



All ate and were filled

MATTHEW 14:20

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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WELCOME GUESTS
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We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in individual portions. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 6 PM

Children's bulletins are available in the narthex. These have been designed to assist children in worship. Each page is based on the Gospel lesson.

PRAYER REQUESTS



(Please note: "Current issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list.)

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Continue to pray for those in the world affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for our world leaders, church leaders, and Shepherd of the Lakes leaders so that they may help to meet the needs of those they serve as we move forward in these everchanging times.

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Scott Stephens, John Dyke, Adrienne, and Doug Tarkowski.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Jeff Hammer, Brian Kriek, Adam & Brittany Recob, Brooks Maines, Will Schmidt, Sgt. Keara Kangas, Alex Bauer, Jared Mann, Noah Storassli, and Zachary Raatz.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Ramona Schaeffel, Mel & Barb Harvey, and Elisabeth Jacobsen.

Pray for the family of:

Elsie Turner who passed on this week.

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Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or Jean Maines at secretary@SOTLsayner.com if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email. Those who are enrolled and do not have email are called via the telephone.

If anyone is interested in being the contact person for the prayer chain, please contact Bill Wendorf or Sharon Geist.

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| Giving Report | July 19, 2020 | Attendance | 56 |
| General Funds | | 2,905.00 | |
| ALWM | | 20.00 | |
| Frederick House | | 5.00 | |
| Weekend Backpack Project | | 20.00 | |
| Children's Funds | | 5.00 | |
| Building Fund | | 20.00 | |
| Memorials | | 25.00 | |
| Total | | 3,000.00 | |
| Giving Report | July 26, 2020 | Attendance | 41 |
| General Funds | | 1,610.00 | |
| Food Pantry | | 5.00 | |
| Holiday Discretionary | | 10.00 | |
| Quilting | | 10.00 | |
| Scholarship | | 200.00 | |
| Building Fund | | 10.00 | |
| Altar Cloth | | 150.00 | |
| Total | | 1,995.00 | |

Worship services:

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Outdoor Services: Sunday 9:00 (Weather Permitting)

Don't forget your lawn chairs!

August 16, 2020

August 30, 2020

Congregational Meeting: Sunday August 16, 2020

after service at 10:30 am. Only item on the agenda is the approval of the plans and costs of the building addition of a closed entryway on the south end of the building by the kitchen.

Recorded Services: All Saturday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on YouTube, usually by 9 AM Sunday morning. Go to the Church website at

shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and look for the  YouTube

symbol. Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
 and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We

Unreasonable Love

Imagine throwing an impromptu dinner party for thousands of people. Looking out at the huge crowd, would you think, “Yeah, we can do this. It’ll be fun!”? Or would you look in your fridge, cupboards, and freezer and become absolutely certain there was not enough to go around?

It is normal and human to look at the supplies available and make a judgment about whether or not something can be accomplished. It’s reasonable, even! But God’s kingdom is not reasonable. God’s kingdom defies all of our human expectations.

It is not reasonable that the last shall be first. It is not reasonable that God would pour forgiveness on us when we hardly know how to confess. It is not reasonable that the disciples could feed thousands of people with just a few loaves and fishes.

Thanks be to God for the unreasonable, unexpected grace we find in the kingdom! May we brim with gratitude that where we see limits, God knows what is possible. When we stare in shock at the Son of God nailed to the cross, we are sure it’s the end of the story, but God knows differently: love and life are unreasonably more abundant than hatred and death.

When we bring whatever “loaves and fishes” we have in our cupboards to God, God blesses them and makes of them enough. At the Lord’s table, we find the mystery of Christ’s abundant presence in the bread and the wine. At the font, we are joined to the immeasurable, eternal covenant of being God’s beloved through the profuse waters of baptism. It’s preposterous, really, how lavishly, how unreasonably God loves the world! Let us rejoice in God’s unreasonable love and mercy, and join the feast.

Gospel, continued

have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Next Sunday’s Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

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