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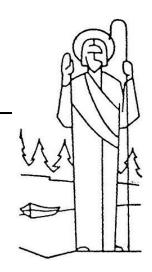
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Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6 pm.

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. 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 November 19, 2023:

First Reading	Zephaniah 1: 7,12-18
Psalm	90: 1-12
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians: 5: 1-11
Holy Gospel	Matthew 25: 14-30

Awake to the Grace of God

Linked with the reading from 1 Thessalonians and Psalm 90, Jesus' parable of the talents invites a full-hearted response to God's lavish gifts of faith and purpose: "Use 'em if you've got 'em!" The people of God are meant to be engaged, alert, and ready to share what we have received from our prodigally (wastefully) generous God. While the parable has sometimes been interpreted in the context of judgment, a careful reading also spotlights the beauty of the faith-generated response to God's lavish grace.

One word for this is *stewardship*. Presented in light of God's gift of faith and purpose, this "churchy" term can today be transformed to new understanding in the proclamation of the gospel text. Instead of the weight of obligation and duty we so often associate with religion, we are invited today to another way: What does it mean to be awake to the grace of God?

On the surface Jesus' parable is a simple premise: the contrast of workers who please and workers who disappoint their master. Psalm 90 sings to us to carefully treasure our lifetimes, for there is something at stake. First Thessalonians is a letter reminding people they have exactly what they need to survive and thrive.

What does it mean to be awake to the grace of God?

In a time in history when so many people are discouraged with work, home, life, and church, a word from Jesus' parables may be healing, enriching, and startlingly attractive. The gospel text today is an opportunity to remind the people of God that there is a depth to faith that is sustainable. In fact, beneath the parables of Jesus is a depth it will take a lifetime to unpack.

CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 a.m. and after the Thanksgiving Eve Service, **the regular Wednesday evening service will not be held again until Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.** Holy Communion will be offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

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

Tuesday Bible Study will every other Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes. **November dates will be the 14th and the 28th**. 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 Vanderlaan 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 1st and 3rd 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, November 26, at 10:30 a.m.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SAMARITAN'S PURSE)

Filled boxes, with your \$10 shipping donation per box included, are due back at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 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.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LYN HURBANIS

There will be a Celebration of Life for Lyn Hurbanis on Monday, November 20th. Visitation will be at 10 a.m., Service at 11 a.m. with committal to follow at the Plum Lake Cemetery on Lake Street in Sayner, then return to the church for a luncheon.

Q & A DISCUSSION ON DISAFFILIATION

The Q & A Session that was to be held on Thursday, November 16th at 6 pm has been cancelled and moved to today, after the service. Christian Huntley, a representative for Lutheran Church in Mission for Christ, will be here on behalf of LCMC, to answer our questions. Now is the time to bring up any concerns you may have.

NEW BOOKSHELF IN SOUTH ENTRANCE

We now have a bookshelf om the south entrance with books free for the taking. Feel free to contribute any you may have that others can enjoy them. Take one, leave one!

BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER

Please consider giving to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Pink donation envelopes will be labeled and available.

ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY NEEDED

We are looking for someone to step forward and take over the altar flower ministry. Please contact Betsy Tarkowski if you are interested.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year there will be three churches involved in the Thanksgiving Dinner – Shepherd of the Lakes, the UCC Church in St. Germain and St. Mary Catholic Church in Sayner. Serving will be from 11 am - 3 pm. There is no charge, but a free will offering is appreciated. Come & enjoy a true Thanksgiving Dinner feast – and no mess to clean up!

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be the last Wednesday evening service until Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.



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 (Sharon's brother), Beth, Craig, David, Elaine, John, Ericka, Jon, Lloyd, Tina, Deb, Brian, Fred, Shelle, Barb, Bob, Terry, and Bob (Judy's husband).

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 Dylan.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Greta Bahr

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at <u>treasurer@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

24th 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and installed 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.

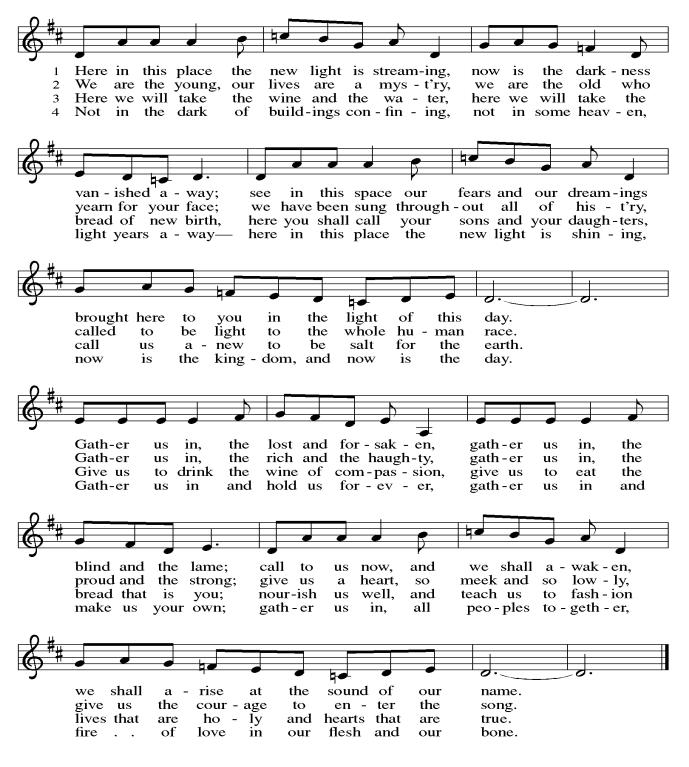


Gathering Song

"Gather Us In" ELW 532

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Gather Us In



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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.....

