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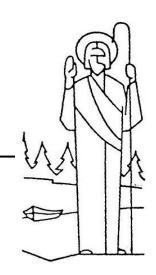
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Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6 pm.

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 website at

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

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."

Readings for September 10, 2023, 2023:

First Reading	Ezekiel 33: 7 - 11
Psalm	119: 33 - 40
Second Reading	Romans 13: 8 - 14
Holy Gospel	Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Called to Community

Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matt. 18:20). In these Sundays after Pentecost, we are repeatedly reminded that God has not abandoned us and that Christ's resurrection and ascension are a beginning for us, not an end. The readings this week focus on the practical work of the gathered Christian community: turning from sin to repentance, from conflict to reconciliation. The question is as relevant today as it was for the disciples and the first Christians: how do we live together, work together, as the body of Christ? We have been saved by grace, liberated by God's love to love one another. What does it mean for us and for our community to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 13:14) and to clothe ourselves in love?

We keep asking these questions because the way we gather as Christians continues to be profoundly countercultural. We do not gather as a social club, drawn and kept together only by shared demographics and interests. If church is only a social club, there is no reason to continue to gather if conflict arises, if uncomfortable issues are raised, or if "the way it's always been" begins to change. If church is only a social club, there is no reason to do the hard work of reconciliation and forgiveness.

God calls us into community knowing that being in community is hard. In scripture we can find practical guidance for gathering through good and hard times. The Holy Spirit is always at work—in, through, and among us—to gather and regather us again. In community we meet and become Christ's body in ways that are impossible for us as individuals; all the commandments are fulfilled in this call to neighbor-love (Rom. 13:9).

FINANCIAL NOTES:

(Financial information is not available this week)

August 27, 2023	Attendance on 8/27: 51		
TOTAL:			

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

September 17th, 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:

Friday, September 22nd 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.

FLU SHOTS

Vilas County Health Department will be here on Thursday, October 12, to administer Flu Shots from 9 am to 10 am in the Meeting Room on the North end of the church.



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:

Graham, Phyllis, Bob, Beth, Craig, 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.

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.

MEETING FOR FIRST VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO LEAVE THE ELCA

Please encourage others who are members of this Congregation to attend this meeting!

The SOTL Council called Special Meeting will be held at the SOTL Church on Sunday, September 10th, following the service and the brunch. We plan to begin at 10:30 a.m., with the speaking portion of the meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Bishop Katherine and/or other synod representatives plan to attend this meeting and will be limited to **SIX MINUTES** to speak prior to registered voting members. This was to accommodate Bishop Katherine's schedule in which she needs to depart prior to 11:30 a.m.

The speaking portion of the meeting will end at 12:00 p.m. or after **all registered voting members** have spoken. If this speaking portion of the meeting extends beyond 12:00 p.m., the voting process will begin immediately following the last **registered voting member** speech time period.

If **all registered voting members** have spoken before 12:00 p.m., the Council *may* open the floor for **unregistered voting members** or **associate members** to speak, but will end promptly at 12:00 p.m.

All speakers will be limited to **THREE MINUTES** per person and will be monitored by the SOTL Council during the meeting.

If you are a **voting member** who wishes to speak, please **register no later than today** by signing up on the sheet in the narthex so the SOTL council can estimate the amount of time needed.

In accordance with the SOTL 1996 Constitution, *only* voting members in attendance can cast a vote. A two-thirds majority vote is required to pass this resolution.

The entire meeting including the voting process will be recorded and not broadcast on any streaming service.

Please sign up on the sheet in the entry *by today* to register to speak at the meeting!

ONLY VOTING MEMBERS <u>IN ATTENDANCE</u> WILL BE ALLOWED TO VOTE!

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

Sayner, Wisconsin

Season of Pentecost

14th Sunday After Pentecost

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, urgently and fervently asking him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \ddagger Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.



Gathering Song "Son Of God, Eternal Savior" ELW 655 vs. 1,2,4.

