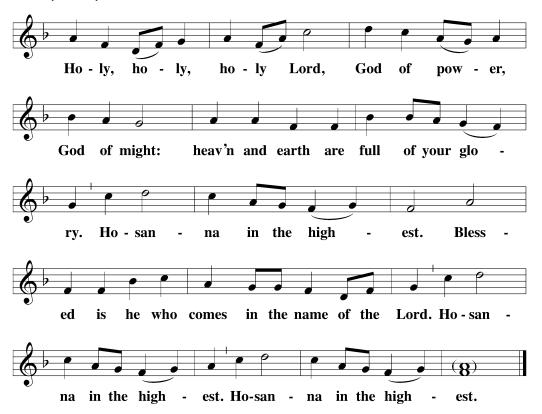
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is 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 in 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: Amen.



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.

PLEASE STAND

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON—Nunc Dimittis





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eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for



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

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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: Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: CW 500vv1-3,5.....For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray

Notes and News for October 3, 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!

Thank You From the Luckows!

Gordy and Loretta Luckow would like to extend many thanks to all of you for prayers, calls, and cards for Gordy as he recovers from COVID!

Thank You Sunday School!

Be sure to thank our Sunday School children this Sunday who will be responsible for serving snacks and refreshments for Bible Class as part of their Kids CARE participation! They will also be accepting offerings for the work with the Roma in Bulgaria that they can send to help share the gospel with them!

Evangelism Committee Postponed

The first Sunday of the month is usually our Evangelism Committee meeting time. However, this month we will wait a week and have our meeting on Sunday, October 10th!

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! PLEASE NOTE that Jean Johnson will be gone on October 9th, and there will be no class if the spot has not been filled by a volunteer

Martin Luther College Reformation Worship

500 years ago, on April 18, 1521, Martin Luther stood before the Diet of Worms and the Holy Roman Emperor, being asked to recant the things that he had believed, written, and taught. There will be a special service commemorating the Lutheran Reformation at Martin Luther College in the Chapel of the Christ on October 31st at 3:00pm!

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!



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 has plenty more!

Remember in your Prayers this Week

- + Birthdays: Anthony Scheff (10:7)!
- + Anniversaries: Mark & Linda Hughes (10/3, 29 years)! Terry & Marlene Baker (10/8, 45 years)!
- + Prayer requests: We continue to pray for Gordy Luckow's recovery from COVID and for the recovery of Elaine Kuske who has been recently diagnosed with COVID

Coming Up this Week

| Today 10/3 | Worship 9:30am/Bible Class 10:45am/Sunday School 10:45am |
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| Monday 10/4 | Monday Night Bible Class 6:30pm |
| Tuesday 10/5 | Choir Practice 6:30pm/Chimes Practice 7:30pm |
| Wednesday 10/6 | |
| Thursday 10/7 | Lutheran Women Meeting 6:00pm |
| Saturday 10/9 | Wine, Women, and the Word (Tentative) 2:00pm |
| Sunday 10/10 | Worship 9:30am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45am |

Evangelism Committee 11:45am