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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.



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 January 28 2024 :

First Reading	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
Psalm	111
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 8: 1-13
Holy Gospel	Mark 1: 21-28

Rules or Relationship?

Do you want to be right, or do you want to have a relationship? When a teenager spends \$200 on the world's coolest sunglasses is it the time to comment on the foolishness of the purchase or to simply smile and nod? May the people of Corinth eat meat sacrificed to idols? Paul seems to suggest that it does not really matter where the meat comes from. What matters is how the people you care about feel about that meat. Will it challenge their faith? Will it become a stumbling block to the weak? Do you want to be right, or do you want to have a relationship?

This theme continues in the gospel. The laws prohibiting work on the sabbath carry deep meaning for many people of faith, and yet on this sabbath Jesus rebukes an unclean spirit and frees a man. Jesus chooses to care for the man and to free him, rather than worry over the details of the law. In this instance Jesus is not condemned for his choice, as he will be later. But his fame begins to spread throughout the region. That too will later prove dangerous, yet it is also a sign of the evangelical nature of the faith. This is not a private faith, held closely and kept hidden. Rather it is an outgoing faith spread from person to person throughout the world.

To this day people continue to place barriers and restrictions on the faith. Congregations do this in intentional ways, for example, by setting a minimum age for receiving holy communion. The benefits of these restrictions can be debated, but at least they are chosen intentionally. Churches also create unintentional barriers. Consider the clothes people wear to church each Sunday. Are many people wearing suits and ties? Do you see blue jeans? Do people wear shorts in the summer? What are some of the ways people might be kept from a relationship with Jesus by the barriers we create?

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 study is on Tuesday, January 23rd at 3 pm.

BLOOD DRIVE

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church will be holding a blood drive on Friday, January 26, from noon to 4 p.m. To make an appointment or with questions, please contact Karen Carter at (715) 542-4049.

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, February 25th at 10:30 am

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28th after church. Before that meeting there will be a meeting to vote on issuing a normal letter of call to Bill Wendorf, LLM. All are encouraged to attend this meeting!

NATH – FREDERICK PLACE BENEFIT

Holy Family Catholic Church will be holding a "Soup for Shelter" benefit on Saturday, January 27, beginning at 5 pm. It will be a "Free Will" offering, with 50/50 raffles and Basket Raffles. Enjoy delicious homemade soups from local restaurants. Event to be held at the church, located at 8950 CTY HWY J in Woodruff.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers this week have been donated by the Larson and Seehafer families, in memory of Karen Nijzink, sister to Charlie Seehafer and Jackie Larson. Karen is survived by her children Toon, Alvin, and Kriste, brother Charlie (Susie) Seehafer, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Karen, Charlie, and Jackie grew up in Wilnette IL, but spent as much time in the Sayner area as they could, summer or winter, being active in the community as if it were their second home. After college, Karen married Willem Nijzink, then moved to Europe where she and her husband Willem raised their children. Although Karen lived for many years in Europe, she always loved this community. As each child was born, she would return on vacation, planning a baptism while she was here, with all three of her children being baptized right here at Shepherd of the Lakes. Our condolences to the Seehafer and Larson family for the loss of Karen. \dagger



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: Tina, Deb, Betsy, Brian, Jeanne, Ray and Lynn.

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:

Karen Nijzink, (sister of Charlie S.)

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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Sayner, Wisconsin

Third Sunday After Epiphany 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 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 Hymn

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

I Love to Tell the Story



Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Opening Dialogue

God spoke through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you." God calls us by name, we belong to God. "When you pass through the waters…" God will be with us. "When you pass through the rivers…" God will be with us. "When you walk through the fire…" God will be with us. God is our Savior, we are precious in God's sight. Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.

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



Arise, Your Light Has Come!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you sent your Son to proclaim your Kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.
⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.
⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.
⁸Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge. R ⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power be-longs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



(Please Stand as You are Comfortable)



Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel According to..... Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1:14-20

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."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Please be Seated)

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

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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 *"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"* ELW 618

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill С Let the to the brim our cup of bless ing. Gath - er har-vest from the seeds that were a sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Offertory Hymn (*Please stand as you are comfortable as the offering is presented*)



Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you,

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 with - out one plea, but that thy blood was Ι 1 am, as Just Ι though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, 2 am, as wel - come, par - don, thou re-ceive, wilt wilt 3 Just Ι as am, un-known has bro - ken ev - 'ry thy love Just Ι 4 am; as bidd'st thee, shed for and that thou me, me come to man - y a doubt, fight - ings fears with - in, with - out. and cleanse, re - lieve; be - lieve. ise prom be cause thy Ι bar - rier down; thine, thine a - lone, now to be yea, God, Lamb of 0 Ι Ι come, come.

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



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



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen

Closing Hymn

"O Jesus, I Have promised" ELW 810

O Jesus, I Have Promised



Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt. Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

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.

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Tuesday	January 23, 2024	Bible Study	3:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	January 24, 2024	Church School	3:45 p.m.	
Thursday	January 25, 2024	Text Study	9:00 a.m.	
Friday	January 26, 2024	Blood Drive	Noon – 4:00 pm	
Sunday	January 28, 2024	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.	
		Meeting to Vote on Call		
Sunday	January 28, 2024	& Annual Meeting	10:30 am	

Calendar for Week of January 22 to January 28, 2024

Next Council Meeting:

Sunday, February 25, 2024 at 10:30 am

Upcoming Events:

Blood Drive January 26, Noon – 4

Meeting to Vote on Issuing a Call Letter to William Wendorf, LLM 10:30 a.m. Annual Meeting to follow, January 28, 2024

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

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