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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.

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 PO Box 130 Sayner, WI 54560 Or on the church website – <u>www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</u> You can donate through our PayPal account. "Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

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

Readings for August 27, 2023:

First Reading	Isaiah 51: 1 - 6	
Psalm	138	
Second Reading	Romans 12: 1 - 8	
Holy Gospel	Matthew 16: 13 - 20	

Confessing Christ, Formed in Faith

In late August, students are preparing to go back to school, and many churches gear up for a new year of Christian education. It is a good time to be reminded of the heart of Christian formation: conformation and transformation (Rom. 12:2).

Disciples are formed over time—shaped by learning, worship, and all aspects of Christian life in community. As it was for Peter, part of our formation is learning to confess Jesus as the Messiah, not only with the right words but also through an experience of the Living God in Christ. And along with Peter, through such formation we also discover who we are in relation to God: After Peter "confesses" Jesus' identity of Messiah, Jesus "confesses" Peter's identity by calling out his name and vocation.

Traditionally, Lutheran worship contains two confessions which keep forming us: a confession of sin and a confession of faith. In the first, we acknowledge who we are as sinner and saint, and in the second, we acknowledge who God is in the mystery of the Trinity. Like Peter's, our own identity is revealed in those truths. And, we might say, we are continually formed by and through them.

Peter's confession is not a precondition for following Jesus; it comes in the middle of his journey of discipleship. Our formation too is a long process—lifelong, in fact—which begins at baptism (or even before!) and is guided by those who travel before and with us. At this time of year, as we explore our own formation, identity, and vocation as disciples of Jesus, Isaiah entreats us, "Look to the rock from which you were hewn." Envisioning Peter "the rock," we might also consider how our shape is a "chip off the old block" of our forebears in faith.

FINANCIAL NOTES:

(Information not available yet at time of printing of Worship Guide)

August 13, 2023	Attendance: 52	
General Funds		
Total		

ALTAR FLOWERS:

August 20th: Flowers given by Sharon Brooker in Memory of Dick & Florence Brooker

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

August 27th, at 10:30 a.m.

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.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. and regular Wednesday evening services at 6 pm. Both services offer Holy Communion at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

CARITAS URGENT DONATION PLEA:

Caritas-Minocqua, serves Vilas and Oneida counties by distributing funds to those in urgent and immediate need of assistance. They are currently experiencing a very high level of need and are in urgent need of donations to continue their work in assisting our community members that are desperate for help. They have two anonymous donors that have offered to match donations, each matching up to \$5,000. Donate now and have your gift matched dollar for dollar! There are pink envelopes available in the Narthex for your donations.

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!

SOTL BLOOD DRIVE:

September 27th from Noon to 4 pm. For more information, call (715) 542-4049

CHURCH SCHOOL:

Church School will begin on September 13 at 3:45 pm for ages 4 – Grade 7. For more information, please call (715) 542-4049.

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION:

The Church Council will be holding a Question-and-Answer Session on Thursday evening, August 24th, in the Community Room from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., regarding the letter sent out to the voting members of the congregation. Please attend if you have any questions or concerns about the proposed change of synod affiliation.



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:

LuAnn, Amy, Graham, Phyllis, Bob, Beth, Ken (friend of Laura), Craig and David and Marcia

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody.

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:

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

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

12th Sunday After Pentecost

August 20th, 2023

Greeting & Announcements

Invocation

(Please remain seated.)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Gathering Song "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" ELW 886 vs. 1,5,6.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 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

When the world divides us,

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned,

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray,

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come and fill this place.

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.

Hymn of Praise







Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us Pray.....

Almighty and ever living God,

you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Salvation for Foreigners

1 Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my righteousness be revealed. ⁶ "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants. everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸ The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

> The Word of the Lord.... Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah
- ² that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
- ⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

⁷God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The Remnant of Israel

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

The Word of the Lord.... Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(*Please stand as you are comfortable*)



Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 15:21-28

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "I is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Please be seated)

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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 the Church

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(I invite you to share the peace as you, and your neighbor, are comfortable.)

Offering

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

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As our offering is received and the Lord's table is prepared, Please join in singing "Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW 471

Let Us Break Bread Together



Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual **Offertory Hynm**



Offertory Prayer

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord...... Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy..... and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

Lords 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 to the Table

(All are welcome to the Lord's table)

Distribution

(Please come forward as the ushers direct.)

(Children and others not wishing to commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.)

Lamb of God

(please be seated)



Communion Hymns "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" ELW 335 vs. 1,2,4.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

"Gather Us In" ELW 532 vs. 1,3,4.

Gather Us In



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Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

Communion Blessing

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn "Lord, Whose Love In humble Service" ELW 712 vs. 1-3. Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985 Text © 1961 Oxford University Press. Arr. © 1985 Augsburg Fortress.

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Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and 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.

Calendar for Week of August 21-August 27, 2023

Wednesday	August 23, 2023	Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 24, 2023	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	August 24, 2023	Q & A Session	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Sunday	August 27, 2023	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	August 27, 2023	Council Meeting	10:30 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

August 27th, at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Church School begins Wednesday, September 13th Blood Drive - September 27th Noon to 4 PM

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

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