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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 22, 2023:**

| First Reading  | Isaiah 45: 1-7           |  |
|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| Psalm          | 96: 1-9 [10-13]          |  |
| Second Reading | 1 Thessalonians: 1: 1-10 |  |
| Holy Gospel    | Matthew 22: 15-22        |  |

## What's in Your Wallet? Not Enough.

Say the word stewardship in some congregations and people are protectively guarding their wallets faster than you can say "pledge card!" Unfortunately, too often we associate stewardship exclusively with issues of money. The good news is that God has little interest in our wallets. God wants our whole lives, wallets and all! Nevertheless, this week is prime time for stewardship campaigns in congregations around the country. The stewardship theme is reflected in our announcements, our prayers, our songs, and our readings. Today's gospel provides an ideal time to reflect on stewardship of all sorts—time, talent, and financial treasures.

The Pharisees approach Jesus in a thinly veiled attempt to trap him on issues of financial obligations to the Roman government. Their question of Jesus, simplified to the extreme, is "who gets your wallet?" If Jesus answered one way, he would be guilty of treason. If he answered the other way, he would have been considered guilty of heresy in the eyes of the religious leaders. Jesus responds by issuing a challenge of his own—give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God. This statement challenges us to ponder: if God created the world and everything in it, what doesn't belong to God? God wants a whole lot more than just your wallet. God wants your life, wallet and all!

# FINANCIAL NOTES:

No financial report today



## **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.

## **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

*Please note change of starting date!* Tuesday Bible Study will begin on **October 24<sup>th</sup>** at 3 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes. We will have two studies each month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 3 pm unless they occur during a holiday, such as Thanksgiving or Christmas. We will again be continuing with the Ray Vander Laan video series.

#### **ROCK MINISTRIES**

From Jack Carlson:

As Treasurer of Northwoods Share in Eagle River, I work at community dinners at The Rock ministry in Eagle River every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening at 4:30. SOTL members are welcome to volunteer and attend as we support this mission as part of our benevolence funding at SOTL.

## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

Sunday, October 22, at 10:30 a.m.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SAMARITAN'S PURSE)**

Boxes and information are available on the table in the entryway Filled boxes, with your \$10 shipping donation per box included, are due back at SOTL no later than November 19th....the earlier the better! Please do not tape the boxes shut, but use rubber bands if necessary. Further information is available on the table or through Jack Carlson.

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Altar flowers are provided this week by Sharon Brooker in memory of the birth of Florence Brooker in 1930 and the death of Richard "Butch" Brooker, Jr. in 2009 on this same day, October 15th.

#### **QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION**

There will be another Q & A session held on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Information will be available about another Lutheran Synod, the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ). If you have any questions about the possible move to leave the ELCA, you are invited to bring them to this session.



## **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, and Lloyd.
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**

20th Sunday After Pentecost

## **Greeting & Announcements**

**Invocation** (*Please remain seated.*)

In the name of the Father, and of the <sup>‡</sup> 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 "Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices" ELW 833 vs. 1,4,5.

(*Please stand as you are comfortable*) Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices



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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.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.....

Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(Please be seated)

## First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. <sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, vou subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. <sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

#### Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand as you are comfortable)



The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Matthew 22:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

#### Sermon

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

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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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**Offertory Prayer** 

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

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

## Lamb Of God



## **Communion Songs**

Lord, Be Glorified



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\*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.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Sent Forth by God's 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 October 16 – October 22, 2023

| Wednesday | October 18, 2023 | Church School   | 3:45 p.m. |
|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Wednesday | October 18, 2023 | Worship Service | 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday  | October 19, 2023 | Text Study      | 9:00 a.m. |
| Thursday  | October 19, 2023 | Q & A Session   | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sunday    | October 22, 2023 | Worship Service | 9:00 a.m. |

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

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

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – First Session Bible Study at 3 p.m.

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

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