

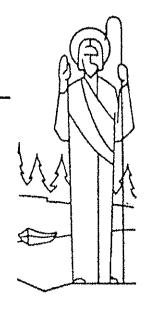
#### Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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# **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

Sayner, Wisconsin

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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 the chalice or individual portions as you prefer. 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.

#### **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 symbol.

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

#### Readings for December 25, 2022:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Service of Lessons &

Psalm:

Carols

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Holy Gospel:



#### A Meaning-Making Name

Names are powerful makers of meaning both in the scriptures and in our lives. Consider how much we associate people with their names. A name is merely a word, a sound, yet it can completely represent a person. And our names can be powerful. Think about the resurrection account in John 20 when a distraught Mary Magdalene does not recognize Jesus in the garden. She does not recognize him until when? He speaks her name.

The texts for the fourth Sunday of Advent invite us to explore the name "Emmanuel." "Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). And he shall be called "Emmanuel," God with us. This reality changes everything. Never is God so with us as in Jesus of Nazareth. Here is God-madeflesh, and in his very name, the Son of God proclaims just how with us and for us God really is. This fulfillment of prophetic promise offers us a delicate and dramatic reality: God has slipped into skin and walks among us in a totally new way, offering us life and salvation.

#### **CHURCH SERVICES:**

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 am. Masking is not required, but if you wish to wear a mask, we have them available on the table in the entryway. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later in the day.

#### **FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH:**

Please join us for coffee and fellowship each Sunday after worship.

The second Sunday of each month will be our regular fellowship brunch. Bring a dish to pass as you can.

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

Council meeting January 8, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

#### PASTORAL HOLIDAY DISCRETIONARY FUND:

It is once again time to start collecting for the gift cards for families in need at Christmas and for supporting the organizations that provide a helping hand. Please mark in the memo of your check that the funds are for the Pastor's Holiday Fund.

#### **BILL'S OFFICE HOURS:**

#### Subject to change in January

Monday	Off	
Tuesday	1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	9:00 a.m Noon	
Thursday	Off (Home visits)	
Friday	1:00 p.m 4:00 p.m.	
Saturday	As needed	
Sunday	Worship	

#### **FINANCIAL NOTES:**

December 11, 2022				
General Funds	\$ 17,849.00			
ALWM (Vital Links)	\$ 5.00			
Food Pantry	\$ 85.00			
Frederick House	\$ 15.00			
Holiday Fund	\$ 670.00			
Thanksgiving Dinner	\$ 20.00			
Total	\$ 18,644.00			



#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service December 24, 2022 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Service of Lessons and Carols December 25, 2022 9:00 a.m.



(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:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Lyn, Melody, Sharon B., Sharon G., Trish, Courtney, Joe, and Rhett.

#### Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

#### Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

#### Pray for those who have passed:

#### Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Please email Bill at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean at secretary@SOTLsayner.com or 715-542-4213 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

## Season of Advent

# Fourth Sunday in Advent December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

#### Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Advent Candle

(Please remain seated)

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Christ is our light. By grace he came, in power he rose; we wait for Christ to come again.

(The fourth candle of Advent is lit.)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

In those days and at that time God will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Make known to us your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

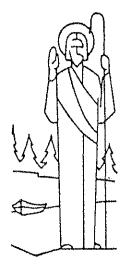
Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.

Let us pray;

We praise you, O God,

for this wheel of time that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, open our eyes to see your presence in the lowly ones of this earth. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may sing of your advent among us in the Word made flesh. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen.



#### **Invocation**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

Amen.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Let us come before God in confession of our sins known and unknown, things said or left unsaid, things done or left undone.

### **Prayer of Confession**

To you, O God,

we lift up our souls.
You know us through and through;
we confess our sins to you.
Remember not our sins;
remember us with your steadfast love.
Show us your ways; teach us your paths;
and lead us in peace and truth,
for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

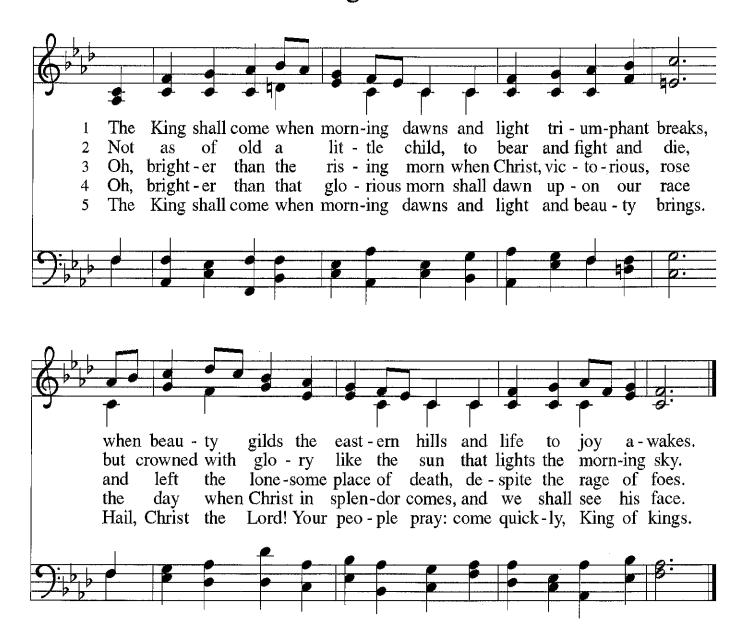
#### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of + Jesus; you belong Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

Amen.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

# The King Shall Come



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#### **Apostolic 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.

