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# **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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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. 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 October 8, 2023:**

First Reading	Isaiah 5: 1 - 7
Psalm	80: 7 - 15
Second Reading	Philippians 3: 4b - 14
Holy Gospel	Matthew 21: 33 - 46

## Jesus, Cornerstone of Our Faith

God has showered humanity with gifts and blessings, but humanity continues to abuse those gifts. We have been entrusted with a creation to care for, and in our shortsightedness we abuse and pollute the earth, even bringing about the extinction of entire species. We abuse the gift of our bodies when we overindulge in food or alcohol or drugs. We have been given the ability to create so many wonderful things, and even this gift we abuse as we gather and keep as much as we can for ourselves.

This is nothing new. Even in the days of Isaiah it was clear the people turned away from God's gifts. God expected righteousness and justice. Instead the people responded with bloodshed and suffering, turning away from God.

Even if you can think of all the ways you have not turned from God and all the ways you have been faithful, it does no good. As Paul reminds us in the reading from Philippians, "Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ" (Phil. 3:7). Even all of Paul's good and faithful acts add up to nothing. For Paul, and for us, all that matters is Jesus.

As Christ himself reminds us, he is our rock, our cornerstone. Jesus is the foundation for our faith and the foundation for our lives. Even as we turn from Jesus, even as we reject Jesus, he returns to us with love and forgiveness. This is the grace of God, the love of God coming into our world and into our lives. To our joy we discover the open arms of Jesus on the cross, bringing life into this world even where there is death; bringing hope where there is despair; and bringing resurrection to all creation.

## FINANCIAL NOTES:

Attendance on 9/24: 45			
General Fund	\$ 15,333.00		
Caritas	\$ 320.00		
Frederick House	\$ 30.00		
Vilas Co. Humane Society	\$ 50.00		
World Hunger	\$ 212.00		
Holiday Discretionary	\$ 600.00		
Awakening Lives	\$ 15.00		
Food Pantry	\$ 69.00		
SUBTOTAL:	\$ 16,629.00		
Scholarship	\$ 100.00		
Designated Donation	\$ 500.00		
TOTAL:	\$ 17,229.00		

## This financial report includes Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

Sunday, October 22, 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 a.m. and regular Wednesday evening services at 6 p.m. 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.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL:**

Church School every Wednesday begins 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 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Meeting Room on the North end of the church.

## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will begin on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes. Bible study will be held every other week, two times per month, every second and fourth Tuesday.

## GERMAN STYLE BRUNCH

On **October 8<sup>th</sup>**, our usual brunch will be more of a "German Style Brunch" to celebrate the fall season. The Church will supply Brats and Hot Dogs. Please bring side dishes as you do normally, but if you are able to make German dishes, all the better! Darrell Smith will be sharing samples of his home-brewed beer for those who want to try that. The UCC Church folks and the St. Mary Church folks have also been invited to come and share with us. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bill.



## 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, Elaine, John, Ericka, Jon, Lloyd and Dennis.

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.

# **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

Sayner, Wisconsin

## **Season of Pentecost**

18th 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.



"God Is Here!" ELW 526 vs. 1,3,4.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

#### God Is Here!



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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.....

God of love,

you know our frailties and failures. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(Please be seated)

## First Reading Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

<sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

<sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

#### <sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD,

#### and teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

#### <sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,

#### for they are from everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

#### <sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD;

therefore you teach sinners in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

## Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.





The Holy Gospel According to....

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Matthew 21:23-32

<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

#### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day "Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways" ELW 772 vs. 1,3,4.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

## **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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**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.)

Distribution

(*Please come forward as the ushers direct*)

## Lamb Of God



## **Communion Songs**

Lord, Be Glorified



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<sup>\*</sup>may be sung in canon

Alleluia



**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.

"On Our Way Rejoicing" ELW 537

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

On Our Way Rejoicing



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

## 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 October 2 – October 8, 2023

Wednesday	October 4, 2023	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	October 4, 2023	Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 5, 2023	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	October 8, 2023	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

#### **Next Council Meeting:**

October 22, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Thursday, October 12 – Vilas County Flu Shot Clinic 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Thursday, October 19 – Update Meeting RE: ELCA 6:00 p.m.

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

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