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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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 Voulube 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:

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Readings for February 25, 2024:

First Reading Genesis 1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22: 23-31

Second Reading Romans 4: 13-25 **Holy Gospel** Mark 8: 31-38

Promises, Promises

The story of God's relationship with God's people is a story of promises fulfilled. We hear about God's covenant with Sarah and Abraham in today's Genesis reading and about its fulfillment in the New Testament texts. As Paul reminds us in Romans, we are the multitude of nations that were promised to Abraham; we are his descendants in faith. "Kings of peoples" (Gen. 17:16) descended from Sarah's offspring; Jesus Christ, the King of kings, is Lord of all through his death and resurrection.

From generation to generation, God is steadfast. No matter how many ages pass or how often we turn away, God remains faithful. This is the great hope of our faith—no matter how often we stray or how great our sin, God persists in loving us. Jesus Christ binds us to God through our baptism into his death. In worship—especially through confession, affirmation of baptism, and communion—we continually remember the lengths to which God goes to keep covenant with us. The promise of salvation extends even into the future, as the psalmist reminds us: Our children and our children's children will proclaim God's salvation to generations yet unborn.

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.

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

All 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 24th. 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.

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.

BETSY TARKOWSKI CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Message from Pastor Bill:

Doug and family are planning a celebration of life for our dear friend Betsy at SOTL on Saturday, April 6th. A time for family and friends to gather, mourn, remember, and celebrate her life in Christ. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM., service to begin at 11:00 AM, with more fellowship to follow the service in the community room.



(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, 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 <u>treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</u> if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

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First Sunday of Lent 2024

Greeting & Announcements

Invocation

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



Confession and Forgiveness

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

Gracious God,

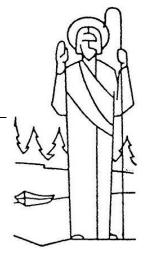
Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Amen.

(Book of Common Worship)

Words of Forgiveness

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are \pm forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**



Gathering Song

"Jesus, Still Lead On" ELW 624

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Jesus, Still Lead On



Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt. Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

Apostolic 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.

Invitation to Repentance

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we know our transgressions, and our sins are ever before us.

Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

Indeed, we were born guilty, sinners when our mothers conceived us. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom in our secret hearts.

Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.

Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquities.

Kyrie (sung by all)



Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God,

Our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord......

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

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

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember 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.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord....

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Thy Holy Wings



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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	Chur	ch

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)

Offering (As we receive our offering and the Lord's table is prepared, please join in singing)

"Bread Of Life From Heaven" ELW 474

Please stand as you are comfortable for the last verse

Bread of Life from Heaven



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Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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Prayer

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

God of mercy and grace,

The eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

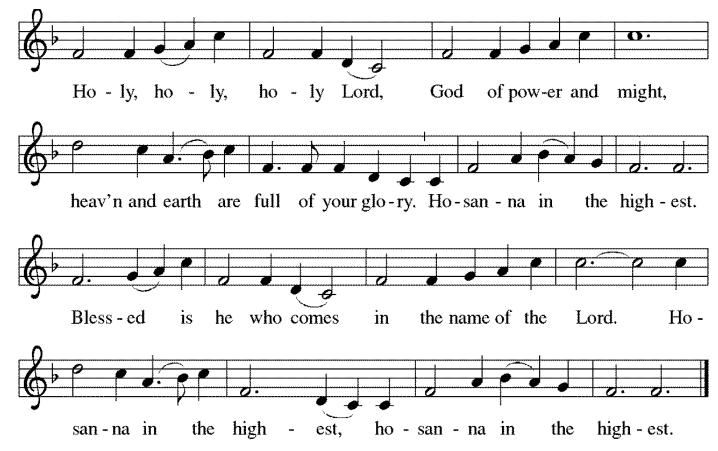
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy.... And join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

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

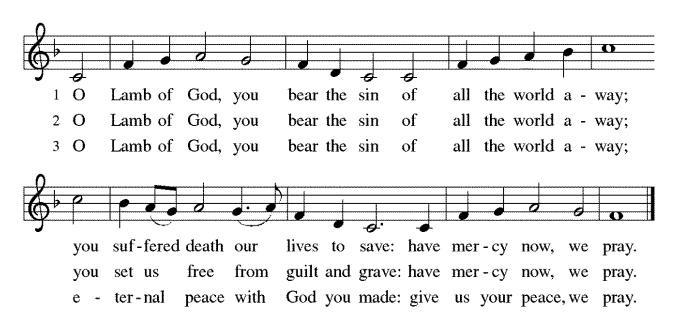
As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us.

