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## Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

## 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.

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and look for the symbol.

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You can donate through our PayPal account.

"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

# Readings for February 18, 2024:

**First Reading** Genesis 9: 8 - 17

**Psalm** 25: 1 - 10

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 3: 18 - 22 **Holy Gospel** Mark 1: 9 - 15

### The Power of Water

Water is an integral part of the created order. Water sustains and fosters life; too little or too much water can end it. A glance at the news headlines points out the destructive power of water's presence or absence: In the United States alone, 2011 saw severe droughts afflict several parts of the country. On the opposite end of the spectrum, floods ravaged the Plains states in the spring and summer, displacing from their homes many people who live near rivers and streams. For those dwelling on or near the Eastern Seaboard, hurricane season is a tense time every year. Yet we need water as much or more than we need food, shelter, or the other "staples" of human life. Since ancient times we have established our communities near sources of water. We cannot survive long without it.

The tension between the saving and destructive powers of water fills today's lectionary readings. The waters of the flood overwhelmed the world in the days of Noah, yet 1 Peter reminds us that God delivered Noah and his family from death. The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus only after his baptism by John, yet the Spirit immediately drives Jesus into the desert—a place defined by its lack of water. Through water and the word, in baptism our old, sinful self is put to death, and we are reborn as children of God. But the current that flows through these paradoxes is this: in death and life, in flood and drought, God remains faithful. As the psalmist reminds us, God's mercy and steadfast love "are from everlasting."

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

Sunday, February 25th at 10:30 am

### **CHURCH SERVICES:**

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion is 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 (unless Northland Pines School District is out). For more information, please call (715) 542-4049.

#### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be every other Tuesday 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. We will again be continuing with the Ray Vanderlaan video series. Next scheduled studies are on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

#### **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.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Wednesday evening services will begin again starting with Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. (There will be no Soup Supper for Ash Wednesday.) All other mid-week Lenten services will begin with a Soup Supper at 5:15 pm and then join us for the Lenten Service at 6 pm. After Easter, Wednesday evening services will continue to be held at 6 pm until Thanksgiving Eve. Communion is offered at all Wednesday services. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **CHILI LUNCHEON**

Please help support the Vilas County Humane Society! Shepherd of the Lakes will be holding a Chili Lunch from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Chili and other soups will be available for a free-will donation to the Humane Society. Please contact Karen Carter if you have any questions (715) 542-4049.

## HELP NEEDED REQUEST FROM JEAN MAINES

We are in need of help in several places.

Pastor Bill has talked about the need for **a leader in Altar Guild**. Training is available and a good support staff already.

We also may need **a counter** who can be there several weeks a month and run deposits to the bank. Good staff established. Need someone with the time, detail oriented, and organized. I try to take the deposits in now, but it usually takes several days to get it there with my work schedule.

We also are in need of **someone to review bank statements each month** to keep me in check. You only need to be able to look for checks that need supporting documents and to track

transfers from one account to another. Ask lots of questions!

We need to put together an **audit committee** to review the books and ask lots of questions. We need one more person on the **benevolence committee** to decide where we are sending money in 2024.

Let Pastor or me know if you can help with any of these. Most of these positions I cannot do as I am already treasurer.

#### ST. GERMAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH PANCAKE DINNER

The St. Germain Community Church will be holding an All You Care to Eat pancake dinner with pancakes, waffles, toppings for both, sausage, coffee, tea, milk, juice and desserts. Goodwill donations are appreciated. Funds raised will go to support World Relief serving needy children and families.

#### **BUTTERFLIES NEEDED**

The church will again be decorating the sanctuary with paper butterflies for Easter. Please help yourself to the traced butterflies in the Narthex and decorate them however you wish. Please indicate on them if you wish them to be in memory or in honor of someone.



# 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:

Deb, Brian, Jeanne, Ray and Lynn and Barb.

# Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody, Bob B., Graham, Ericka, and Shelle.

# **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:

Betsy Tarkowski

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email

Jean Maines at <a href="mailto:treasurer@SOTLsayner.com">treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</a> 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**

A Member Congregation of "Augsburg Lutheran Churches" Sayner, Wisconsin

Transfiguration Of Our Lord February 11th, 2024

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation**

(Please remain seated)

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God.

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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 ordained 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 Holy Spirit.

#### Amen



# Gathering Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LBW 315

(Please stand as you comfortable)

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

# **Opening Dialogue**

The Lord, the God of gods has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

The Lord is king; he is enthroned upon the cherubim.

The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.

Let me announce the decree of the Lord: "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
"You are my son; this day have I begotten you."

Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool.

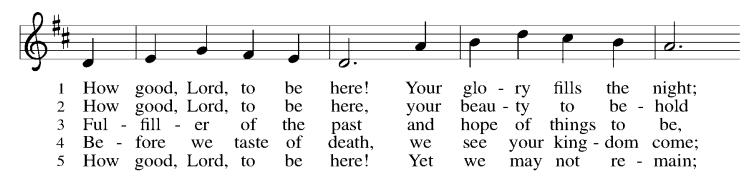
# Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with your all.

And also with you.

# **Hymn of Praise**

# How Good, Lord, to Be Here!





shine with un - bor-rowed light. your face and gar-ments, like the sun, where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers old. hail your bod - y we glo - ri - fied and our re - demp-tion see. vi - sion bright and make this hill long to hold the we our home. but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, The Church Psalter and Hymn Book, 1854

# **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,

in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us with the King heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

# First Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken; calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

God shines forth in glory.

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence; with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

<sup>4</sup>God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.

<sup>5</sup>"Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.