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading Amos 5:18-24

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

¹ Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!
² Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!
Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!
³ Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"
⁴ May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

⁵ But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

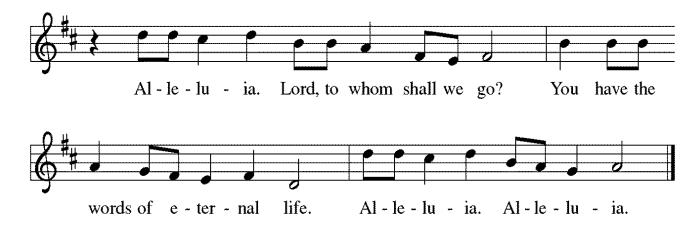
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13

1"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

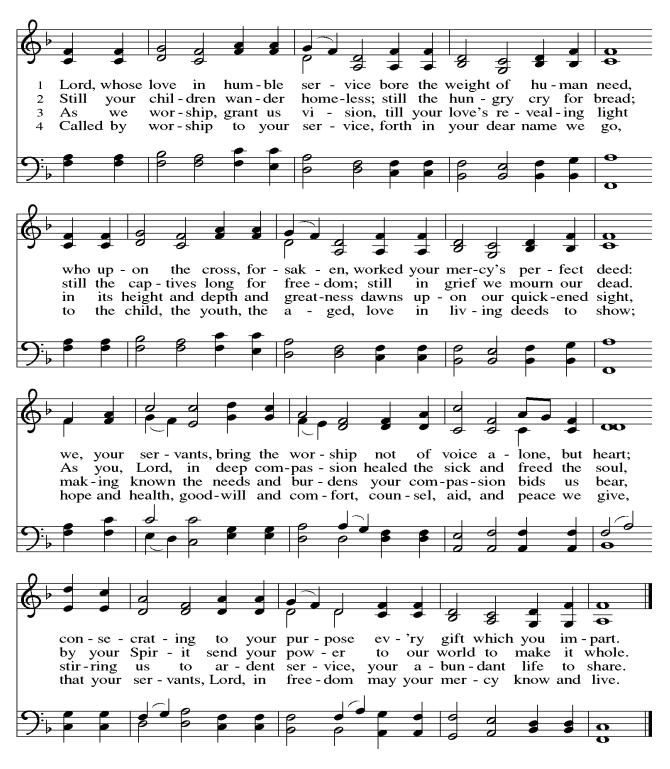
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Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service" ELW 712

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



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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

Offering

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.*)

(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

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:

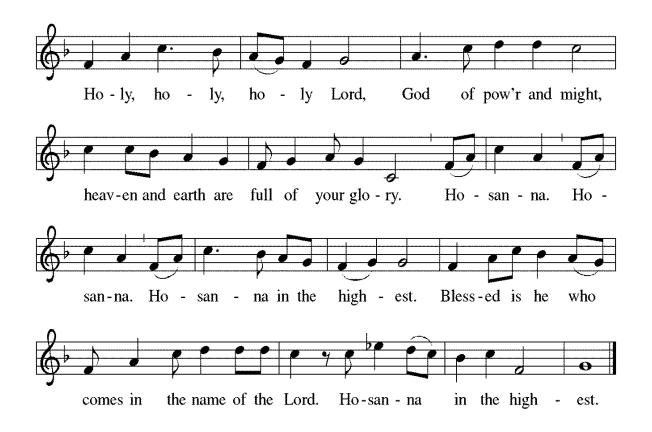


Table Prayer

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.)

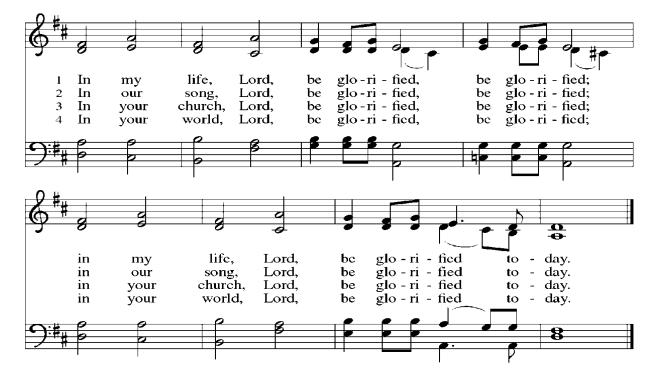
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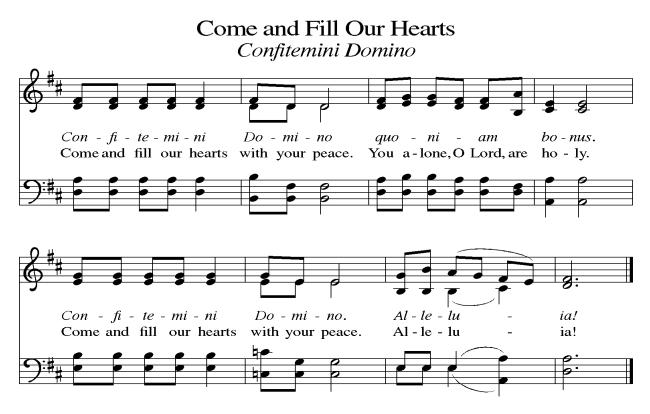
Lamb Of God

Communion Songs

Lord, Be Glorified



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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 "What A Fellowship, What A Joy Devine" ELW 774

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



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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 November 13 – November 19, 2023

Wednesday	November 15, 2023	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	November 15, 2023	Quilting	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	November 15, 2023	Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	November 16, 2023	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	November 19, 2023	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

November 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Lyn Hurbanis Celebration of Life – Monday, November 20^{th} Thanksgiving Dinner – November 23^{rd} Serving 11 am – 3 pm

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

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