

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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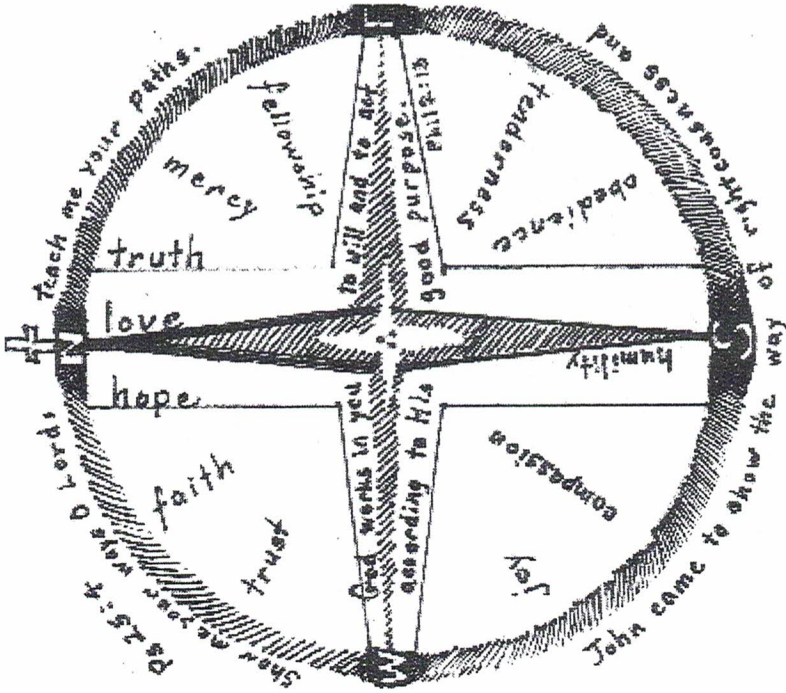
WELCOME GUESTS

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.

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.



you did not believe him...you did not repent.
Mt 21:32

17th Sunday After Pentecost
Saturday September 26, 2020
Sunday September 27, 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 13, 2020	Attendance 61
General Funds	2,753.00
ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief	50.00
Food Pantry	5.00
Hospice	10.00
WELCA	20.00
Building Fund	10.00
Memorials	50.00
Total	\$ 2,898.00

Next Council Meeting: Sunday Oct. 18, 2020 10:30 AM

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.

Flu Shots:


Flu shots will be available here at church on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 from 9:00 am and 10:00 am.

Quilting Group:

Will be meeting on the third **Wednesday** of each month at 9:00 AM beginning in October.

Blood Drive:

14 pints collected on Sept. 18th, 8 pints from Shepherd Family. Next drive here in January.

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 Repenshek, Larry & Joannie Stephenson, Barb Cashman, Arlene Dreyfus, and Tom & Carol Miles.

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.

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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 27, 2020
17th Sunday After Pentecost

Readings for
October 3 & 4, 2020

An Invitation to Grace

It is so easy and so tempting to build ourselves up at the expense of others. "I can't imagine ever doing that." "How can people live like that?" "Who would do such a thing?" At some point we all think or say these sorts of things. Like it or not, we use these words to comfort ourselves at the expense of others. These words are a reminder that all people stand in need of God's grace.

Each of this day's readings shows us this reality. In the parable of the two sons, Jesus invites us to choose between two sons when neither fully does the will of their father. Here Jesus makes the point that we are all equally in need of God's grace. Ezekiel proclaims God's invitation, "Turn, then, and live" (Ezek. 18:32). This is an invitation that extends to all people, from a God deeply desiring a loving and life-giving relationship with humanity.

In Philippians, we are reminded of Jesus' act of grace on the cross, emptying himself, becoming sin so that all creation might be redeemed through him. In response, we discover a vision of the day in which all creation speaks with a unified voice, declaring Jesus Christ is Lord.

This is a day of confession and forgiveness. We confess our need for God, our distance from God, and our failures before God. In response, to our joy, we discover again the grace of God outpoured. All humans are in need of God's grace; God extends grace to all, and one day we will confess that salvation as one people. All of today's readings reveal the way in which all humans are equal in the eyes of God.

First Reading:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms

80:7-15

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel:

Matthew 21:33-46