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# **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

A member congregation of the Augsburg Lutheran Churches

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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 <a href="www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org">www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</a>

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:

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Or on the church website – <a href="https://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 31, 2024:

First Reading Acts 10: 34-43
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

**Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

**Holy Gospel** Mark 16: 1-8

### Middle of the Story

Literarily and theologically, Mark's gospel ends awkwardly at 16:8. The women are astonished and afraid, and what most scholars consider the original ending of Mark seems more like the middle of the story than its end. What about appearances of the risen Christ? What about the joyful proclamation that death has not had the last word? Mark's gospel is problematic for those anticipating the more complete story of resurrection recounted by other gospels. For some circumstances, however, Mark's ending hits just the right note—especially for those who aren't sure about resurrection themselves, or whose own lives are in an awkward, unresolved limbo.

In Mark's version, all we have to depend on are Jesus' earlier words, the realization that the women must have shared their experience eventually, and the intriguing possibility of the empty tomb. Somehow the women's fear must have eventually become courage, but Mark leaves it up to his readers to wonder how. Still, Mark's "ending" contains hope: even in times of uncertainty and fear, we can *live* the story of resurrection, depending on Jesus' words, the church's testimony, and the intriguing possibility of new life in Christ.

As we too are still in the middle of our life stories, Mark's gospel is a good companion. Most of the time we live with an awkward, unresolved mix of fears and possibilities, in which resurrection is hinted at rather than completed. This is true for the church as well; this story may appear to be the end, but it's really just the middle. The story of the risen Jesus continues in the mission of the church, Christ's body. The possibility of resurrection draws us into a community that lives out the middle of its story in the hope and witness of Christ's new life.

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

Sunday, April 28th 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

This Wednesday will be the Community Healing Service beginning at 6 pm. There will be no soup supper this week.

After this week, Wednesday evening services will continue (no more soup suppers) until at least Thanksgiving. Communion will be offered at all Wednesday services. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **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.

#### **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 as you wish.

### **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.



(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**

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# Palm Sunday March 24th, 2024

The Palm Sunday Liturgy recreates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem as we wave palms and process into the church. Holy Week begins.



### **PROCESSION WITH PALMS**

The people gather in the Narthex and Chapel.

# **Greeting and Announcements**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

### **Prayer**

Mercifully assist us,

O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen** 

**Processional Gospel** Mark 11:1-11

### **Blessing of the Palms**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

## **Prayer**

We praise and thank you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was acclaimed Son of David and King of kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path. We ask that you bless these branches and those who bear them and grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and King and follow him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen

Let us go forth in peace.

In the name of the Lord.

### Processional Hymn "All Glory, Laud And Honor" ELW 344

# All Glory, Laud, and Honor



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

#### Hosanna in the highest!

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you sent your Son, our savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; 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 Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.
<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;

who will declare me guilty?

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

### Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;

I am as useless as a broken pot.

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.

I have said, "You are my God.

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

### **Second Reading**

#### Philippians 2:5-11

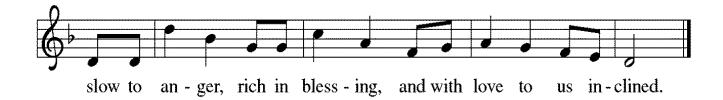
<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 -



The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

# Mark 14:1-15:47

*Reading – Mark 14:1-31* 

Hymn 351 O Sacred Head Now Wounded - Page 13 - Verse 1 only

*Reading – Mark 14:32-52* 

Hymn 351 O Sacred Head Now Wounded - Page 13 - Verse 2 only

*Reading – Mark 14:53-72* 

Hymn 351 O Sacred Head Now Wounded - Page 13 - Verse 3 only

*Reading – Mark 15:1-32* 

Hymn 351 O Sacred Head Now Wounded – Page 13 - Verse 4 only

*Reading – Mark 15:33-47* 

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

### O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

#### Hymn of the Day "Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross" ELW 335

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

# Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

### **The 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.

### **Prayers of the Church**

#### The Peace

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

{You are invited to share the peace 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

#### 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
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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.

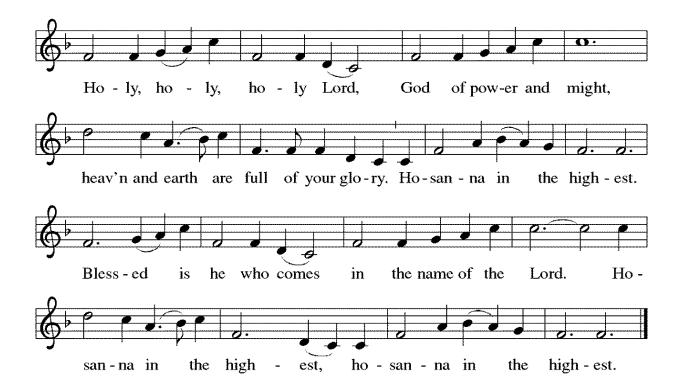
Lift up your hearts.

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 Jesus, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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**

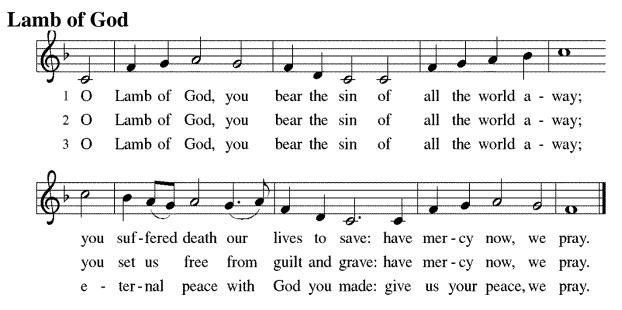
As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us to come.

#### **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 large chamber is wine, the small chamber 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)



# Communion Hymns "Just As I Am Without One Plea" ELW 592

# Just As I Am, without One Plea



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

### "Ah, Holy Jesus" ELW 349

# Ah, Holy Jesus



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

# **Post Communion Blessing**

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

May 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

### Beneath the Cross of Jesus



Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

#### **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 25 to March 31, 2024

Tuesday	March 26, 2024	Bible Study: "The Chosen"	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 27, 2024	Community Healing Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 28, 2024	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00 p.m.
Friday	March 29, 2024	Good Friday Service	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 30, 2024	Easter Vigil (Begins Outdoors)	5:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 31, 2024	Worship Service-Palm Sunday	9:00 a.m.

#### **Next Council Meeting:**

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sat., April 6th 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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