

SHEPHERD of the LAKES

114 E. Blue Earth Ave.

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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:45am

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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



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OPENING HYMN: CW 228......Come, Rejoice before Your Maker

PLEASE STAND

INVOCATION

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

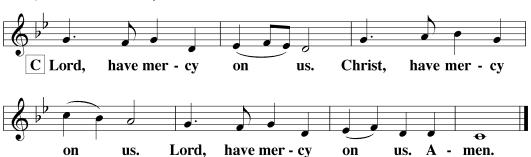
C: Amen.

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

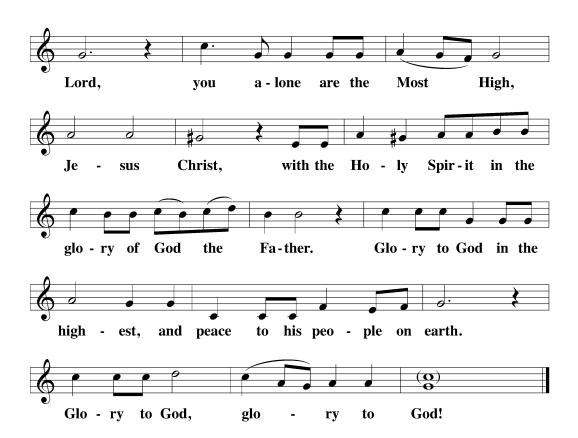
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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

O God, the helper of all who call on you, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see your Son that we may follow him on the way that leads to eternal life; 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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷This is what the LORD says:

"Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' ⁸See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return. ⁹They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

PSALM OF THE DAY: CW Psalm 126 (printed on p. 113 In the front part of your hymnal)

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 3:14-22

¹⁴"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. ¹⁵I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

¹⁹Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

²¹To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Alleluia. (Hebrews 12:2 cf. NIV)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

PLEASE STAND

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 10.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



⁴⁶Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

⁵²"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

⁴⁸Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

⁵¹"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 460How Can I Thank You, Lord

SERMON

PLEASE STAND

SERMON RESPONSE—Create in Me



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.

<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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

PLEASE STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through 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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: CW 330......Now, the Hour of Worship O'er

Notes and News for October 24, 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!

As Margo Smith continues to recover from her recent knee surgery, she would like to send out a big thank you to her family here at Shepherd of the Lakes! She has more than appreciated all the thoughts, cards, rides to therapy and more that you have helped to provide for her!

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!

Usher Meeting

All the men on our ushering schedule will have a meeting today right after our service and before Bible Class. Our head usher Tony Rosener will just to go over any new and review any regular duties for the ushers.

Reformation Potluck!

Reformation is coming up at the end of this month on the 31st! To celebrate the movement God used to bring the gospel back to light we will be having our Reformation Potluck after the congregational update that will be happening that day. There will be no Bible Class that day, but we will go right from our update to our celebration! We hope you can all make it and can maybe invite your friends!

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!

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!

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!

Lutheran Women Bridal Shower!

Our Lutheran Women will be hosting a bridal shower for Olivia Knudsen on Saturday, November 6th, at 1:00pm at church! All of our ladies are invited for fun, games, and food! It is going to be a potluck lunch. And instead of gifts, it is asked that everyone bring a recipe to share! If you have any questions, contact Pastor or our Lutheran Women president, Marie Jacobsen!

Congregational Update and Voters Meeting

On October 31st we will hold our quarterly congregational update to inform you all about the goings on here at Shepherd of the Lakes! This means we will have our quarterly voters meeting on November 7th.

Remember in your Prayers this Week

- + Birthdays: Mimi Peterson (10/27)! Mark Hughes (10/30)!
- + Prayer requests: We want to remember those of our membership still recovering from COVID, especially Tess Meyer who is still hospitalized but is showing progress with God's helping power

Coming Up this Week

Today 10/24	Chimes Practice Before Worship 9:00am Worship 9:30am Usher Meeting 10:30am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:45am
Monday 10/25	Monday Night Bible Class 6:30pm
Tuesday 10/26	Choir Practice 6:30pm Chimes Practice 7:00pm
Wednesday 10/27	Confirmation Class 4:30pm
Sunday 10/31	Reformation Worship 9:30am Congregational Update 10:30am Reformation Potluck 11:00am

No Bible Class