

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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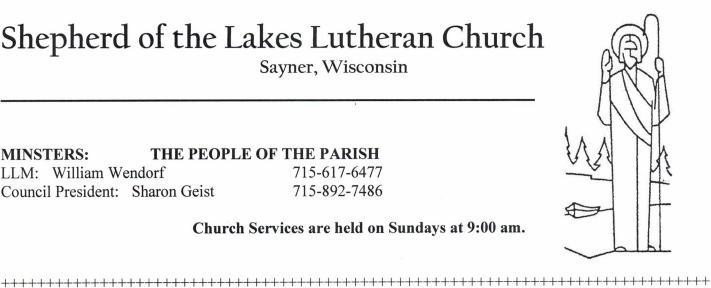
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Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 am.



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 individual portions. 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.

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube. Go to the Church website at I www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org I

and look for the

symbol. Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

Readings for January 17, 2021:

First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalm

139:1-6, 13-18

Second Reading

1 Corintians 6:12-20

Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

Breath of God

Breath figures frequently in Scripture. God's breath or Spirit hovers over the chaos in creation in Genesis. Breath or Spirit enters the nostrils of the created in the story. Breath and Spirit is breathed onto the disciples by Jesus when he appears to them after his resurrection. In the gospel text, as Jesus rises from the waters, the Spirit, the breath of God, descends like a dove. Jesus, having held his breath under the water, rises as a model of death and life for us, breathing in the life of the Spirit. He is a risen and claimed by God as the beloved with whom God is pleased.

Of course, breathing is two things, breathing in and breathing out. You can hold your breath, but there is no way to hold it forever. Consider how this reflects the Spirit's power in Jesus and then in our baptism. In baptism, the gift is not just one of repentance and forgiveness, but, as the Acts text emphasizes, also involves the Spirit living and acting in the baptized. While it is a gift for our own lives, like the gift of breathing in, it is also encouragement and life, a breathing out of the Spirit into the world. Baptism is both for our own sake and for the world. In our baptism, we breathe in forgiveness and reconciliation and breathe out the Spirit in our life and works. That's the full life of the baptized disciple.

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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:

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry & Joannie Stephenson, Arlene Dreyfus, Rich Kysiak, Julie Smith, Gus Tarre, Carolynn Brink, Elaine's son-in-law Rodney, and Tom & Carol Miles.

<u>Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces</u>: Jeff Hammer, Brian Krieck, Adam & Brittany Recob, Brooks Maines, Will Schmidt, Sgt. Keara Kangas, Alex Bauer, Jared Mann, Noah Storaasli, and Zachary Raatz.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Mel & Barb Harvey, and Elisabeth Jacobsen.

Pray for those who have passed:

Walter Wendorf and his family who grieve.

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at secretary@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-542-3344 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

If anyone is interested in being the contact person for the prayer chain, please contact Bill Wendorf or Sharon Geist

CHURCH SERVICES:

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. Masks while not required, however are greatly encouraged in the sanctuary for the services. If you cannot wear a mask for health reasons, areas will be set aside for your use. All are welcome. The service will be recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

OFFERINGS:

You can give your offering in church, mail your offering, or use the online giving through **PayPal** on the church website. As always, your generosity to this church and our missions, is overwhelming. In a time when so many churches are suffering, the health and well-being of your church and our missions is humbling.

BLOOD DRIVE:

Shepherd will be hosting the Community Blood Drive this Friday, January 15th, from 1-5 PM. Blood donations have been down in past months, and blood continues to be in great need in our area. Please consider donating. Call for an appointment, (715) 542-4049, as walk-ins will not be taken at this time.

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Baptism of our Lord

PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (PLEASE REMAIM SEATED)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + One God, the fountain of living water, the Rock who gave us birth, our Light and our salvation.

