

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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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 and 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 YouTube 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 – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
You can donate through our PayPal account.
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Readings for November 8, 2026 24th Sunday of Pentecost

First Reading	**Amos 5: 18-24**
Psalm	**70**
Second Reading	**1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18**
Holy Gospel	**Matthew 25: 1-13**

Trusting in God, Trusting with God

Human beings are relational creatures. We are created to be in relationship with one another and with God. No one, no matter how independent or disconnected they may feel they are, functions completely outside the context of relationships. From the moment we are born we are thrust into relationship with people around us—the people who delivered us, the people who will be taking care of us in a hospital nursery, our family, and God. When we enter this world we do so forming relationships right from the start.

Relationships, healthy relationships, require a lot of work and care to continue. In particular, relationships require trust to grow and become mature. Relationships rooted in trust can bring out the best in us. Relationships rooted in anything else can bring out the worst.

Today's readings give us the chance to consider the trust required in the relationship between God and God's people. Moreover, we are invited to give thought to the consequences of replacing trust with something else: hubris stemming from trust in one's identity or work (in Amos), or hubris stemming from trust in others to sustain us rather than God (in Matthew). Paul reminds us that our relationship with God is cause for joy even in the midst of sorrow, since we believe (trust) God's promise of eternal life through the living Lord Jesus.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 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.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES AT 5:30 PM

Communion offered at every service

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school is every Wednesday from 3:45-5 p.m. 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.

THANKSGIVING MEAL:

We're getting an early start on planning this year!
Our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 26, 2026. As always, we are working with St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Germain Community Church to present this dinner. Sign-up sheets for helping with the dinner will be put out the first part of November.

ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP

Contact Person – <u>NEW CONTACT: KARIN MCCORMICK</u>: (715) 614-7670

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 Karin McCormick**, 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 Karin**

CALL COMMITTEE

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

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Ginger Eade	(608) 317-9563
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Joanne Pierce	(414) 477-5804
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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**: treasurer@sotlsayner.com or jamaines2012@gmail.com**
Please contact Jean with questions

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049 (call or text)
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In case of Pastoral Emergency, please contact

Council President Mike Pockat at (715) 892-4488 or
Vice-President Sharon Rice at (715) 891-0259

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.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN:
Please help fold the boxes! Take one home to fill if you would like. Thanks for your help!

Attendance on October 21, 2026: 6
Attendance on October 25, 2026: 36



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for those dealing with current issues:
Dick, Teresa, Deb, Jim C., Gordon S., Ken H., Paul S., Lloyd A., and Evelyn A.

(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, Shelle, Bob B., Bonnie, John, Kim, Barb, Sharon B., Joan, Tom P, Sue L., Sharon G., and Crystal L.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:
Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Dylan and Sgt. 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 Danny Thomas, Father of Mitchell and Mason

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.

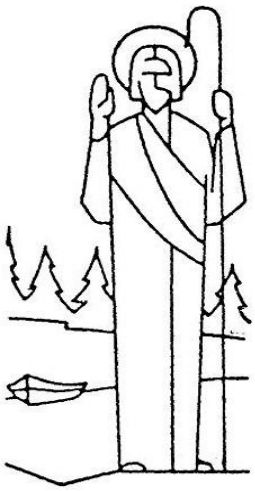
Please or email Jean Maines at treasurer@SOTLsayner.com or text her at 715-891-3344
or contact Sharon Brooker at plclerk@gmail.com or text her at 715-892-7049
if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list or if you are in need of prayers.

Please welcome guest Pastor John Schaeffel today!

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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

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.

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 ***"Shall We Gather at the River"*** *ELW 423*

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



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

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

I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die;

And whoever lives and believes in me will never die!

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things.

I know that my redeemer lives, and at the last, God will stand upon the earth.

And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God!

I tell you the truth; anyone who hears my Word and believes in God who sent me, has eternal life.

And I will not be condemned. They have crossed over from death to life.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we belong to the Lord.

So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray….

Almighty God,

Whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: grant us grace to follow your blessed Saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; 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 Revelation 7: 9-17

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt God's name together.

4 I sought the Lord, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.

5 Look upon the Lord and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and
delivers them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!

9 Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

10 The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Second Reading 1 John 3: 1-3

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel According to….

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 1-12

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon **Pastor John Schaeffel**

Hymn of the Day ***"For All the Saints"*** *ELW 422*

(Please Stand as you comfortable)

For All the Saints





Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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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.

ALL SAINTS LITANY

Let us remember those gone before,

Whose souls are in the hands of God,

Where torment shall never touch them. In the eyes of fools they seem to have died;

In the eyes of sages they appear in glory.

In the minds of fools their death was destruction;

In the minds of sages, transformation.

They were embattled;

They are at peace.

They were fatigued;

They are at rest.

They were distressed

They are at ease.

They were alone;

They are one with God.

In life they fought their own mortality;

In death they yield to immortality.

In life they dimmed, their bodies tarnished;

In death they shine, their spirits burnished.

Yes, let us remember those gone before,

Whose souls are in the hands of God.

Gracious Lord, source of all mercy and God of all consolations, we remember before you our brothers and sisters in this community who have died this past year.

