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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 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 **Symbol** 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 – <a href="www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org">www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</a>

You can donate through our PayPal account.

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

#### Readings for March 17, 2024:

**First Reading** Isaiah 50: 4-9a

**Psalm** 31: 9-16

**Second Reading** Philippians 2: 5-11

**Holy Gospel** Mark 14: 1-15:47 (*The Passion*)

#### A Different Kind of Bloodline

Combining into one liturgy the "Hosanna!" of the triumphal palm procession and the "Crucify him!" of the passion drama—especially as filtered through Paul's image of the "exalted" slave—invites a meditation on the mystery of Jesus' sovereignty.

How can we Americans or Canadians grasp what it means to have or want a king when we reject the notion that bloodline conveys the right to rule? And yet, thanks to fairy tales, the Arthurian legends, and Shakespeare we have some inkling of the power, privilege, and even "divine rights" of royalty. We can use our imaginations to muster up a rousing "Ride on, King Jesus!" Then we can appreciate the incongruity: this king has to borrow a donkey, a room, and a tomb. Then, even more confounding, is that this king, "who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited" and even borrows our human likeness—including our death (Phil. 2:6).

Judas and Pilate are symbols of all humanity—including the church, to its shame—in their desire for a grand royal gesture: start a revolution, call in your army, dazzle us with eloquent testimony. Jesus resists every such temptation and embraces the mortal human scale of his limited earthly reign.

Jesus prophesied that when he was lifted up all the world would be drawn to him; Philippians proclaims that "every knee should bend" and "every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord." So, whose knee will bow at the name of Jesus? All those who, following Jesus and trusting the faithfulness of God, are drawn to attend fully to human life, need, and mortality.

In monarchy, leaders lead by virtue of divine sanction of a particular bloodline. Our fond hope is that leadership is bestowed on the basis of merit, hard work, and authentic charisma. Our cynical fear is that it is bestowed on the basis of money, influence, and cronyism. The witness of Passion Sunday is that Jesus' credential is innocent blood shed in obedience to God for the sake of the broken.

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

Today,

March 17th 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. 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.

#### 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.

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.

## **Holy Week Services**

Wednesday, March 27th

Community Healing Service 6 pm

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday Service 6 pm

Saturday, March 30th

Easter Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 31st

Easter Breakfast 7:30 am Easter Worship Service 9 am Fellowship to follow

#### **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Are you interested in joining the church choir? Practice will be held on Sundays at 10:30, after the church service. Everyone is welcome!

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

#### WELCOME PASTOR TOM

We would like to thank Pastor Tom Reiff for joining us today, for delivering the message, and taking time following worship to answer questions we might have regarding the North American Lutheran Church (NALC).



# 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, Jim & Wendy, Tom & Nancy, Ruth, Judy & Bob, Brooks

#### 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:

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 Augsburg Lutheran Churches

## March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

## **Greeting & Announcements**

#### **Invocation**

(Please Remain Seated)

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

Amen.



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.

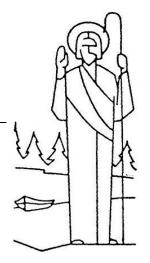
(Book of Common Worship)

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** "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" ELW 596

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## **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.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

#### Psalm 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

### **Second Reading** Hebrews 5:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.

#### John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

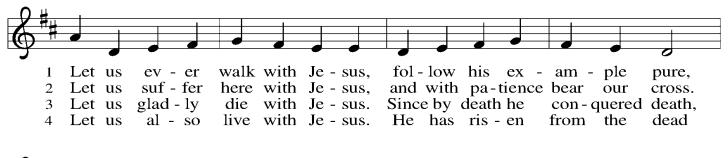
Sermon

(Pastor Tom Reiff)

### Hymn of the Day "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" ELW 802

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

#### Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus





through a world that would de-ceive us and our spir - its lure. to sin our sad-ness; where he will fol - low Joy all is there is no loss. he will free us from de-struc-tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath. may that life a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head, to we



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy: Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin; we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, all dis-com-forts that an - noy and the grave that shuts us in in your pres-ence con-stant-ly, let us do our Sav-ior's bid-ding. shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. shall but prove the gate of heav-en. liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I sha Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me Je - sus, here with you I die, there to Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e

I shall fol - low where you guide. help me there your joy to know. there to live with you on high. life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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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.

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## **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



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.

