



# Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

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Sayner, Wisconsin



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**Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 am.**


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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.

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube. Go to the Church website at [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org) and look for the  symbol. Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

### Readings for February 7, 2021:

<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 40:21-31
<b>Psalm</b>	147:1-11, 20c
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 9:16-23
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	Mark 1:29-39

## Rules or Relationship?

Do you want to be right, or do you want to have a relationship? When a teenager spends \$200 on the world's coolest sunglasses is it the time to comment on the foolishness of the purchase or to simply smile and nod? May the people of Corinth eat meat sacrificed to idols? Paul seems to suggest that it does not really matter where the meat comes from. What matters is how the people you care about feel about that meat. Will it challenge their faith? Will it become a stumbling block to the weak? Do you want to be right, or do you want to have a relationship?

This theme continues in the gospel. The laws prohibiting work on the sabbath carry deep meaning for many people of faith, and yet on this sabbath Jesus rebukes an unclean spirit and frees a man. Jesus chooses to care for the man and to free him, rather than worry over the details of the law. In this instance Jesus is not condemned for his choice, as he will be later. But his fame begins to spread throughout the region. That too will later prove dangerous, yet it is also a sign of the evangelical nature of the faith. This is not a private faith, held closely and kept hidden. Rather it is an outgoing faith spread from person to person throughout the world.

To this day people continue to place barriers and restrictions on the faith. Congregations do this in intentional ways, for example, by setting a minimum age for receiving holy communion. The benefits of these restrictions can be debated, but at least they are chosen intentionally. Churches also create unintentional barriers. Consider the clothes people wear to church each Sunday. Are many people wearing suits and ties? Do you see blue jeans? Do people wear shorts in the summer? What are some of the ways people might be kept from a relationship with Jesus by the barriers we create?



### 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:

#### **Pray for those with ongoing health issues:**

Larry & Joannie Stephenson, Arlene Dreyfus, Rich Kysiak, Julie Smith, Gus Tarre, 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:**

Mel & Barb Harvey, and Elisabeth Jacobsen.

*Please email Bill Wendorf at [pastor@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at [secretary@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:secretary@SOTLsayner.com) or text to 715-542-3344 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***

## **CHURCH SERVICES:**

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. Masks while not required, however are greatly encouraged in the sanctuary for the services. If you cannot wear a mask for health reasons, areas will be set aside for your use. All are welcome. The service will be recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

## **OFFERINGS:**

You can give your offering in church, mail your offering, or use the online giving through **PayPal** on the church website. As always, your generosity to this church and our missions, is overwhelming. In a time when so many churches are suffering, the health and well-being of your church and our missions is humbling.

## **BIBLE STUDY:**

We will be scheduling a new Bible study beginning on Tuesday, January 26th, at 6 PM in the Community Room at Shepherd. We will be studying "The Truth Project" in a 12-week study every Tuesday from 6-8 PM. It is a DVD series on Christian living, and there will be no charge.

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Sayner, Wisconsin

Sundays after Epiphany

January 31, 2021

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## PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please Remain Seated)*

The One who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

Blessed is the One who comes bringing trustworthy words for the healing of the world.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Mighty and loving God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

Hear the voice of our Lord Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ELW 886, vrs. 1,2,5.  
(Please Stand as you are comfortable)

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.



5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

## OPENING DIALOGUE

God spoke through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

**God calls us by name, we belong to God.**

"When you pass through the waters..."

**God will be with us.**

"When you pass through the rivers..."

**God will be with us.**

"When you walk through the fire..."

**God will be with us.**

God is our Savior, we are precious in God's sight.

**Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with your all.

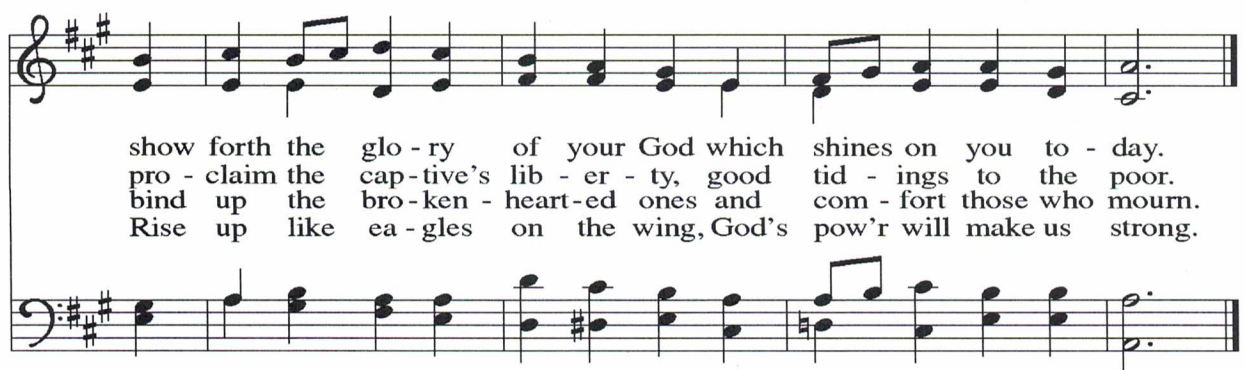
**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray..... **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

