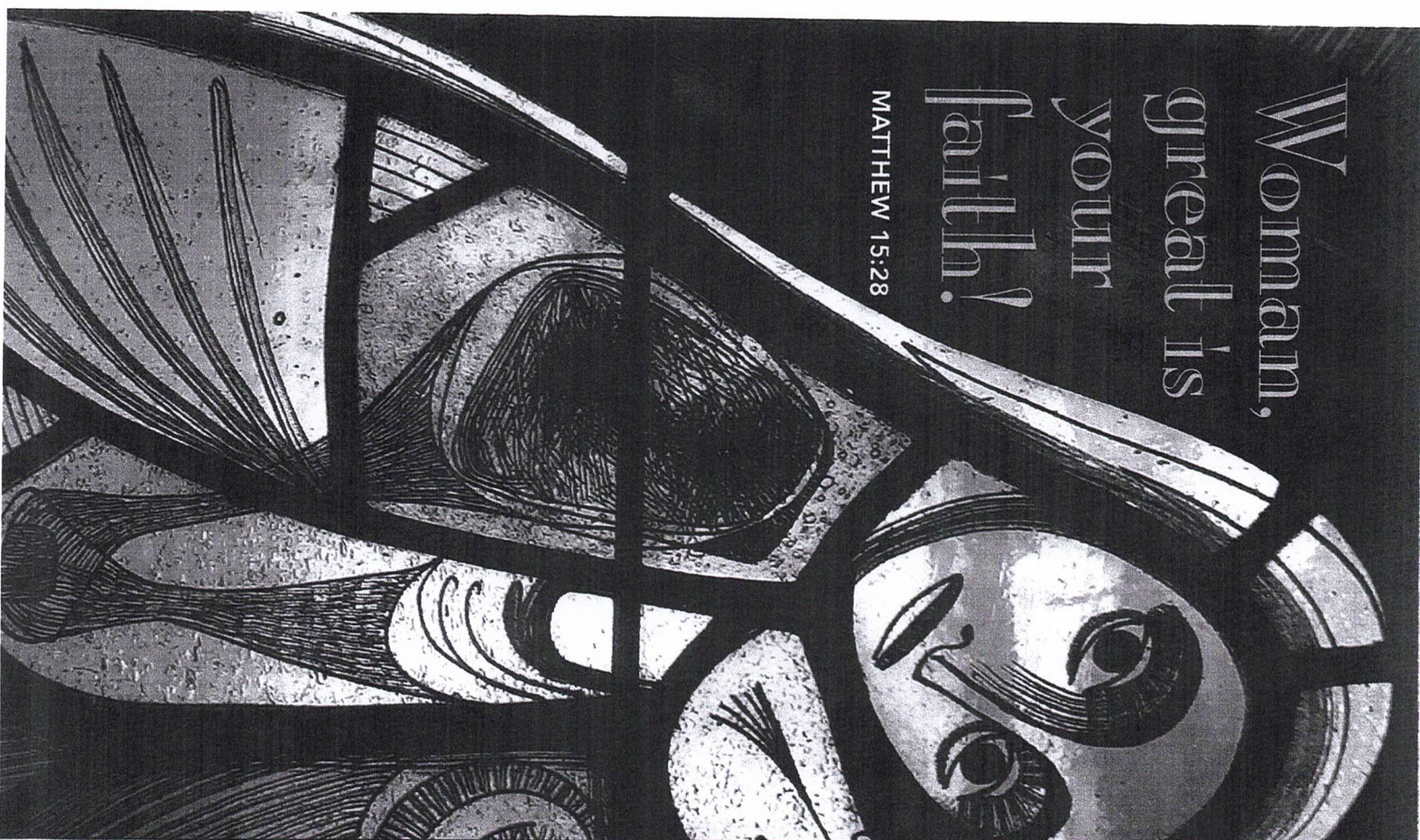


Woman,  
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MATTHEW 15:28



## Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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### WELCOME GUESTS

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.

<b>Giving Report</b>	Attendance
General Funds	Judy Out of Town
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Memorials	
<b>Total</b>	


**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

**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.

**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](http://shepherdofthelakeschurch.org) and look for the  YouTube symbol. Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

## 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, Mary's son & daughter-in-law (friends of Pat VanAcker), Ray Burlingame-Goff, 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 the last week of July.  
 Marilyn Walters who passed on last week.

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 Please email Bill Wendorf at [pastor@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or Jean Maines at [secretary@SOTLsayner.com](mailto: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.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

**Psalms 67****SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 15:1-10-20] 21-28**

[[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." ]

**Worship Is Practice**

It is just about time to move back into the rhythms of the academic year. Our summers may be quite different from household to household, but the school year often brings similar patterns. We are heading back to alarm clocks, early mornings, quick breakfasts, lunchboxes, and lunch money, "I can't find my other shoe!," bus stops, backpacks, and bell schedules. While our summers may have been filled with family and friends, school is packed with people we don't necessarily know well, understand, or even like. This seems like the perfect time to remember that amid the stress and people we encounter, Jesus says that our words have the power to defile us (Matt. 15:11).

How might the patterns of worship help us use words that sanctify rather than defile us?

We begin with words like "Forgive us . . ." as we humble ourselves before God. After confession and forgiveness, we often sing a song of praise, lifting sweet words of love to God. And in the Kyrie, our lips form the words "Lord, have mercy." When a worship leader greets us with "The Lord be with you," we return the greeting: "And also with you!" We stand for the gospel and sing an acclamation, which often includes the phrase "You have the words of eternal life." After the gospel is read, we cry, "Praise to you, O Christ!" As we share the peace of Christ, we look people in the eye and declare to them that Christ's peace is theirs. In worship, we practice the life we are to live all week. Our mouths are filled with truth, humility, praise, and gratitude—nothing that defiles.

What a gift it is to gather with a community of believers each week to sing and pray words of love and light, practicing together the sometimes-difficult work of using our words to build up, rather than tear down, our neighbors.

*Gospel, continued*

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 136; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

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