Amen!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

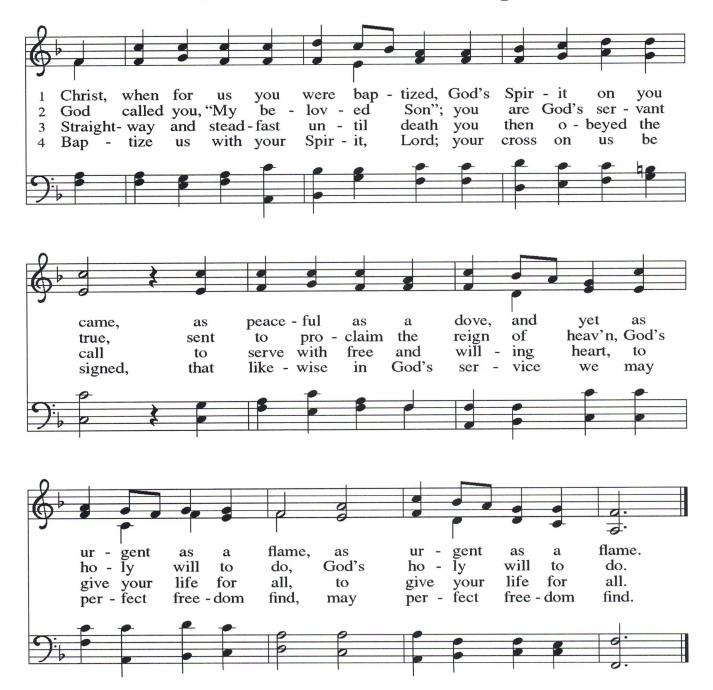
Amen!

Stand, as able.

GATHERING HYMN "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" ELW 304, vrs. 1,2,4.

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



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OPENING DIALOGUE

God spoke through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

God calls us by name, we belong to God.

"When you pass through the waters..."

God will be with us.

"When you pass through the rivers..."

God will be with us.

"When you walk through the fire..."

God will be with us.

God is our Savior, we are precious in God's sight.

Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.

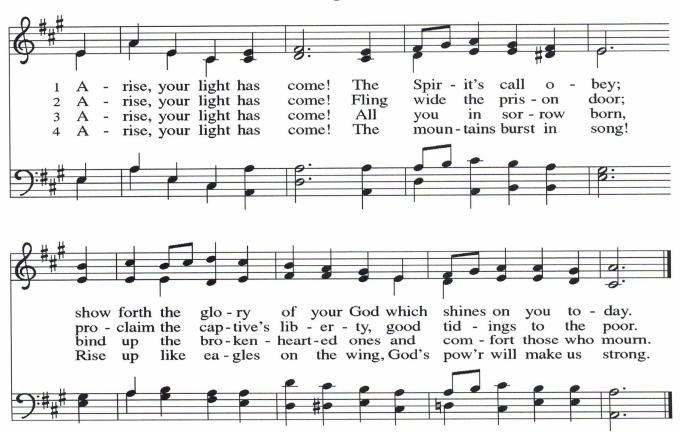
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with your all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Amen. (Please be seated)

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

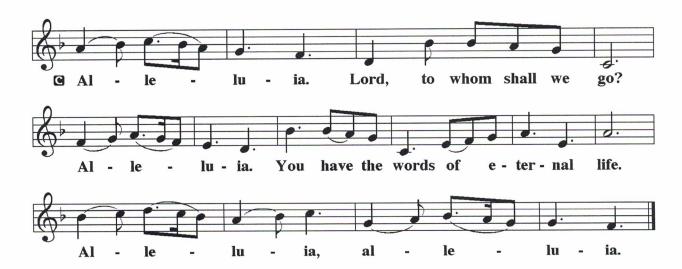
¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Lesson

Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel Alleluia (Please Stand as You are Comfortable)



Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel According to.....

Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON (Please be Seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 445

Verses 1 - 3

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho ly wis dom! Un im ag ined, all your ways!



Num - ber them a - mong your peo - ple; bless as Christ blessed long a - go. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of bless - ing, liv-ing bread. To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. God, re - new us, guide our foot - steps; free from sin and all its snares, We your peo - ple stand be - fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born.



Fill, a - noint them; send your Spir - it, one with Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs. By your grace, our lives we of - fer. Re-cre - ate us; God, trans-form!