(Please stand as you are comfortable) Son of God, Eternal Savior of Son God, e - ter - nal Sav-ior, source of life and truth and grace, you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so 2 may we for oth - ers live. As Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and 3 Prince of peace; God, e - ter - nal Sav-ior, source of 4 life and Son of truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal-lows all our Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free-ly may you hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal-lows all our hu - man race, ser - vants give. may your dis - cords cease. hu - man race: plead: you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev _ er sil-ver, yours the wealth of land Yours the gold and yours the 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 heal our wrong, and help our need. and pit - y, your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be. but stew-ards of we quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain. oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will grant, be done.

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Dialog for Pentecost

"Be strong and full of courage: for God is with you wherever you go."

The Spirit of God strengthens my hand: you make us bolder in our work together.

For in us all is the breath of life: you give true life to the people of God.

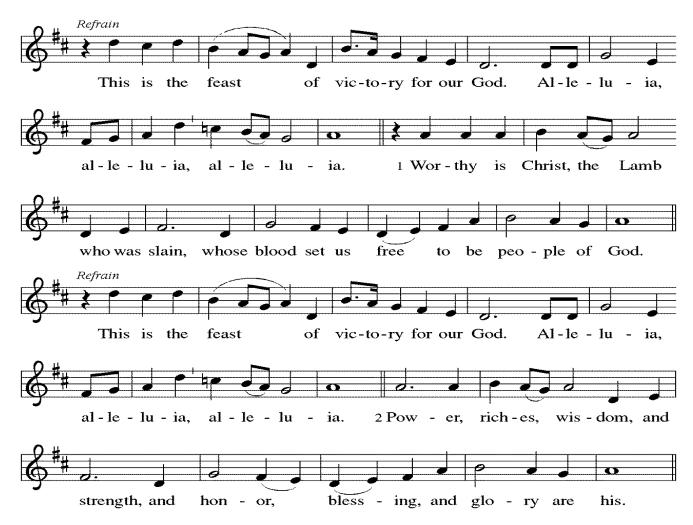
Come, Holy Spirit, as the mighty wind: as on the face of the waters at creation.

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.....

Oh God,

we thank you for your son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(Please be seated)

First Reading Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know: remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,

you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,

but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,

declares the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Psalm 26:1-8

I Will Bless the LORD of David.

¹Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

² Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

⁴I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

⁵ I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

⁶I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,

⁷ proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

⁸ O LORD, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

Second Reading Romans 12:9-21

Marks of the True Christian

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



Gospel Acclamation (Please stand as you are comfortable)

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of the Lord.

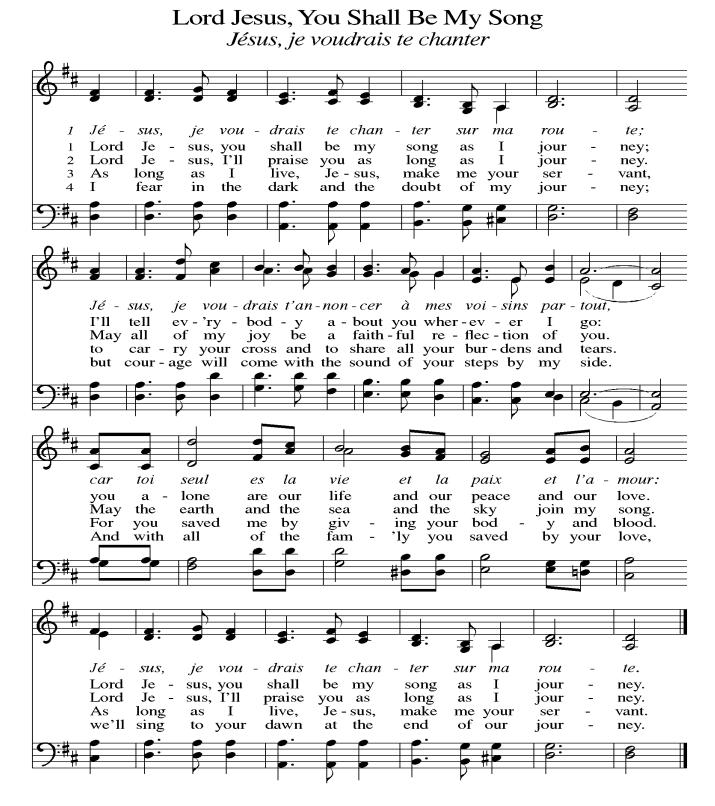
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Lord Jesus, you Shall Be My Song" ELW 808 vs. 1-3.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