#### **Advent Dialogue**

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is my strength, and my might; and has become my salvation.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him;

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

#### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray;

Stir up your power,

Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

#### First Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

<sup>10</sup>The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

#### Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim. <sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink. <sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighb

<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
 <sup>17</sup>Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
 the one you have made so strong for yourself.

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

#### **Second Reading** Romans 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Holy Gospel**

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

The Holy gospel According to......

Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

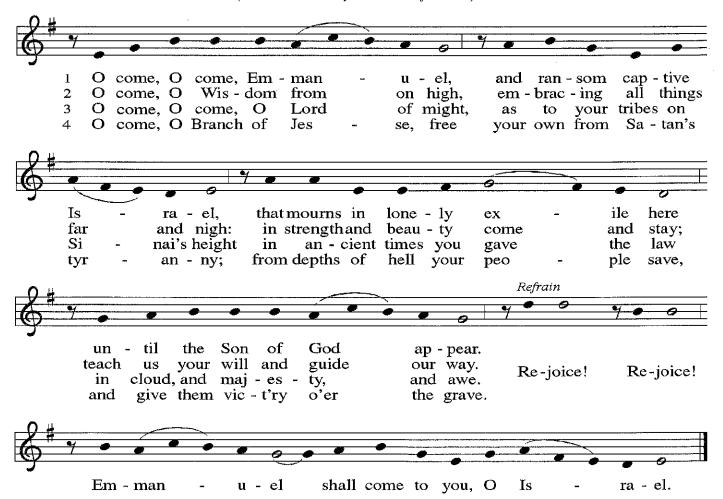
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Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day

#### "O come, O come, Emmanuel" ELW 257 vs. 1-3.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



- 5 O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
   O Sun of justice, now draw near.
   Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
   and death's dark shadow put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one: refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

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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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 People Sharing of the Peace

(Please share the peace as you and your neighbor are comfortable)

#### Offering

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

For those of you worshipping with us at home -You can mail your donations to:

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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."

#### As the Lord's table is prepared;

Please join in singing "What Feast of Love" ELW 487"

#### What Feast of Love



- What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en? What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this Christ the bread come down from heav - en. king, the İS This, this Christ the king. is the come down from sun heav - en. This, this Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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#### **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray;

God of abundance.

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### Holy communion

May the God of Advent be with you.

And also with you.

People of Advent, lift up your hopes.

We lift them to the One who comes to share our lives with us.

People of hope, offer your thanksgiving to God.

Joy, praise, adoration are in our hearts and on our lips!

#### Words of Institution

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### 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

Come to the Lord's banquet, for all is now ready and all are welcome.

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

#### Distribution

If you wish to commune this morning, please come forward as the usher directs, one side of the sanctuary at a time.

The wine is served in either the Chalice or individual serving cups.

Both offer wine and an alternative of grape juice.

Both will be available to you as you approach the Altar.

#### Lamb of God



#### Blessed Assurance



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

#### Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

#### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



#### **Communion Blessing**

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

Amen!

#### **Communion Prayer**

God for whom we wait,

in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

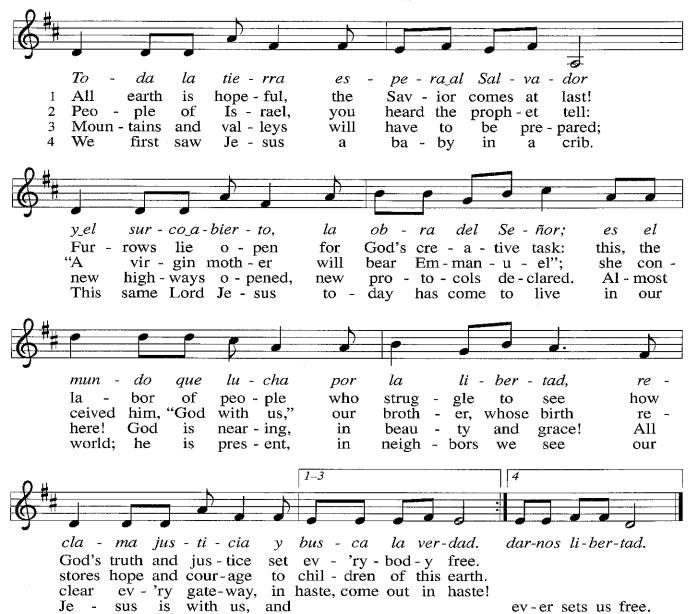
#### **Benediction**

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

Amen.

# All Earth Is Hopeful

#### Toda la tierra



- Dice\_el profeta al pueblo de Israel: "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel," será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será, con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.
  - 3 Montes y valles habrá que preparar; nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar. El está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar, y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.
  - 4 En una cueva Jesús apareció, pero en el mundo está presente hoy. Vive\_en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está; y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

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#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ be with you!

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 December 19 - 25, 2022

Tuesday	December 20, 2022	Bible Study	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 21, 2022	Church School	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	December 22, 2022	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	December 24, 2022	Christmas Eve	4:00 p.m.
****		Candlelight Service	2000
Sunday	December 18, 2022	Service of Lessons &	9:00 a.m.
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#### **Next Council Meeting:**

January 8, 2023 10:30 a.m.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Chili Dinner in February

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

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