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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Wednesday at 6 p.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 dip it in the wine, which is offered in the chalice. The small chamber of the chalice is grape juice, an alternative to the 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 <u>www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</u>

> and look for the 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: 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."

First Reading	Acts 4: 5-12
Psalm	23
Second Reading	1 John 3:16-24
Holy Gospel	John 10: 11-18

Life Laid Down

How does faith in the risen Christ call one to live? What shape does one's life take?

The readings for this fourth Sunday of Easter are rich in their imagery, and at the center is the image of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. Five times in eight short verses Jesus mentions laying down his life for the sake of the sheep.

The First Letter of John picks up the same theme: "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?" (1 John 3:16-17). Laying down one's life for another might take many forms, but it at least means this: extending help, as much as you are able, when another is in need.

A friend tells the story of her grandfather, a faithful man who earned a modest income. Each year when tax time rolled around, he was audited. According to tax records he earned so little and gave away so much. The astounded auditors questioned him, wondering why he gave so much of his income to the church. Incredulous, he responded, "You can't outgive God."

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep, and joined to the risen life of Christ, the lives of the baptized are shaped by generosity and sacrifice. Giving one's life, resources, gifts, or whatever one holds most dear for the sake of another is both a witness to the love we have first been shown and an act of faith. Hearing Jesus' words in this Easter season reminds us that laying down one's life is not an act to be feared; rather, it is an act that defies death, as we trust that, washed in the waters of baptism, we already live in the resurrected life of Christ.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Sunday, April 28th at 10:30 am

CHURCH SERVICES:

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.

Wednesday evening 6 p.m. services will continue, with Communion offered at all mid-week services.

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. This Bible Study will be based on *"The Chosen"* 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.

BOOKSHELF REMINDER

Remember to check out the bookshelf in the south entryway. All books are there to be shared and you are also welcome to leave books if you wish.

ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose. *STEP ONE:*

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets

STEP TWO:

You can provide flowers in two ways:

1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.

2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as *Altar Flower Donation*.

ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Jo Ann



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Deb, Brian, Jim & Wendy, Tom & Nancy, Ruth, Judy & Bob, Ron, Mike P., Sharon & Bruce, Bob S.

(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this "current issues" list or moved to "ongoing list")

Pray for those with ongoing health issues: Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody, Bob B., Graham, Ericka, and Shelle.

<u>Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces</u>: Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Dylan.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound: Elisabeth

<u>Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:</u> Betsy Tarkowski, Robert Shucha

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

A Member Congregation of The North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

and The Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC) Third Sunday of Easter, April 14th, 2024

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Lord Jesus, our risen Savior,

We confess to you our sinfulness. We believe mortal words above your holy Word. We prefer easy lies to hard truth. We are quick to judge, condemn, and exclude, but slow to forgive. We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us. In your goodness, resurrect us. Amen.

Our Savior Christ comes with healing, forgiveness, and life in his wounded hands. He breathes his Holy Spirit upon us, kindling renewed faith, hope, and love. Receive all he gives with humble joy, and share them with warm generosity, in the Name of the Father, and the Son, \ddagger and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Gathering Hymn

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" ELW 377

(Please Stand As You Are Comfortable)

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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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.

Kyrie

- 1) Leader: In peace, in peace . . .
- 2) Leader: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . .

3) *Leader*: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, . . .

4) Leader: Help, save, and defend us, O God. . . .



Hymn of Praise (see next page)

Now the Feast and Celebration





Prayer of the Day

O God,

by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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 following the prayer)

Scripture Readings

Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. ²"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?" ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful: the LORD will hear me when I call. ⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. ⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD. ⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound. ⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"The Day Of Resurrection!" ELW 361 (Please stand as you are comfortable)

The Day of Resurrection!



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833 **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 the People

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

(Please share the peace as you are comfortable)

Offering

(We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)

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As our offering is received, please join in singing: "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light" ELW 815

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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Presentation of Gifts

(As the offering is presented, please join in the offertory hymn.) (Please stand as you are comfortable.)

Offertory Hymn



As the Grains of Wheat

Offertory Prayer

Holy God,

gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right and salutary,....

....praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that all those who believe in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On the night in which he was betrayed . . .

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and his glorious resurrection, we pray:



Presider sings first time, Congregation sings second time:

Stir up within us, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new. We pray:

Presider sings first time, Congregation sings second time:



This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend. Amen



Lord Jesus, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray...

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

Distribution

(As the ushers direct people to communion, please be seated.)

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 by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). Grape juice is also offered as an alternative to the wine in the small chamber of the Chalise. 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.



HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

"O Savior, Precious Savior" ELW 820 O Savior, Precious Savior



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

"Thine The Amen" ELW 826 Thine the Amen



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TABLE BLESSING (Please stand as you are able for the remainder of the service.)

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks,

generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised \ddagger Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Let Us Talents And Tongues Employ" ELW 674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

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Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 April 15 to April 21, 2024

Wednesday	April 10, 2024	Quilting	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	April 10, 2024	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	April 10, 2024	Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	April 14, 2024	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

Sunday, April 28th at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

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

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