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Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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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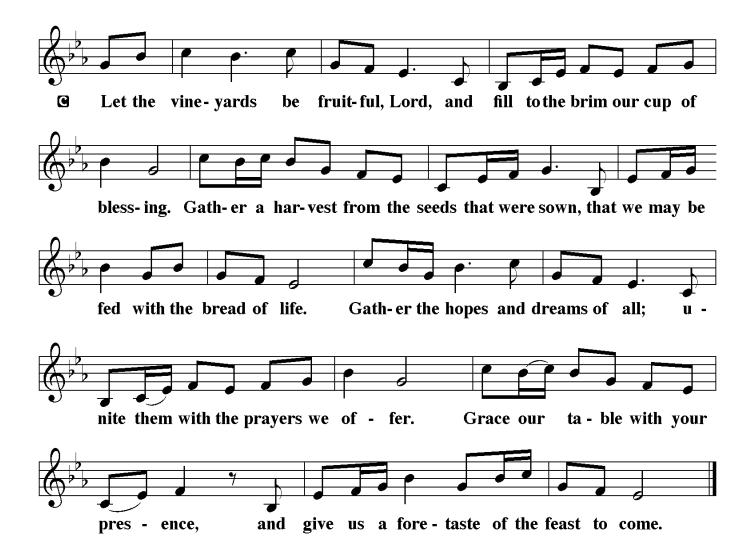


As our offering is received and the Lord's table is prepared, Please join in singing "Christ Be Our Light" ELW 715 vs. 1,2,5

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Offertory Hymn



Prayer

Let us Pray:

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus 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:

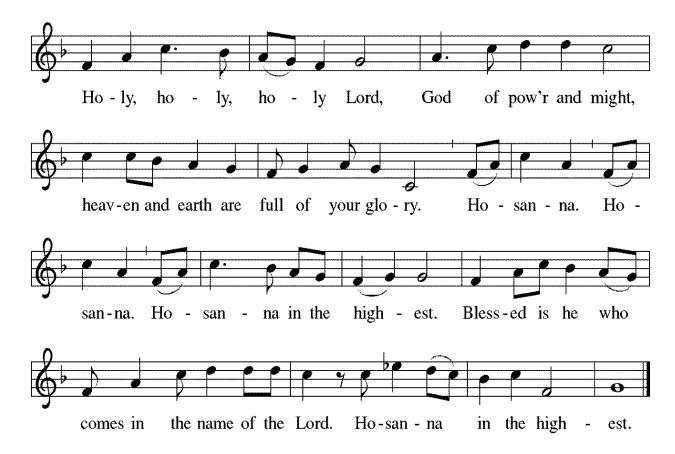


Table Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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 to the Table

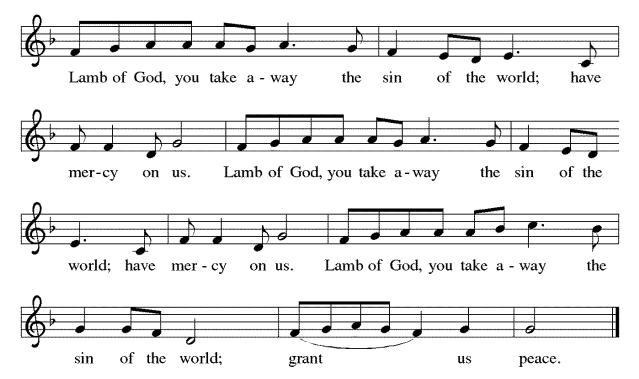
All are welcome to the Lord's table here. Simply come forward as the ushers direct, receive the host, and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the chalice, or by individual glass. For those wishing an alternative to the wine, there is grape juice clearly marked and provided, in both the individual glasses and the **small** chamber of the chalice. Gluten free hosts are also provided by simply asking your server as you come forward.