### First Lesson

#### Deuteronomy 18:15-20

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

#### Psalm 111

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup>**Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who de light in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup>**You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup>**You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup>**They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup>**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.**

## Second Lesson

### 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

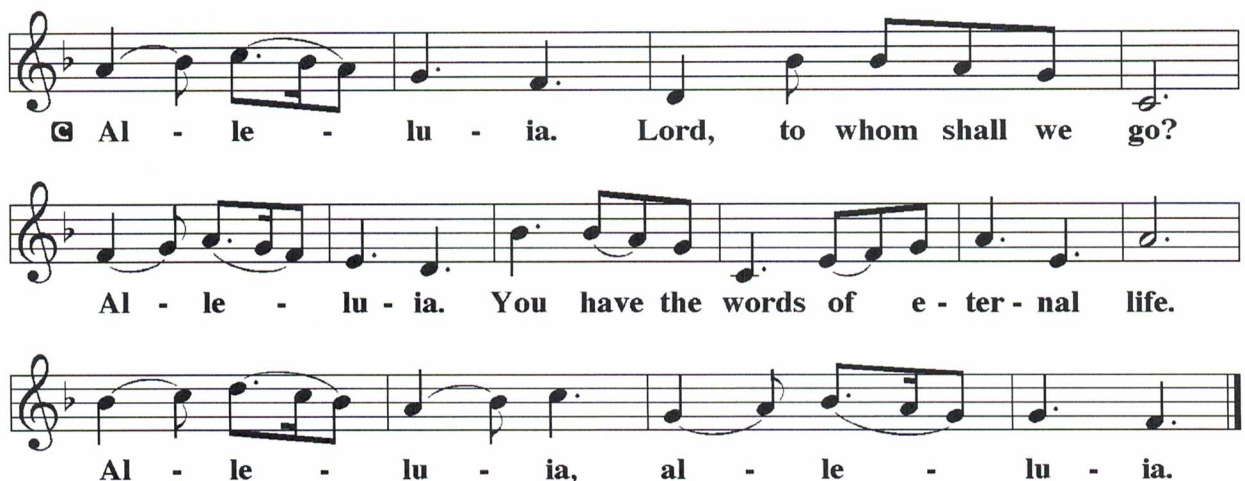
<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

*(Please Stand as you are comfortable)*

### Gospel Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel According to....

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **Mark 1:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

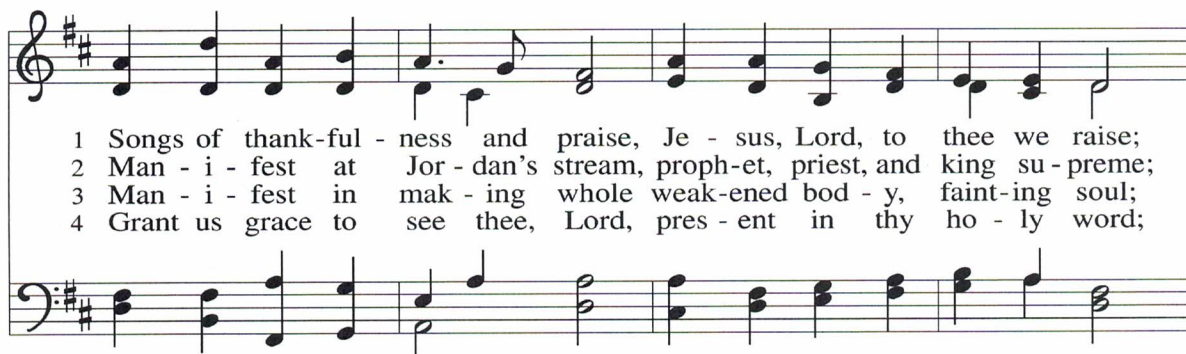
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## **SERMON**

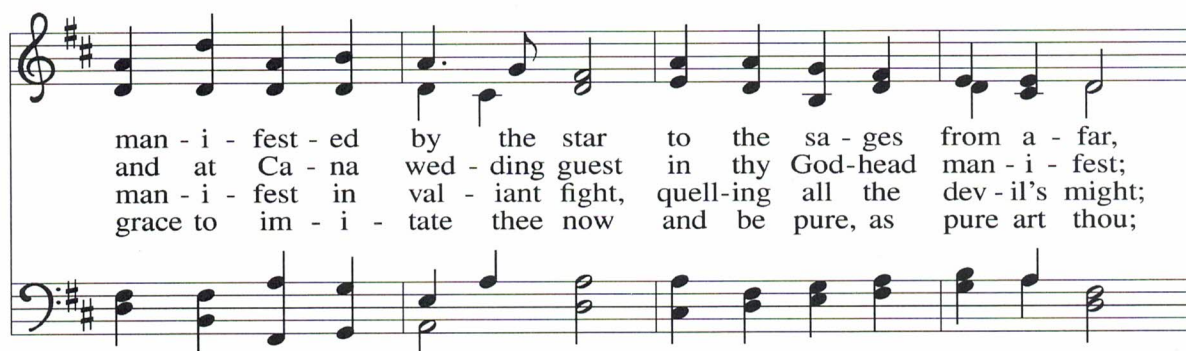
# HYMN OF THE DAY "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ELW 310 vs. 1,3,4.

