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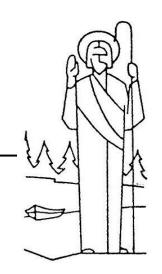
September 10, 2023

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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 symbol.

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 17, 2023:

 First Reading
 Genesis 50: 15 - 21

 Psalm
 103: [1-7] 8 - 13

 Second Reading
 Romans 14: 1 - 12

 Holy Gospel
 Matthew 18: 21 - 35

New Perspective

Being a disciple requires an expansive perspective on forgiveness. Today our perspective is broadened by the good news that God's forgiveness is not based on our idea of fairness, but rather on abundant, unimaginable grace. God "does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities" (Ps. 103:10). The king forgives our entire debt, no matter how enormous it is (Matt. 18:23-27). We also are challenged to stretch our perspective and forgive each other. With Peter, we learn to stop keeping score (Matt. 18:21-22).

It's not an easy thing to do. Again and again we fall back on limited human understandings of what is "fair." Looking at the story of Joseph and his brothers, it's easy for us to say that his brothers really didn't deserve forgiveness. Even their plea for forgiveness is dishonest and manipulative—have they *really* repented (Gen. 50:15-17)? Joseph takes the wider view and realizes that it isn't his brothers' intentions that matter, but God's. God's forgiveness is much greater than what is fair, what we deserve.

So what does this new, broadened perspective look like in the lives of Christians and congregations? Paul provides a pragmatic glimpse: "Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them" (Rom. 14:3). If all are truly welcomed by God, we are called to share the good news of that welcome in all we say and do.

FINANCIAL NOTES:

8/27 & 9/3, 2023 Attendance on 8/27: 51 Attendance on 9/3: 39	
General Fund	\$2,593.00
Caritas	\$ 140.00
Food Pantry	\$ 51.00
Frederick House	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:	\$2,834.00*
Not Included: Restricte	ed Bldg. Fund \$ 5.00

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

September 24th, 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 this week 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, Marcia, and Elaine.

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

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.

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.

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

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Sayner, Wisconsin

Season of Pentecost

15th 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.



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 † 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 "Praise, My Soul, The God Of Heaven" ELW 864 vs. 1,2,4. (Please stand as you are comfortable)

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.....

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(please be seated)

First Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119:33-40

- ³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.
- ³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.
- ³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.
- ³⁶Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.
- ³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.
- ³⁸Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.
- ³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.
- ⁴⁰Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

Second Reading Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

(Please stand as you are comfortable for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Please be seated)

Hymn of the Day "Where Charity And Love Prevail ELW 359 vs. 1,4,5.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Where Charity and Love Prevail



Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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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.

Christ, Be Our Light



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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.

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

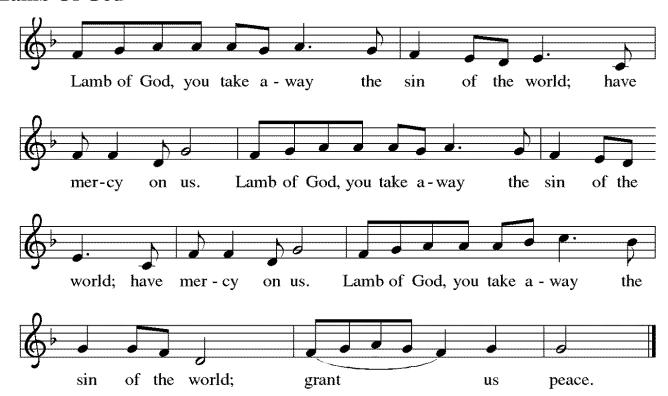
All are welcome to the Lord's table here. Simply come forward as the ushers direct, receive the host, and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the chalice, or by individual glass. For those wishing an alternative to the wine, there is grape juice clearly marked and provided, in both the individual 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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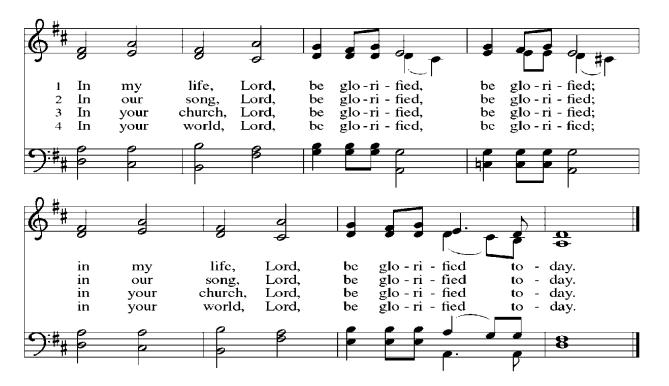
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Lamb Of God



Communion Songs

Lord, Be Glorified

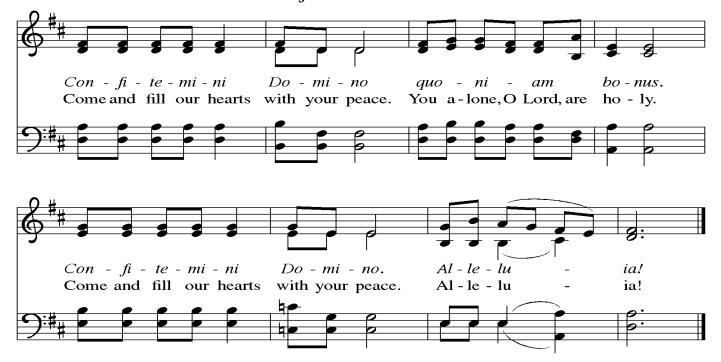


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Come and Fill Our Hearts

Confitemini Domino



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*may be sung in canon

Communion Blessing (Please stand as you are comfortable)

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

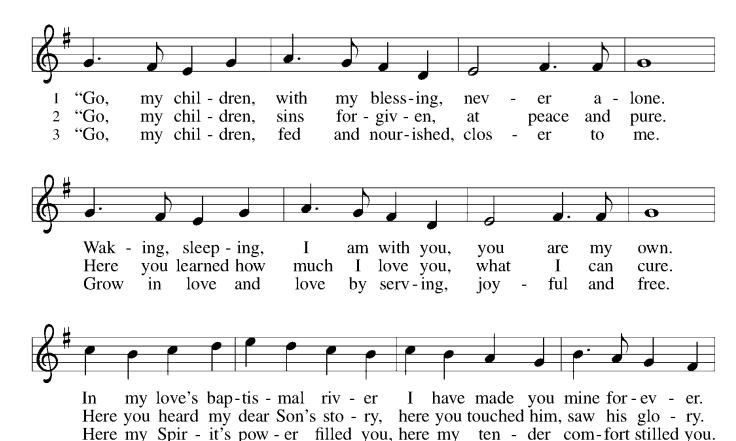
Almighty God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit, bless you all, now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" ELW 543

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing





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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 11 – September 17, 2023

Wednesday	September 13, 2023	Quilting	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	September 13, 2023	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	September 13, 2023	Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	September 14, 2023	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	September 14, 2023	WELCA	1:00 p.m.
Thursday	September 14, 2023	Newsletter Articles Due!	Thank You!
Sunday	September 17, 2023	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

September 24, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

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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