### **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.

### **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**

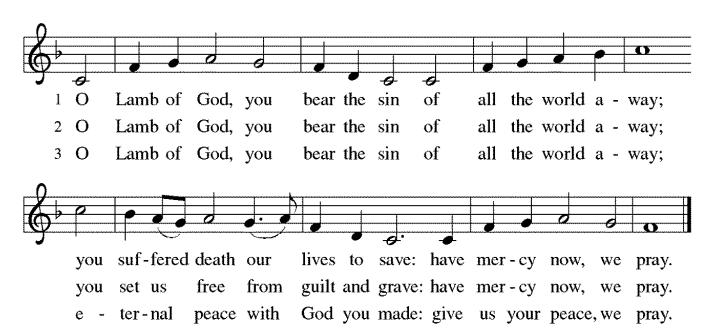
As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us.

### **Communion Distribution**

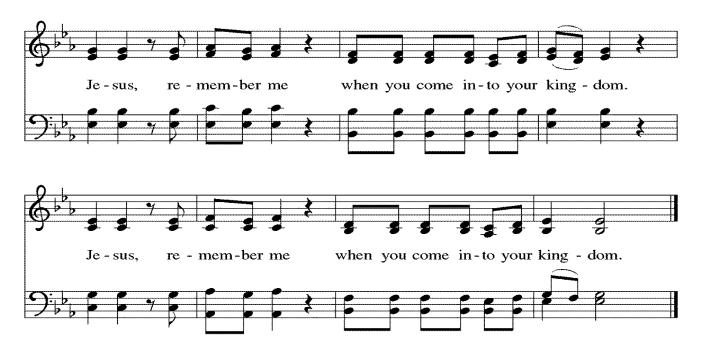
<u>Everyone</u> is welcome to the Lord's Table at Shepherd of the Lakes. Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine in individual glasses, or by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). The red liquid is wine, the clear liquid is grape juice. We 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



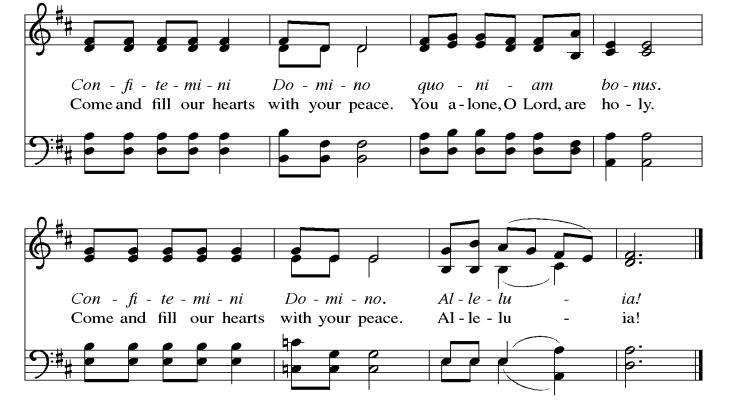
## Jesus, Remember Me



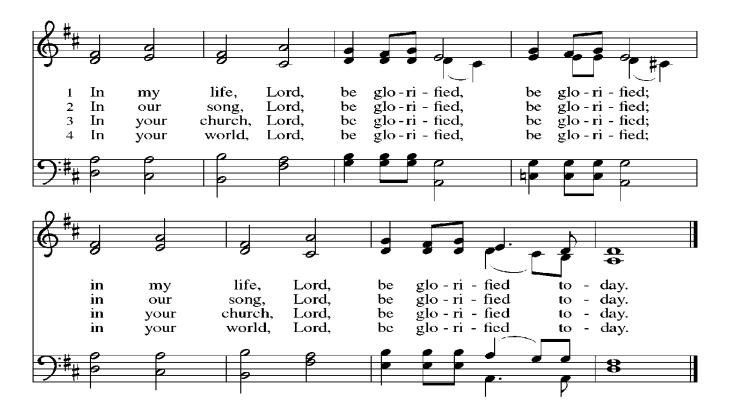
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Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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# Come and Fill Our Hearts

# Confitemini Domino



## Lord, Be Glorified



### O Lord, Hear My Prayer The Lord Is My Song



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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 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" ELW 545

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt. Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

#### **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 March 18 to March 24, 2024

Wednesday	March 20, 2024	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	March 20, 2024	Soup Supper	5:15 p.m.
Wednesday	March 20, 2024	Mid-Week Lenten Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 21, 2024	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	March 24, 2024	Worship Service-Palm Sunday	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	March 24, 2024	Choir Practice	10:30 a.m.

### **Next Council Meeting:**

March 17, 2024 10:30 p.m.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Holy Week Services – See page 4 of this Worship Guide for details Sat., April 6<sup>th</sup> Betsy Tarkowski Celebration of Life

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

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