

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A congregation of the North American Lutheran Church & Augsburg Lutheran Churches 2903 State Hwy 155 PO Box 130 Sayner, Wisconsin 54560

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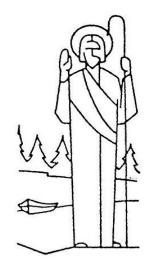
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Website: www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

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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

> VouTube 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: Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State HWY 155 PO Box 130 Sayner, WI 54560

Or on the church website – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org You can donate through our PayPal account. "Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together." Readings for November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

First Reading Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122

Second Reading Romans 13: 11-14 Holy Gospel Matthew 24: 36-44

Who Is Jesus?

Jesus' true identity seems to remain a mystery for most of the disciples. Jesus can teach, preach, heal, cast out demons, challenge authority and more, but still they do not comprehend. You might say it is a case of mistaken identity as the disciples and other followers seem to be hoping to discover something very different from the real Jesus. It is the criminal executed with Jesus who in his dying desperation says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Clearly, the criminal has no other hope, still in this moment he acknowledges Jesus' true identity.

Modern followers of Jesus resemble those ancient followers in many ways. Everyone has their own image of Jesus, the gifts we want Jesus to bring us, the ways we want Jesus to fix those things in our lives that cause pain or suffering. In our anxiety we want Jesus to be our magical savior. It can be frustrating when we discover a very different Jesus. Instead of one who fixes everything in an instant, Jesus is the one who walks with us through the darkest valleys. Jesus is the one who calls us to lives of service—and again and again as we care for the needs of others we discover the face of Jesus himself in the lost, the last, and the least.

Our sin gets in the way, yet those who profess Jesus as Christ the King—the one in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell—are forever seeking to be clear in heart, mind, and soul about the true nature of his identity, and how we can share that identity with others.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9 AM

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. 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.

Please welcome Pastor Richard Little as our worship leader today!

ATTENDANCE on November 16 was 50

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School will be offered every Wednesday (as long as school is in session) after school. The bus will drop the children off at approximately 3:45. Lessons/project time will last until 5 pm. We welcome you to get your children - or grandchildren involved!

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If you use the kitchen at church, please be extra prudent and make sure the water is turned off, the refrigerator doors are closed firmly, the oven is off......whatever you use, make sure to turn everything off and close doors!!

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Please consider giving to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Pink donation envelopes will be labeled and available. This program has helped many local individuals and families in the past, and we are pleased to continue this year. Please contact council president, Mike Pockat, with any questions.

LÂÂ KING FOR HELP

We continue a search for financial positions here at Shepherd. If you are interested in volunteering for a position as Head Counter or Treasurer, please contact Jean at 715-891-3344 for more information.

- Head Counter would be responsible for supervising the counting team and preparing records for the Financial Secretary.
- Treasurer would need to be comfortable with QuickBooks and accounting. This position is a paid position.

All position applicants need to be able to pass a background check and sign a confidentiality contract.

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

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER:

Serving 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 2025

This is a joint project with St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Germain Community Church. We have sign-up sheets for helping with set up, serving, and clean-up on Thanksgiving Day. There is also a sign-up sheet for pies in the Narthex. Please help as you can. We hope to serve even more with three churches involved. Please let everyone know this is a community event and all are welcome.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Come and join the choir, practice at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays, from now until Christmas. Men's voices needed!!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We are looking for help to decorate the church on Saturday morning, November 29th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please join us if you are able!

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month **at 10 a.m**. This study is based on "The Chosen".

MATCHING FINANCIAL CHALLENGE

We have an end of year matching financial challenge of \$25,000 through the end of the year. Which means all donations, up to \$25,000, will be matched. In this holiday season, please prayerfully consider making an end-of-year donation. These donations will be part of our general fund for future projects. Thank you.

CONTACT INFO:

Treasurer – Jean Maines (715) 542-4213 or (715) 891-3344 Email: <u>treasurer@sotlsayner.com</u> or <u>jamaines2012@gmail.com</u>

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049 Email: secretary@sotlsayner.com or plclerk@gmail.com



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Graham, Jim C., Dick K., Mary, Kamala, Dennis and Brian.

(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, 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 Doug Tarkowski

Special Prayers

Please keep our church council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we 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 at 715-892-7049 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list or if you are in need of prayers.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS – SHOEBOX PROJECT

We are pleased to announce that the church filled 59 shoeboxes this year and they are on their way to be delivered! Many thanks to all who contributed to this very successful project!!

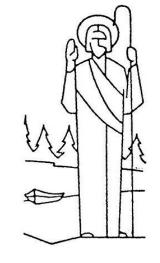
IN CASE OF PASTORAL EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT Mike Pockat, Council President (715) 892-4488 or Sharon Rice, Council Vice-President (715) 891-0259

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Christ The King Nov. 23rd 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

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, urgently and fervently asking him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

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.

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 and ordained 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.