## **Second Lesson** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

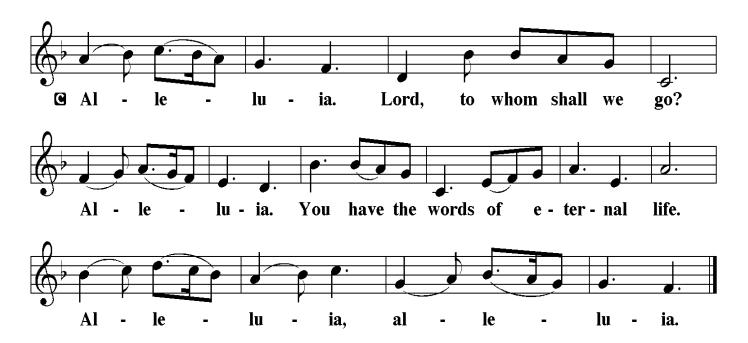
<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Alleluia**

(Please Stand as You are Comfortable)



# **Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel According to......

Glory to You, O Lord.

#### Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Timothy J. Swenson

(Please be Seated)

# Hymn of the Day

## "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light" ELW 815

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

# I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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# **Apostles Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.\*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Intercession**

#### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please greet your neighbor as you and your neighbor are comfortable)

# **Great Thanksgiving**

As the Lord's Table is prepared and our offering is received: Please join in singing "Christ, Be Our Light" ELW 715

# Christ, Be Our Light



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Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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(Please stand as you are comfortable)

O Lord our God,

maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Amen

# **Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

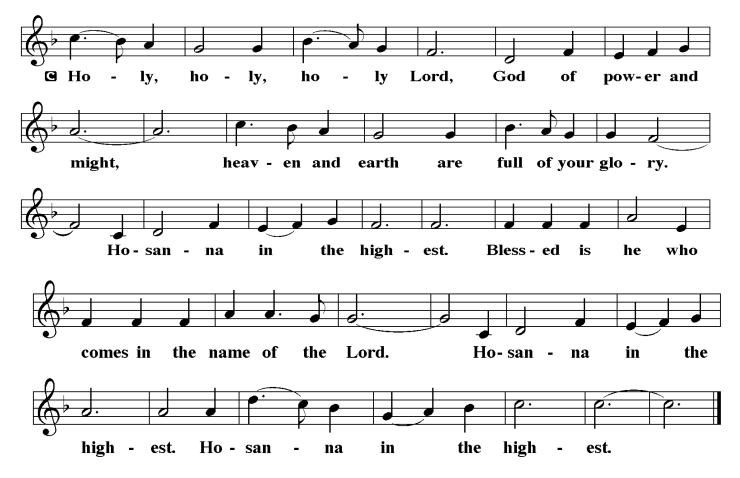
Lift up your Hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and Praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## **Words of Institution**

# The 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**

## **Communion Distribution**

Please be seated and come forward as the ushers direct. All those who wish to commune are welcomed to the Lord's table.



# Just As I Am, without One Plea



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

# "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" ELW 597

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

# "Beautiful Savior" ELW 838

# **Beautiful Savior**



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

# **Communion Blessing** (Please Stand as You are Comfortable)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

# **Communion Prayer**

Gracious God,

in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

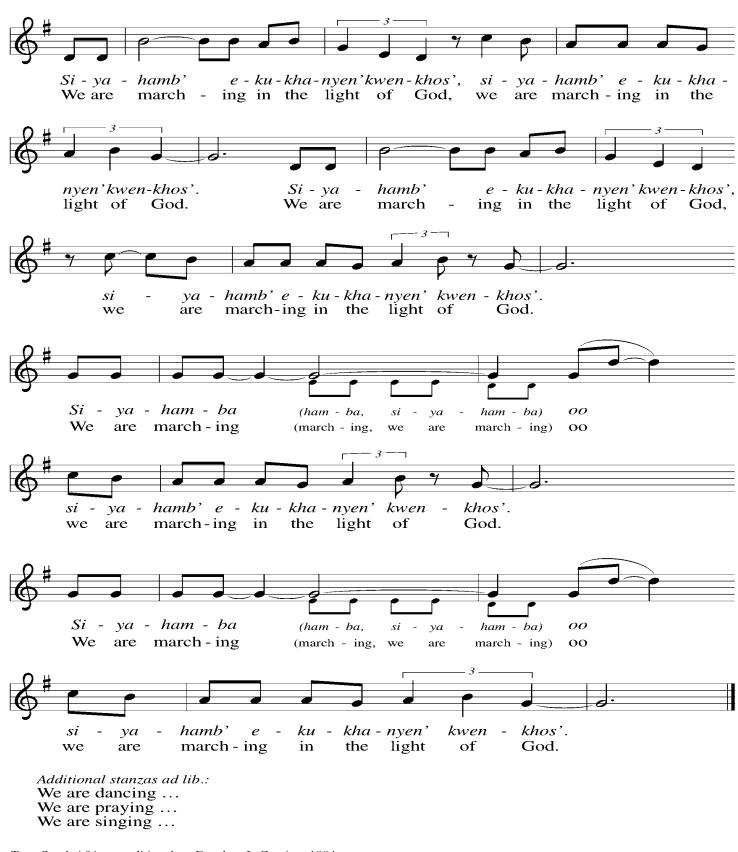
## **Benediction**

May almighty God, father, Son, † and Holy Spirit, bless you all now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn "We Are Marching In The Light Of God" ELW 866

# We Are Marching in the Light of God



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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 February 12 to February 18, 2024

Tuesday	February 13, 2024	Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 14, 2024	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	February 14, 2024	Ash Wednesday Lenten Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 15, 2024	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	February 18, 2024	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

# **Next Council Meeting:**

Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 10:30 am

# **Upcoming Events:**

Chili Lunch on February 24th

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

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