

*You are the Messiah,  
the Son of the living God*

MATTHEW 16:16



**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.

**Worship services:**

**Saturday at 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday at 9:00 a.m.**

**Outdoor Service: Sunday 9:00 (Weather Permitting)**

Don't forget your lawn chairs!

August 30, 2020

**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.

# 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.)

<b>Giving Report August 2, 2020</b>	Attendance 52
General Funds	1,355.00
ALWM (Vital Links)	10.00
Food Pantries	5.00
Frederick House	25.00
Pastor's Holiday Fund	25.00
World Hunger	100.00
Building Fund	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,530.00</b>


<b>Giving Report August 9, 2020</b>	Attendance 63
General Funds	33,025.00
ALWM (Vital Links)	20.00
Weekend Backpack Program	30.00
Building Fund	120.00
Memorial Fund	1,695.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,890.00</b>

**Next Council Meeting:** Tuesday, Sept. 22, 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.

**Pet Blessing Service:**

This year the Pet Blessing Service will be held on **Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** before the Saturday evening service. Please bring your four-legged family members!

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

**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 Storaasli, 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 and Marilyn Walters

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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.

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

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the LORD;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
and for my arm they hope,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.  
<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

**Psalms 138**

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**Who Is Jesus?**

Who do you say that I am?" (Matt. 16:15). When Jesus asks us this question, how do we reply? Do we respond with Peter, proclaiming that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16)? We may respond in that way when we feel we have more faith than doubt. However, we don't always feel so bold. Sometimes we might not have a clear answer when our Lord asks, "Who do you say that I am?"

Our worship here today is one of the ways we learn about what Jesus does so that we might proclaim who Jesus is.

- Jesus . . .
- . . . meets us in the assembly gathered for worship and calls us to be united in his love.
- . . . meets us in baptismal waters, drowning our sin and making us new.
- . . . invites us to tell the truth about the ways we have sinned against God and each other.
- . . . responds to our confession with full and immediate pardon.
- . . . is the saving, calling, redeeming Word, coming to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.
- . . . invites us to share what God has given us, calling us to offer our resources of money and time so that the church's mission of genuine love may be extended.
- . . . feeds us with his own body. As we take Jesus into our bodies in the form of bread and wine, we become what we receive: the body of Christ.
- . . . blesses us, gives us his peace, and grants us courage to answer his question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Having experienced Jesus in our worship, may we be so bold as to reply: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

**GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.  
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