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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 **P**^{VouTube} 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." **Readings for April 7, 2024 :**

| First Reading | Acts 4: 32-35 |
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| Psalm | 133 |
| Second Reading | 1 John 1:1-10 & 1 John 2: 1-2 |
| Holy Gospel | John 20: 19-31 |

Wounded Resurrection Power Restores Community

Jesus' resurrection confronts the sadness and loneliness of Thomas's doubt. Many people in congregations left last Sunday's celebration of the resurrection with feelings similar to those of Thomas. Somehow, Thomas was not in the right place at the right time to see Jesus show up in the flesh. No doubt, people in the pews can relate to Thomas's missed opportunity. Perhaps they were unable to attend a family Easter gathering. Maybe a bunch of friends had box seats to the hottest game in town, and they were not able to afford one. Maybe a chemo treatment interrupted an opportunity for career advancement. Human beings are endlessly plagued with feelings of not fully belonging to the group, and they desire a savior to use magical power to restore perfection.

Time and again, the disciples seek a messiah who overwhelms them and the world with crushing military might and magical cures. Today, the power of the resurrection is most realized in the real, deep wounds of Jesus' own body. Without those wounds and the real sacrifice that God made on the cross, Thomas's faith would always be hobbled by his overwhelming doubt. Yet people still ask: how can God's reality of overflowing love and life confront and transform our parched world and wounded bodies?

Jesus makes faith happen today by breathing the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and blessing them with peace. He shows Thomas and all God's people that the life-changing resurrection embraces the wounds all people carry. God the Creator's peace, Jesus' wounds, and the breath of the Holy Spirit lead Thomas to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead. Then, Thomas trusts God to care for his body and his life. Just like Jesus' ministry prior to the cross, Jesus reaches for the outsider and restores Thomas to his place in the community.

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

Wednesday evening services will continue through Thanksgiving. Communion will be offered at all Wednesday services. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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 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.



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.

<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

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. **Processional Hymn**

(*Please Stand as you are able when the hymn begins*)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

Easter Dialog

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

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia! He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!

God has claimed us as his own. God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

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

(Please be seated)

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as you have loved us. In your compassion, forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our light and our truth. Amen

Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ proclaims, ⁺ "Do not be afraid!" Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God.

Amen!

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

Now the Feast and Celebration





Prayer of the Day

Let us Pray...

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever. ²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever." ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation. ¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly! ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!" ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter." ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of

all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclimation



(Please stand as you are comfortable)

(Sung Twice)

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds" ELW 367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623 Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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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. 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 and your neighbor are comfortable)

Offering

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

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Presentation of Gifts

(Please stand as you are comfortable.)

Offertory Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat



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.

The Great Thanksgiving



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 who believes in him should 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:



Stir up within us, O Lord, 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

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:





"Alleluia! Sing To Jesus" ELW 392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" ELW 619 vs. 1-4 I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" ELW 369 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt. Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

TABLE BLESSING

"Please stand as you are able for the remainder of the service."

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

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

May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide us with every good thing we need in order to do his will; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son \ddagger and Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSION HYMN,

"Thine is the Glory" ELW 376

Thine Is the Glory



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

Sending

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: 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 1 to April 7, 2024

| Wednesday | April 3, 2024 | Church School | 3:45 p.m. |
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| Wednesday | April 3, 2024 | Worship Service | 6:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | April 6, 2024 | Betsy Tarkowski Celebration of Life | |
| | - | Visitation / Service | 10 am/11 am |
| Sunday | April 7, 2024 | Worship Service | 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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