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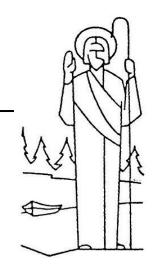
November 19, 2023

## **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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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. 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 OvorTube 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. "Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

#### Readings for November 26, 2023:

**First Reading** Ezekial 34: 11-16, 20-24

**Psalm** 95: 1-7

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1: 15-23 **Holy Gospel** Matthew 25: 31-46

#### We Embody the Presence of Christ

It is possible that the biggest barrier to accepting this as our lifelong vocation is not a lack of faith but a lack of imagination.

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we receive a parable from Jesus challenging and inspiring our imaginations to grasp our whole vocation that is celebrated in baptism: to embody Christ in every moment and to engage every part of our world as Christ's redeemed creation.

The parable of the sheep and the goats has sometimes been used to instill fear of God's judgment. However, it is possible that Jesus' point here is to urge his disciples to share God's generous saving grace with all. Jesus' parables consistently offer a simple setting and story, but behind them lie a world of rich meaning that takes a lifetime to unpack. For this reason, Jesus' parables are important texts for the postmodern church, which is hungry for story, for connection, and for meaning for our faithful lifelong questions.

With shepherding texts from Ezekiel and the Psalms as well as Ephesians, an epistle written to build faith, we have a constellation of texts that make the shape of God's intimate—even incarnational—love of creation. The parable even suggests that being merely intentional about ministry in the name of Jesus is not the point. After all, both "sheep" and "goats" groups are equally shocked at the news that Jesus was present in those relationships involving thirst, imprisonment, and so forth. Instead, Jesus seems to invite us to wonder what's at the deepest foundation of our presence and purpose—and perhaps even walk away faithfully bewildered at the possibilities of God's kingdom being practiced on earth as it is in heaven.

What if we really do embody the presence of Christ?

#### **CHURCH SERVICES:**

Regular Sunday morning services at 9:00 a.m. and after the Thanksgiving Eve Service, **the regular Wednesday evening service will not be held again until Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.** 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.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School every Wednesday begins at 3:45 pm for ages 4 – Grade 7. For more information, please call (715) 542-4049.

#### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will every other Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes. Next study dates are November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have two studies each month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 3 pm, unless they occur during a holiday, such as Thanksgiving or Christmas. We will again be continuing with the Ray Vanderlaan video series.

#### **ROCK MINISTRIES**

From Jack Carlson:

As Treasurer of Northwoods Share in Eagle River, I work at community dinners at The Rock ministry in Eagle River every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening at 4:30. SOTL members are welcome to volunteer and attend as we support this mission as part of our benevolence funding at SOTL.

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

Sunday, November 26, at 10:30 a.m.

#### CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LYN HURBANIS

There will be a Celebration of Life for Lyn Hurbanis on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be at 10 a.m., Service at 11 a.m. with committal to follow at the Plum Lake Cemetery on Lake Street in Sayner, then return to the church for a luncheon.

#### **BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER**

Please consider giving to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Pink donation envelopes will be labeled and available in the Narthex.

#### ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY NEEDED

We are looking for someone to step forward and take over the altar flower ministry. Please contact Betsy Tarkowski if you are interested.

#### THANKSGIVING DINNER

This year there will be three churches involved in the Thanksgiving Dinner – Shepherd of the Lakes, the UCC Church in St. Germain and St. Mary Catholic Church in Sayner. Serving will be from 11 am - 3 pm. There is no charge, but a free will offering is appreciated. Come & enjoy a true Thanksgiving Dinner feast – and no mess to clean up!

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be the last Wednesday evening service until Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024.



## 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:**

Graham, Phyllis, Bob (Sharon's brother), Beth, Craig, David, Elaine, John, Ericka, Jon, Lloyd, Tina, Deb, Brian, Fred, Shelle, Barb, Bob, Terry, and Bob (Judy's husband).

#### Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody.

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

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

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

Elisabeth

## **Pray for the families of those who have passed:**

Greta Bahr

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

## **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

Sayner, Wisconsin

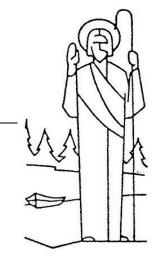
## **Season of Pentecost**

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

## **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 installed 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 "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory" LBW 332

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

## Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

Music: BATTLE HYMN, American, 19th cent.

#### **Dialog for Pentecost**

"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.

## 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**

Let us pray.....

Stir up,

O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

#### First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

- <sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.
- <sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.'
- <sup>13</sup> Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."
- <sup>14</sup> The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.
- <sup>15</sup> A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
- <sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
- <sup>17</sup> I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.
- <sup>18</sup> Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 90:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
- <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- <sup>3</sup> You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.
- <sup>5</sup> You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- <sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.
- <sup>7</sup> For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.
- <sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- <sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- <sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- <sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

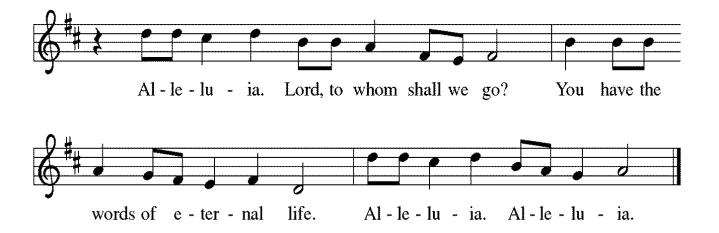
#### **Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand as you are comfortable)



The Holy Gospel According to....