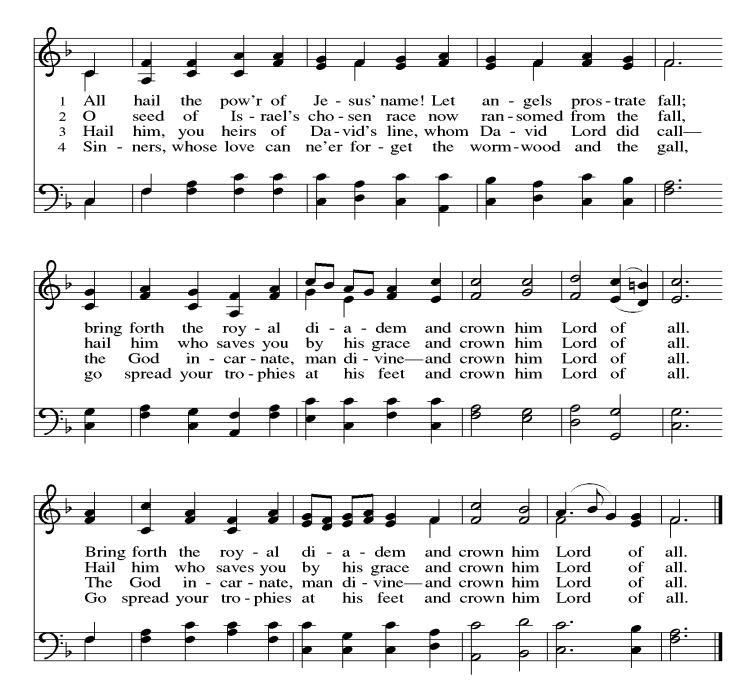
Amen

Gathering Song

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ELW 634

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

Opening Dialogue, Christ the King

Behold the King comes! Alleluia!

O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Rejoice greatly, for Christ is your King!

Blessing and honor and glory be unto him.

Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe; you have delivered us from sin and death.

By your blood, you have brought your people into your Kingdom.

Therefore God has highly exalted him:

and bestowed on him the name, which is above every name;

that at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow;

and every tongue confess him the King of Glory.

Behold the King comes. Alleluia!

Oh come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray....

Almighty and everlasting God,

whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 23: 1-6

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading Colossians 1:11-20

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the



The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Luke 23: 33-43

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434

Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of the Church

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 Prayer

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy......and join their unending hymn:

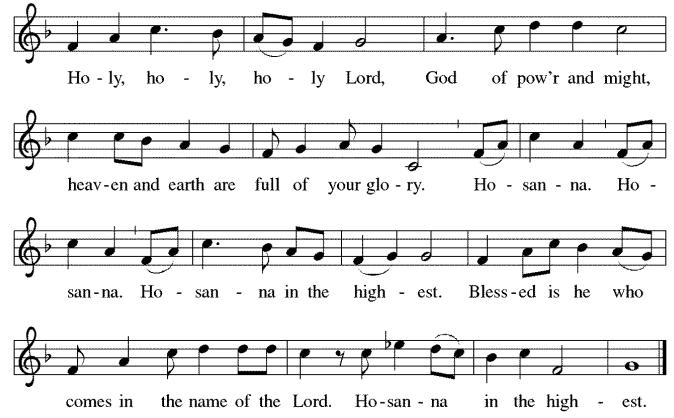


Table Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus 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.

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.

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.

Invitation

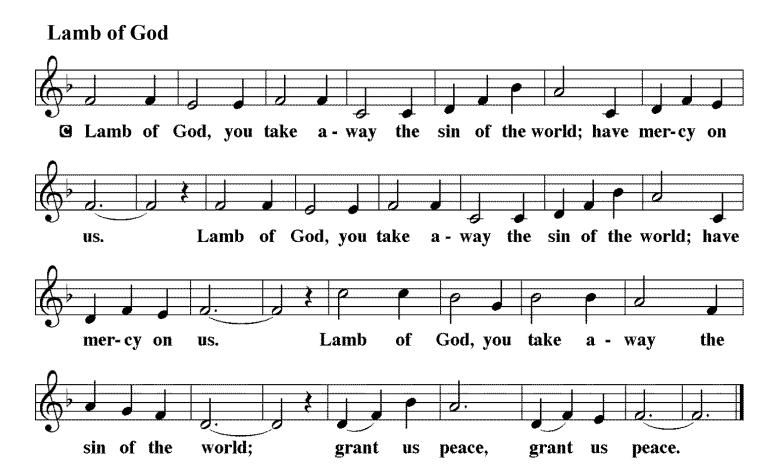
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ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

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.

Distribution

(Please come forward as the ushers direct)



Shall We Gather at the River



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark Text © 1978, 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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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

We give you thanks,

Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing/Benediction

Almighty God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit, bless you all, now and forever.

Amen

Sending Hymn

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" ELW 855 versus 1, 2, 4 Crown Him with Many Crowns



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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 November 24 – November 30, 2025

Tuesday	November 25, 2024	Bible Study "The Chosen"	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	November 26, 2025	NO CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY!	
Thursday	November 27, 2025	Community Thanksgiving Dinner	11 am – 2 pm
Sunday	November 30, 2025	Worship Service –	9:00 a.m.
		1st Sunday of Advent	
		Choir Practice	10:30 a.m.

Reminder: No Church School over school Holiday Break: Dec. 24 & Dec. 31

Next Council Meeting:

December 7, 2025

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 27th

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

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