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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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Or on the church website – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

You can donate through our PayPal account.

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

Readings for March 3, 2024:

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

Holy Gospel John 2: 13-22

Clearing a Path to Worship

In the gospel for today, Jesus discovers that the temple has been turned from a place of worship into a marketplace. The predominance of the selling of animals and the exchanging of money for profit overshadow what is supposed to be the main activity in the temple, worshiping God. The vendors and moneychangers seem to be more interested in serving their own interests and greedily filling their purses with coins than in serving God and God's people. Instead of helping people worship God, they are getting in the way. The commercialization of worship means that those who cannot afford the costs are unable to offer their worship to God, and money becomes a god more valued than the God to whom the temple was dedicated.

Jesus finds this situation unacceptable. The first commandment clearly states, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exod. 20:3). Jesus will not allow anything, especially money, to be given more devotion than God. In addition, Jesus' purpose in coming to earth was to take away the barriers between humans and God, so that all people might be reconciled to God through him.

John's gospel is unique among the four gospels in that it places the story of Jesus clearing the temple at the beginning, rather than the end, of Jesus' ministry. This placement shows how John's gospel emphasizes that Jesus has come to replace the temple. No longer will God's presence be confined to a place, the temple, but instead, God's presence is now embodied in the person of Jesus. Jesus welcomes all to him, and erects no barriers or limits on who can be his follower.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Today, 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!

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 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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Second 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.

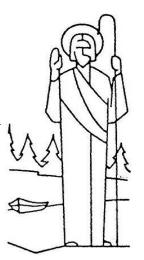
(Book of Common Worship)

Amen.

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 + forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.



Gathering Song

"O Word Of God Incarnate" ELW 514

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

O Word of God Incarnate



Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

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.

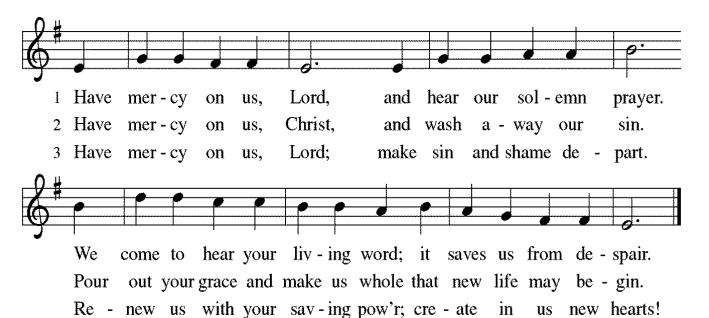
Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

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)



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord...... Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:23-31

- ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.
- ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- ²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.
- ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Second Reading Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 8:31-38

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those whowant to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"How Firm A Foundation" ELW 796

How Firm a Foundation



Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt. Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

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.

(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 Final Verse)

Bread of Life from Heaven



Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas Text and music © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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Prayer

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.

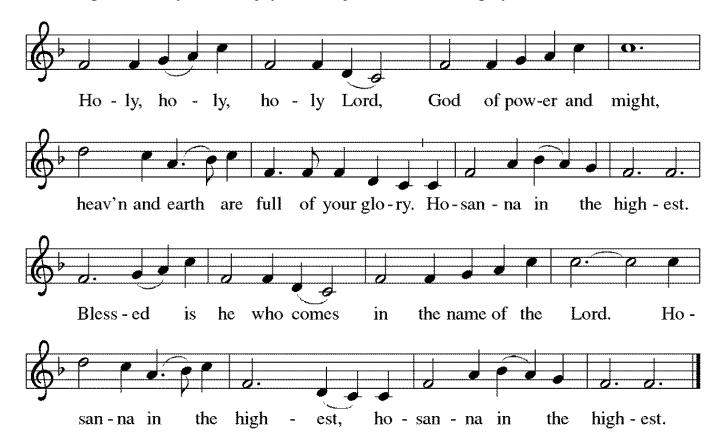
Lift up your hearts.

