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Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6 pm.

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 the chalice or individual portions as you prefer. 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.

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

First ReadingActs 17:22-31Psalm66:8-20Second Reading1 Peter3:13-22JohnHoly GospelJohn



The words of today's gospel are most often heard during a funeral service. It is a popular choice of scripture for that occasion because the words provide wonderful assurance that the one who has died in Christ has now taken up residence in their heavenly home. The gospel begins by Jesus saying that he will prepare a place for each one of us. But as the text continues, we can see that our place is not an isolated room of our own in a giant heavenly mansion. Jesus' words are less about a place than a relationship: our relationship with Jesus and God the Father. They tell us that in Jesus we know all we need to know about God, and just as we can have a relationship with another human person, we can also have a relationship with God that will one day be as real and obvious as are our relationships with one another. The hope of one day being with Christ fully and forever is as real as the works we are called to do in his name today.

This text allows us the opportunity to contemplate what is ultimately unknowable, yet is also a central part of our faith: what heaven will be like.

BIBLE STUDY:

There are two Bible study groups. Monday nights: "The Forgotten God", beginning at 6:00 pm and another on Tuesday evening, a series titled, "That the World May Know" beginning at 5:00 pm. All are welcome to join!

FOOD PANTRY:

There are a lot of people in our area who depend on the food pantry. Please pick up an extra can or two as you shop and place in the brown basket in the coat room. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:

Please join us for coffee and fellowship each Sunday after worship. The second Sunday of each month will be our regular fellowship brunch. Bring a dish to pass as you wish.

CONGRATULATIONS:

On Sunday, May 14th, please join in a congregational celebration of Bill's completion of his Pastoral Ministry Certification from Christ College Institute of Lutheran Theology. Cake will be served with brunch!

CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am.

Masks while not required, but if you wish to wear a mask, we have them available on the table in the entryway. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

NEW: Wednesday evening Church services at 6:00 p.m. (with Holy Communion) year-round.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

To be determined (last meeting cancelled due to weather)



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:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Lyn, Melody, Laura, LuAnn, Amy, Graham and Family, and Tammy.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound: Elisabeth.

Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at secretary@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-542-4213 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

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† SEASON OF EASTER



Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We begin our confession in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as you have loved us. In your compassion, forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our light and our truth.

Amen

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life + in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

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Gathering Hymn "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" ELW 389 vs. 1,2,5.

(Please Stand as you are comfortable)

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

- 1) Leader: In peace, in peace ...
- 2) Leader: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . .

3) *Leader*: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, . . .

4) Leader: Help, save, and defend us, O God. . . .



Hymn of Praise (see next page)

Now the Feast and Celebration





Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated following the prayer)

Scripture Readings Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me;

make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,

for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,

for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable for the Gospel Acclimation)



Acclamation

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14:1-14

14 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

"Remember And Rejoice" ELW 454 vs. 1,2,5.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Remember and Rejoice



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PRESENTATION

(During the Hymn Parents, Sponsors, and those to by baptized approach the Font)

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church which is the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Who presents this child to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Parents & Sponsors:

I present <u>Maeve Lilley Pockat</u> to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The minister addresses the parents and Sponsors:

In Christian love you have presented <u>Maeve</u> for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's prayer, the creed, and the 10 commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the holy scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of her baptism and in communion with the church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Response: I do.

The minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support *Maeve* and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Prayers of the Church

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: we give you thanks, for in the beginning your spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the Kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that <u>Maeve</u>, who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious Kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you all to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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 (Please be seated)

BAPTISM

<u>Maeve Lilley Pockat</u>, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon <u>Maeve</u>: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Amen.

<u>Maeve</u>, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

(Please share the peace as you are comfortable)

Offering

(We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)

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 You can donate through our PayPal account. "Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

Great Thanksgiving

As our offering is received, please join in singing: "Christ Be Our Light" ELW 715 vs. 1,4,5.

Christ, Be Our Light



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Presentation of Gifts (As the offering is presented, please join in the offertory hymn.)

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

Offertory Hymn



As the Grains of Wheat

Offertory Prayer

Holy God,

gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy,....

....praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On the night in which he was betrayed . . .

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and his glorious resurrection, we pray:



Presider sings first time, Congregation sings second time:

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new. We pray:

Presider sings first time, Congregation sings second time:



This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend.

Amen



Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray...

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.

Distribution

As the ushers direct people to communion, please be seated.



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Eat This Bread Jesus Christ, Bread of Life Refrain "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry. OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun-ger. 0 σ Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Father, I Adore You



(Please stand as you are able for the remainder of the service.)

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks,

generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

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BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *"The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Done"* ELW 366 vs. 1,4,5. The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Sending

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in the peace of the Risen Christ, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.

Monday	May 8, 2023	"The Truth Project"	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 9, 2023	Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	May 10, 2023	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	May 10,2023	Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	May 11, 2023	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	May 11, 2023	WELCA	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	May 14, 2023	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	May 14, 2023	Mother's Day/Brunch	10:30 a.m.

Calendar for Week of May 8 – May 14, 2023

Next Council Meeting:

To be determined

Upcoming Events:

Sunday May 14th Celebration of Certification for Bill Wendorf Friday, May 26th - Blood Drive at Shepherd of the Lakes Noon to 4 pm

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of additional events and worship services.

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