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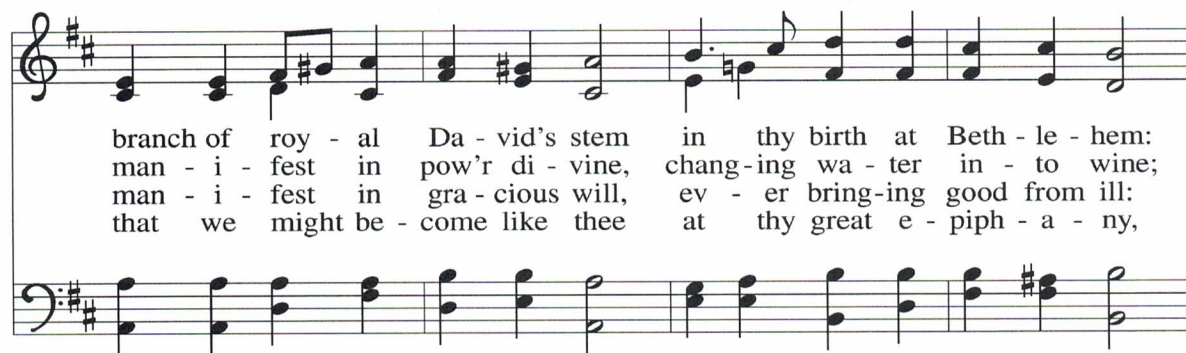
## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



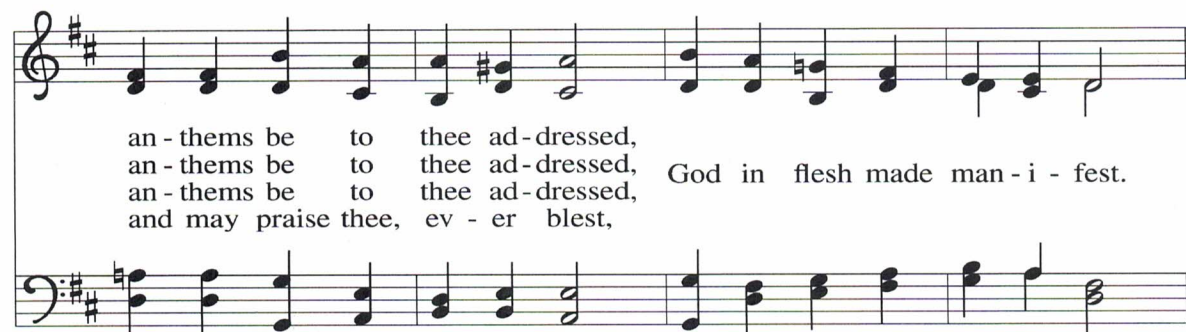
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

## Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.....**And also with you.**  
*(Please greet your neighbor from where you are standing, and then be seated)*

**Offering** *“Due to these extraordinary times, our offering is no longer received in the traditional manner. For those of you worshipping in church, as you enter, or leave the sanctuary, you will find an offering plate located at each entrance. If you wish, you may place your offering there.”*

*For those of you worshipping with us at home -*

*You can mail your donations to:*

*Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church*

*2903 State Hwy 155*

*Sayner, WI 54560*

*Or on the church website [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)*

*You can donate through our PayPal account.*

*“Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together.”*

# Great Thanksgiving

As the Lord's table is prepared, please join in singing:

"Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW 471

## Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key with two flats. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are numbered 1, 2, and 3, corresponding to the three parts of the hymn.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are repeated for each part.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing".

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of music concludes the piece. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me."

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## Prayer

*(Please stand as you are comfortable)*

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your Hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and Praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation

## Communion Distribution

***Everyone** is welcome to the Lord's Table at Shepherd of the Lakes. Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine in individual glasses, or by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). The red liquid is wine, the clear liquid is grape juice. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.*

*(Please be seated)*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Songs

### Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;  
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;  
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;  
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied, be glo-ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.  
 in our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.  
 in your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.  
 in your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.



# Come and Fill Our Hearts

## *Confitemini Domino*

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Father, I Adore You

*1\** F Gm C F Gm 2

1 Fa - ther,  
2 Je - sus, I a - dore you, lay my life be -  
3 Spir - it,

C F 3 Gm C F

fore you; how I love you.

# Bless the Lord

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Dm G Dm Bb C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm Bb C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

## Communion Blessing *(Please Stand as you are comfortable)*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## Communion Prayer

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the lord look upon you with favor, + and give you his peace. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior" ELW 655, vrs. 1,2,4.

## Son of God, Eternal Savior

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**