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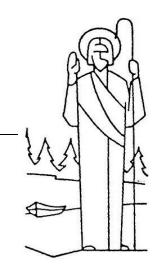
Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC)

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Church Phone: (715) 542-3701

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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table here. Thank you for joining us.

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 Synutube 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.

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Readings for September 14, 2025 14th Sunday After Pentecost:

First Reading Exodus 32: 7-14

Psalm 51: 1-10

Second Reading 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Holy Gospel Luke 15: 1-10

Lost and Found

Today's readings give witness that God has a heart for losers. God reconciles with the idol-worshiping people of Israel. The risen Lord calls the violent, blasphemous persecutor, Paul. The faithful shepherd rescues the wandering sheep and carries it home. The woman who lost one of her ten silver coins searches for it until she finds it. Similarly, God doesn't abandon people even when people abandon God. The cross and resurrection testify to God's faithfulness in that regard. God rescues strays one by one, making the first move to find the lost and create new hearts in them. When (in the first reading) Moses holds God to promises already made in the covenant, the breathtaking picture emerges of a God so committed to relationship that God is influenced changed—by what people need and ask. This faithfulness of God, shared with overflowing grace in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, is patient, forgiving, energetic, and ready to celebrate. Take the bread and cup—Jesus hosts the worshiping assembly again this week to welcome sinners and eat with them! Suddenly, "sinner" is no longer the best name for us. Try "guest," "graced," "gifted," "loved," and "empowered." Then it's time to follow Jesus out of the gathered assembly and into the world as apprentice sleuths for missing persons, bent on finding the lost and the broken and giving them an invitation to come home.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 AM:

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. Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Community Room after church service. Fellowship brunch is held every second Sunday, and you are welcome to bring a dish to share.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school begins **Wednesday**, **October 15**, **2025**. We would love to see your children – or grandchildren! – join us. The bus will drop them off right here at church. For more information, please contact Karen Carter.

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

QUILTING

Please join the quilting group at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. You don't need to know how to quilt or sew – if you can tie knots, they can use your help.

CALL COMMITTEE

Here are the Call Committee members. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

Lloyd Andersen (715) 892-3513

Karen Carter (715) 542-4049 or (715) 525-1733

Ginger Eade (608) 317-9563 Shawn McCormick (715) 605-2552 Joanne Pierce (414) 477-5804

Charlie Rice – Chairman (715) 617-1398 or (715) 479-9336

No financial reports today. Attendance on August 31 was 48.

LÔÔ KING FOR VOLUNTEERS

At the Council meeting held on August 24th, there was discussion on some of the areas that we need volunteers to help. Please let one of the council members know if you would be interested in the following:

- Budget Committee four volunteers to help put the budget together
- Financial Secretary Needed immediately! It's usually about 120 hours per year, 2-3 hours a week. This is not an accounting position, it is basically entering weekly offerings into a spreadsheet.

Thank you for considering these requests!

CONTACT INFO

In addition to the listed office hours, we are also available anytime by phone!

Treasurer – Jean Maines (715) 542-4213 or (715) 891-3344 Email: <u>treasurer@sotlsayner.com</u> or <u>jamaines2012@gmail.com</u> Office Hours on Monday and Friday, 10 am – 2 pm

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049 (call or text)
Email: secretary@sotlsayner.com or plclerk@gmail.com
Office Hours on Tuesday from 3 pm – 6:00 pm
Wednesday from Noon - 4 pm
Thursday from Noon – 4 pm

In case of Pastoral Emergency, please contact Council President Mike Pockat at (715) 892-4488 or Vice-President Sharon Rice at (715) 891-0259



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Doug, Graham, Jim C., Dick K., Mike, and Mary, (mother of Ahlborn Equipment employee)

(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, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Sharon G., and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, and Dylan and David.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

Family of Tom, friend of Tracey.

Special Prayers

Please keep our church council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we begin our search for a new Shepherd.

Please or email Jean Maines at <u>treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</u> or text her at 715-891-3344 or contact Sharon Brooker at <u>plclerk@gmail.com</u> or text her if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list or if you are in need of prayers.

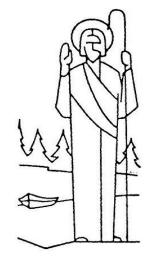
THE CHURCH PHONE

The Church phone line (715) 542-3701 has now been forwarded to Sharon's phone, so it will be answered almost every time. The answering message has also been updated, in case anyone gets the answering machine message.

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13th Sunday After Pentecost, Sept. 7, 2025

Greeting & Announcements



Invocation

(Please remain seated.)

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

Amen.

Confession And Forgiveness

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Gracious God,

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Song

"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

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.

Opening Dialogue

Be strong and full of courage:

for God is with you wherever you go.

The Spirit of God strengthens my hand: you make us bolder in our work together.

For in us all is the breath of life:

you give true life to the people of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, as the mighty wind: as on the face of the waters at creation.

HYMN OF PRAISE







Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray....

Almighty and everlasting God,

You have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, then please be seated.

