

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America

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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:

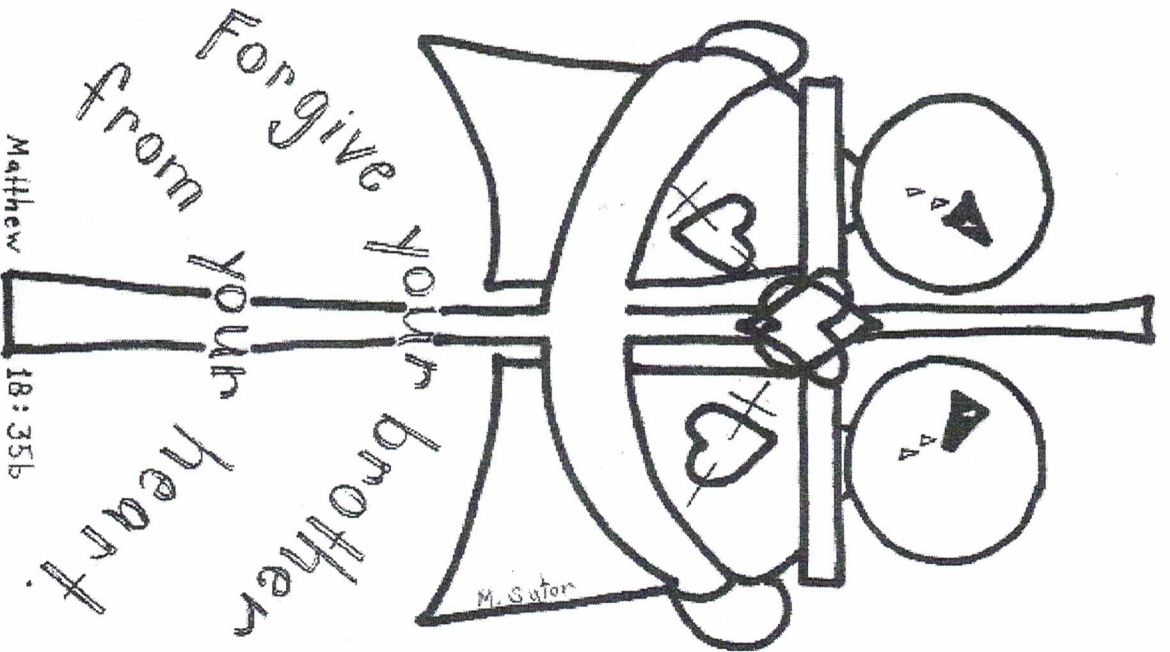
Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Outdoor Service: Sunday September 20, 2020

9:00 (Weather Permitting)
Don't forget your lawn chairs!

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.



15th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday September 12, 2020

Sunday September 13, 2020

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.)

Giving Report September 6, 2020	Attendance 52
General Funds	1,691.90
ALWM	45.00
Food Pantry	130.00
Frederick House	25.00
Holiday Discretionary	100.00
Weekend Backpack Program	20.00
Building Fund	60.00
Memorial Fund	1,125.00
Total	\$ 3,196.90

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! See wish list in Worship Guide.

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 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:

Kent & Carolyn (friends of Elaine Kuhlmann), Jim & Teresa Luebke, Brian, and Tom & Carol Miles.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Jeff

Hammer, Brian Krieck, 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.

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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.

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

Sunday, September 13, 2020
15th Sunday After Pentecost

New Perspective

Being a disciple requires an expansive perspective on forgiveness. Today our perspective is broadened by the good news that God's forgiveness is not based on our idea of fairness, but rather on abundant, unimaginable grace. God "does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities" (Ps. 103:10). The king forgives our entire debt, no matter how enormous it is (Matt. 18:23-27). We also are challenged to stretch our perspective and forgive each other. With Peter, we learn to stop keeping score (Matt. 18:21-22).

It's not an easy thing to do. Again and again we fall back on limited human understandings of what is "fair." Looking at the story of Joseph and his brothers, it's easy for us to say that his brothers really didn't deserve forgiveness. Even their plea for forgiveness is dishonest and manipulative—have they *really* repented (Gen. 50:15-17)? Joseph takes the wider view and realizes that it isn't his brothers' intentions that matter, but God's. God's forgiveness is much greater than what is fair, what we deserve.

So what does this new, broadened perspective look like in the lives of Christians and congregations? Paul provides a pragmatic glimpse: "Those who eat must not despise those

who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them" (Rom. 14:3). If all are truly welcomed by God, we are called to share the good news of that welcome in all we say and do.

Readings for September 19 & 20, 2020

First Reading:	Jonah 3:10 – 4:11
Psalm	145:1-8
Second Reading:	Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel:	Matthew 20:1-16