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

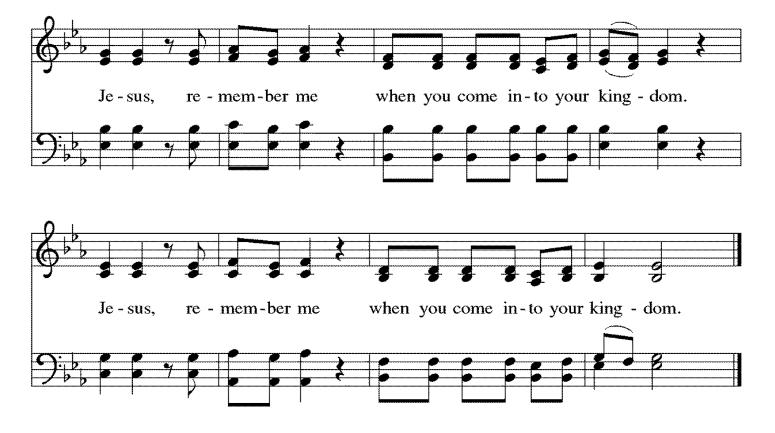


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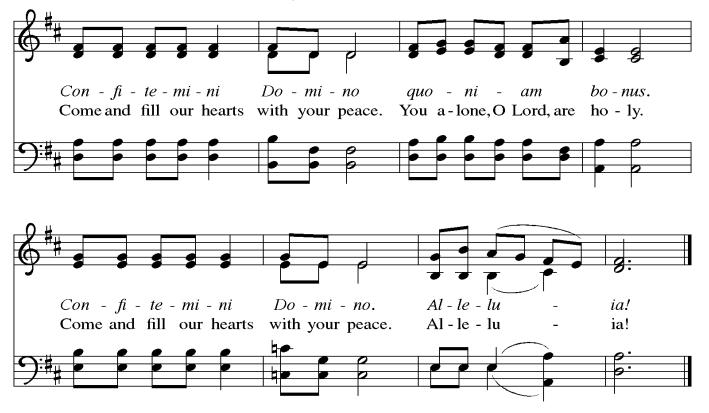
Jesus, Remember Me



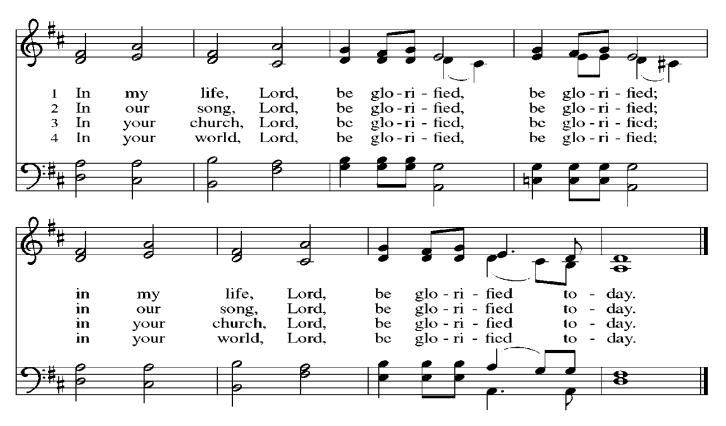
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Come and Fill Our Hearts

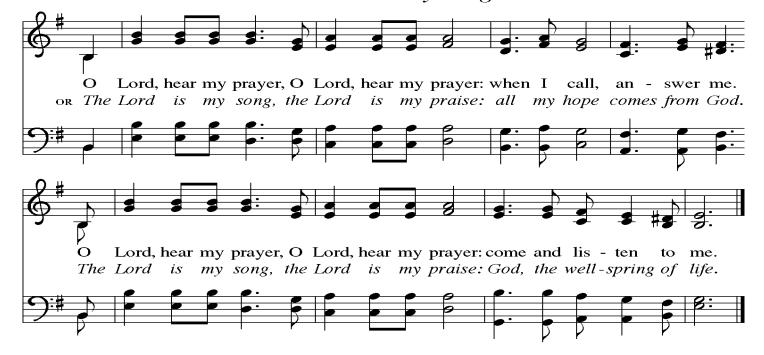
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Lord, Be Glorified



O Lord, Hear My Prayer The Lord Is My Song



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Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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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

"Faith Of Our Fathers" ELW 812

Faith of Our Fathers



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

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 26 to March 3, 2024

Tuesday	February 27, 2024	Bible Study	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	February 28, 2024	Quilting	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	February 28, 2024	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	February 28, 2024	Mid-Week Lenten Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	February 29, 2024	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	March 3, 2024	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

Today, February 25, 2024 at 10:30 am

Upcoming Events:

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

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