We name aloud those who have entered the church triumphant during this past year.

(Leader then presides over the reading of the names, standing at the head of the Prayer Cross.)

(As each name is read, a bell is rung, and a candle of remembrance is lit.)

(An invitation for all who would like to silently light a candle in memory of a loved one.)

We thank you, Almighty God that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these children the forgiveness of sin and have raised them to the new life of grace. Bless them, O Lord, with your presence, enfold them in the arms of your care, and keep them in your love forever.

Amen.

Let us remember the saints among whom we live today.

Whose souls are in the hands of God.

Gracious Lord, we thank you for the new life you have given all of us through Holy Baptism. Continue to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit, and increase in us your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. We give you thanks for your Church, the community of all your Saints, all those who acknowledge you as Lord. Bless us now as we offer you our worship and praise.

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)

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 and salutary……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

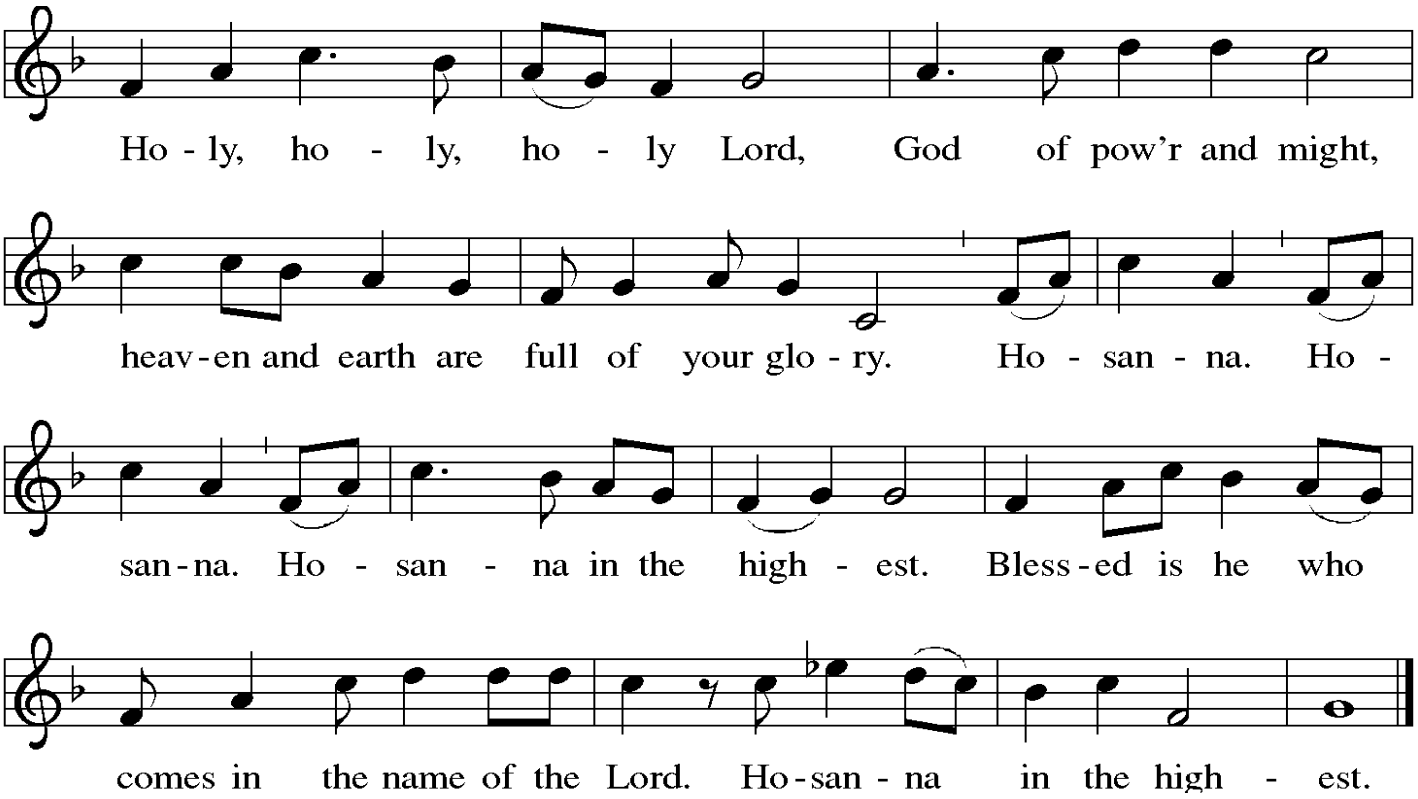


Table Prayer

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. Stir up within us your Holy Spirit, 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 *(Service of Distribution)*

(These elements have been consecrated by one Pastor Reiff)

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

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. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing.

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

Communion Hymns

"For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679

For the Fruit of All Creation



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version
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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

"As Saints of Old" ELW 695

As Saints of Old



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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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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 November 2 – November 8, 2025

Wednesday	November 4, 2026	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	November 4, 2026	Worship	5:30 p.m.
Thursday	November 5, 2026	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	November 8, 2026	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:
November 22, 2026

Upcoming Events:
Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 26th

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

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