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

#### Matthew 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup> "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here. I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Lord of Light" ELW 688

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

#### Lord of Light



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#### **Apostles 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 Church**

#### The Peace

The Peace of the lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(I invite you to 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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As our offering is received and the Lord's table is prepared, Please join in singing "Christ Be Our Light" ELW 715

## Christ, Be Our Light



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#### **Offertory Prayer**

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Let us Pray:

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.

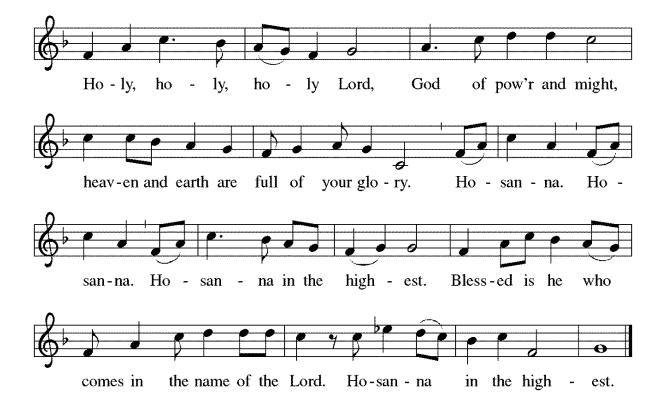
Lift up your hearts.

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:

## 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 to the Table**

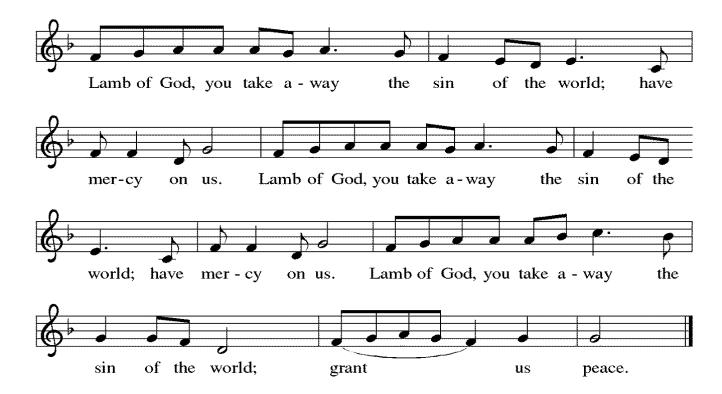
All are welcome to the Lord's table here. Simply come forward as the ushers direct, receive the host, and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the chalice, or by individual glass. For those wishing an alternative to the wine, there is grape juice clearly marked and provided, in both the individual glasses and the **small** chamber of the chalice. Gluten free hosts are also provided by simply asking your server as you come forward.

(Children and others not wishing to commune are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.)

#### **Distribution**

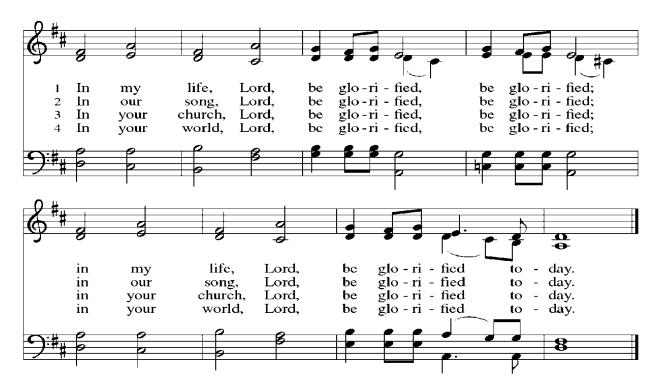
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#### Lamb Of God



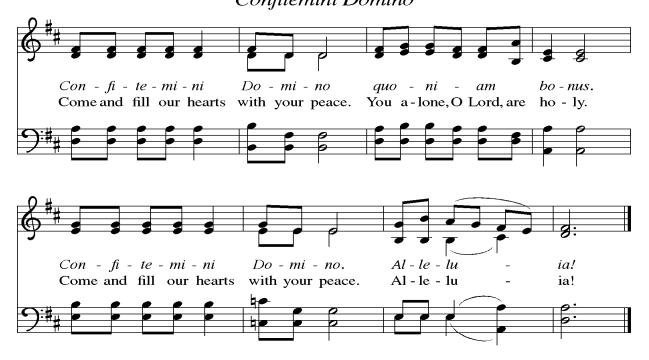
## **Communion Songs**

#### Lord, Be Glorified



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## Come and Fill Our Hearts Confitemini Domino



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## Father, I Adore You



\*may be sung in canon



## **Communion Blessing** (Please stand as you are comfortable)

## **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**

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

Amen.

**Sending Hymn** "I Want To Walk As A child Of The Light" ELW 815 (Please stand as you are comfortable)

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace, to love and 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 20 – November 26, 2023

N. 1	N 1 20 2022	Lyn Hurbanis	10 am Visitation 11 am Service
Monday	November 20, 2023	Celebration of Life	Committal, Luncheon
Wednesday	November 22, 2023	Thanksgiving Eve Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	November 23, 2023	Thanksgiving Dinner	11 am – 3 pm
Sunday	November 26, 2023	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.



#### **Next Council Meeting:**

November 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Thanksgiving Dinner – November 23<sup>rd</sup> Serving 11 am – 3 pm

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

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