First Reading Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

- ¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- ² Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.
- ³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
 - ⁴ It is not so with the wicked;
 - they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
 - ⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
 - ⁶ For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

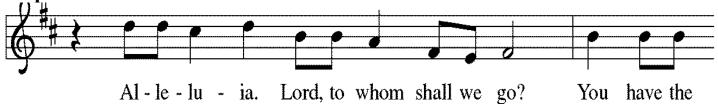
Second Reading Philemon 1-21

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are comfortable for the Gospel Acclamation)







The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Luke 14: 25-33

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon

Please remain seated for the Hymn of the Day

Hymn of the Day "Will You Come and Follow Me" ELW 798

Will You Come and Follow Me



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Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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Apostle's 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

Offering (W

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

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Presentation Of Gifts

(Please stand as you are comfortable and join in the offertory hymn)



Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father,

You open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live. We pray this through Christ our Lord, Amen

Great Thanksgiving

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.

(Service of Distribution)

As we gather before these **consecrated** elements of bread and wine for the celebration of Holy Communion, we hear again the story of God's mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We are given assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. As we prepare to receive this bread of life and this cup of blessing, we pray that we may be strengthened through our participation in the body of Christ.

I invite you to join with me and let us pray with confidence the words that our Savior gave us.

Lords 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.

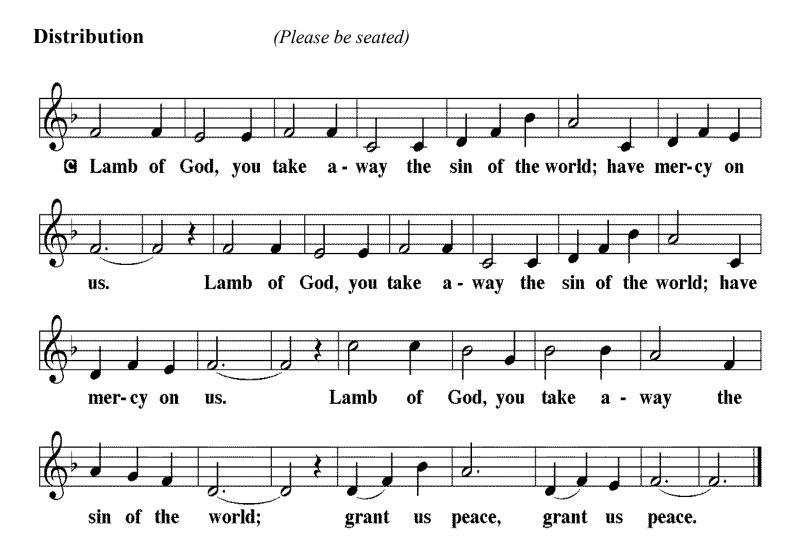
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

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 to come.

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 clear chalice. 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.



Communion Hymns

Praise and Thanks and Adoration



- 1 Praise and thanks and ad o ra tion, Son of God, to you we give,
- 2 Hold me ev er in your keep ing, com fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live. through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol-low where your steps are lead-ing, find ad-ven-ture, joys ex-ceed-ing! in your birth, your life and pas-sion, in your death and res-ur-rec-tion.

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Now Thank We All Our God



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813
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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

Prayer

Almighty God,

You gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing/Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

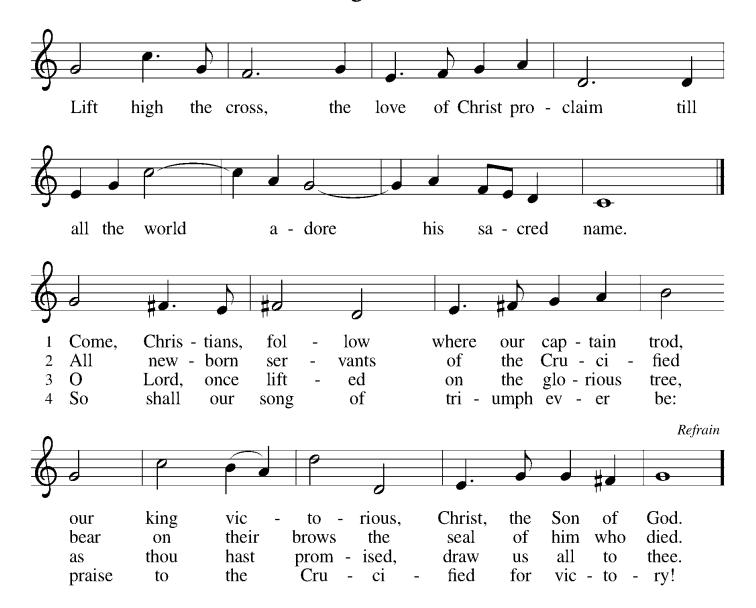
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

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

Amen

Lift High the Cross



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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 September 8 – September 14, 2025

Thursday	September 11, 2024	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	September 14, 2024	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
		Fellowship Brunch	

Next Council Meeting:

September 28, 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Church School Begins October 15, 2025

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

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