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

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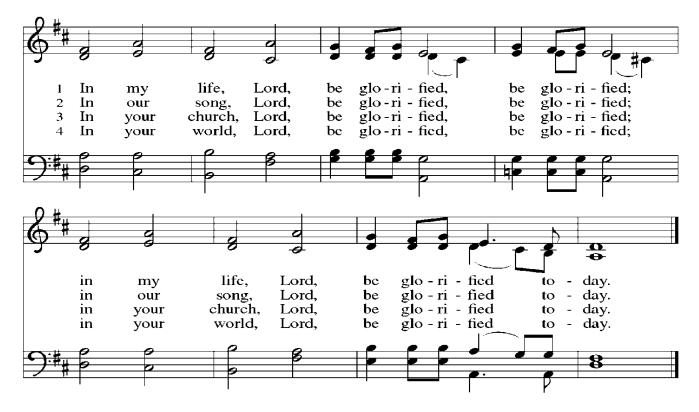
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Lamb Of God



Communion Songs

Lord, Be Glorified



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Prayer

Almighty God,

you gave your son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with Thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing

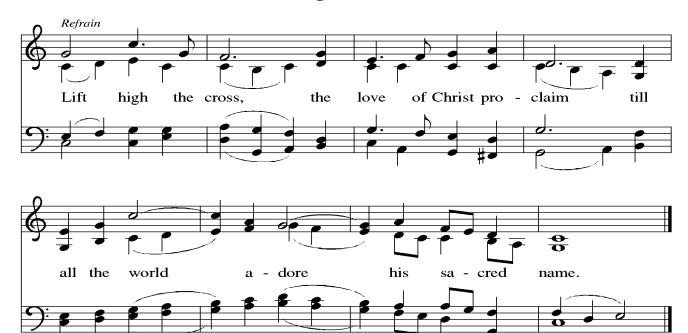
Almighty God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit, bless you all, now and forever.

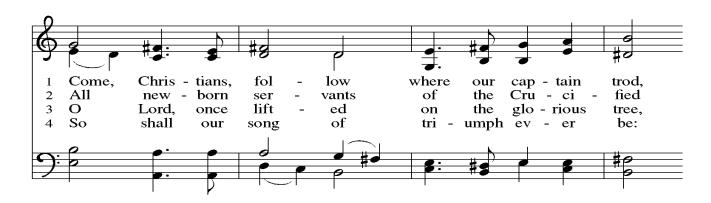
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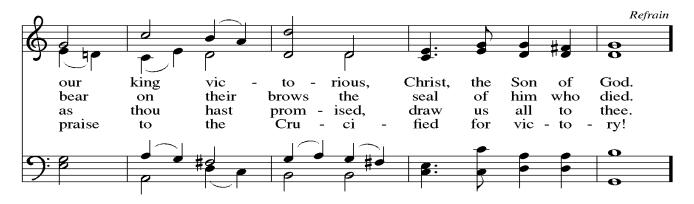
Sending Hymn

"Lift High The Cross" ELW 660 vs.1-3.

(Please stand as you are comfortable) Lift High the Cross







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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 September 4 – September 10, 2023

Wednesday	September 6, 2023	Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	September 7, 2023	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	September 10, 2023	Meeting on Leaving ELCA	10:30 a.m.
Sunday	September 10, 2023	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

September 17, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

First Meeting to Vote on ELCA, Sunday, Sept. 10, 10:30 a.m. Church School begins Wednesday, September 13th Blood Drive – Friday, September 22nd 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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