Communion Distribution

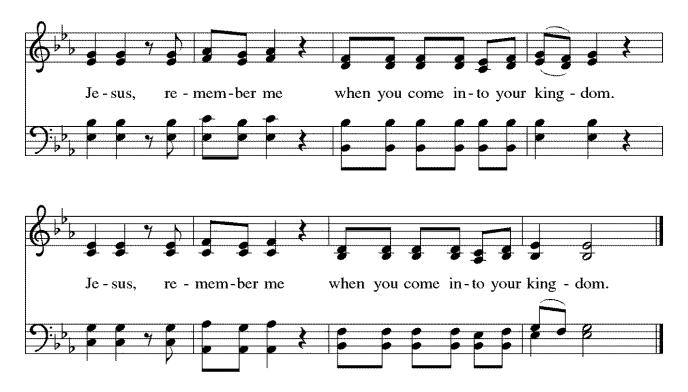
Everyone is welcome to the Lord's Table at Shepherd of the Lakes. Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine in individual glasses, or by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). The red liquid is wine, the clear liquid is grape juice. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



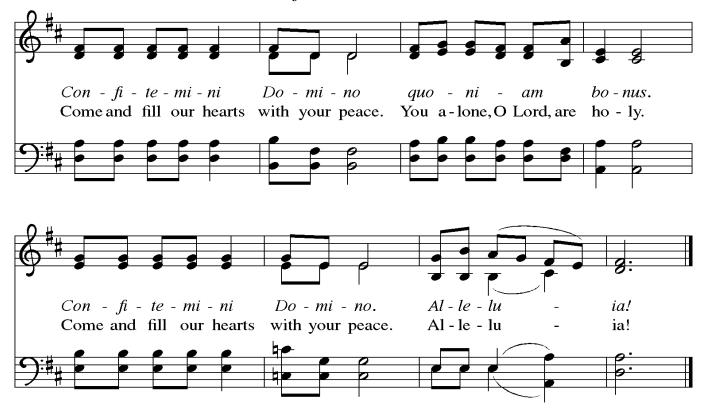
Jesus, Remember Me



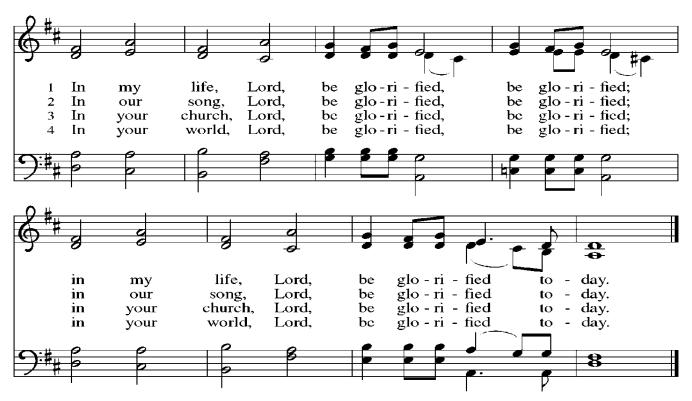
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Come and Fill Our Hearts

Confitemini Domino



Lord, Be Glorified



O Lord, Hear My Prayer The Lord Is My Song



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Post Communion Blessing (Please stand as you are comfortable)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O God.

You made us from the dust of the earth. Now filled and nourished with the body and blood of your Son, raise us up and help us turn toward you with open hearts, beholding your glory, that by your grace we may receive everlasting life.

Amen.

Blessing

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

Amen

Sending Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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Dismissal

Go in peace. 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 19 to February 25, 2024

Tuesday	February 20, 2024	Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 21, 2024	Quilting	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	February 21, 2024	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	February 21, 2024	Mid-Week Lenten Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 22, 2024	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	February 24, 2024	Chili Luncheon	11am – 3 pm
Sunday	February 25, 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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