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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Intercession

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

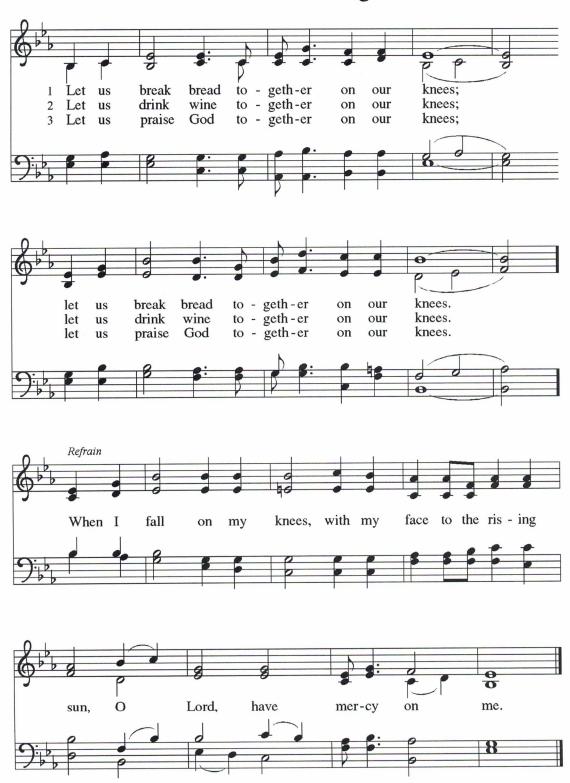
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Great Thanksgiving

As the Table is Prepared,

Please join in singing "Let us Brake Bread together" ELW 471

Let Us Break Bread Together



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Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

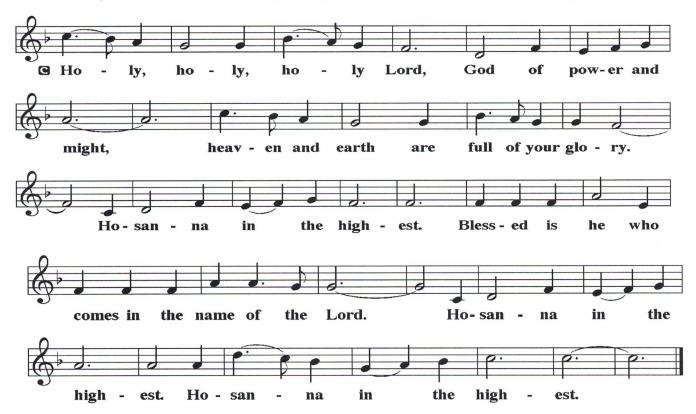
Lift up your Hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and Praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



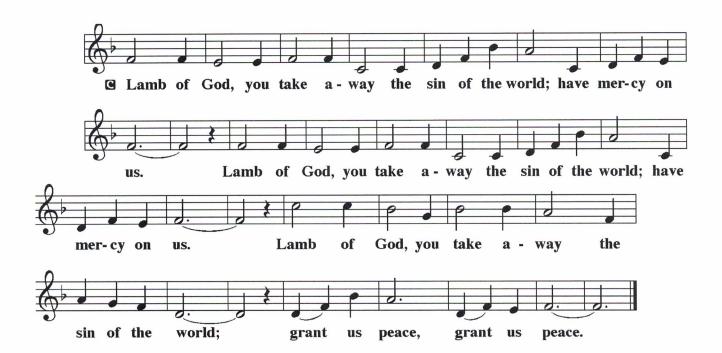
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The Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion Distribution

Please be seated and come forward as the ushers direct. All those who wish to commune are welcomed to the Lord's table.

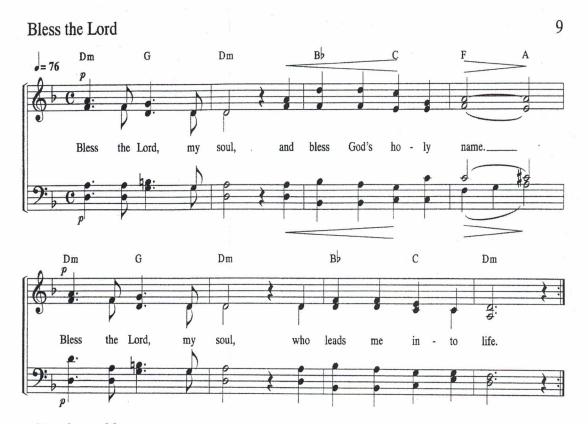


Communion Songs

Lord, Be Glorified







Stand, as able.

Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Communion Prayer

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN "God Whose Almighty Word" ELW 673 vrs. 1-3.

God, Whose Almighty Word



Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt. Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.