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A Member congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

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Reverend William C. Wendorf Ministers: The people of the Parish

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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. If you are in need of any additional information regarding our church or Synod affiliation, please contact Pastor Bill at 1-715-617-6477. 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.

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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 May 4, 2025 3nd Sunday Season of Easter

First Reading	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	
Psalm	30	
Second Reading	Revelations 5: 11-14	
Holy Gospel	John 21: 1-19	

Do You Love Me? Follow Me

When we encounter Jesus, we are changed and will never be the same. Jesus can be revealed in a blinding light on the road, in an abundance of fish, in breakfast on the beach. God uses all sorts of surprising things—bread, wine, water, words of forgiveness—to convert us. Like baptism, this conversion is both a once-in-a-lifetime, life-changing event and a daily process—a change that comes again and again, like Jesus' question to Peter: "Do you love me?" Again and again, Jesus calls us to follow him. For Saul, the journey doesn't end with the blinding light on the road. For Peter, the journey doesn't end with breakfast on the beach. Conversion sets each of them, and each of us, on a path that continues for the rest of our life on earth—and leads into life eternal.

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: <u>treasurer@sotlsayner.com</u> or <u>jamaines2012@gmail.com</u> Office Hours on Monday and Friday, 10 am – 2 pm (Please call Jean's cell to make sure she is in the office.)

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049 Email: <u>secretary@sotlsayner.com</u> or <u>plclerk@gmail.com</u> **Office Hours on Tuesday from 3 pm – 7 pm and Thursday from Noon – 4 pm**

> Pastor Bill Wendorf (715) 542-3701 (Church) or 715-617-6477 Email: wendorfw@gmail.com or pastor@sotlsayner.com

> > Office Hours: Tuesdays As Needed Wednesdays 9 AM – Noon and 3 PM – 5 PM Thursday 9 AM – 1 PM Friday 9 AM - 1 PM Or by Appointment

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M.

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.

NO FINANCIAL REPORT FOR April 20, 2025 Attendance on Easter Sunday, April 20: 105

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

There will be no Wednesday service again until after Memorial Weekend. Services will start back up on Wednesday, May 28th and run until the last Wednesday in August, the 27th.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3 pm. The study will again be based on "The Chosen". Sessions will be on pause for the summer after the session on May 13th and will resume again after Labor Day.

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

PASTOR BILL VACATION

Pastor Bill will be gone from Monday, April 21st until Monday, April 28th. He will have regular office hours for that week, from April 29th to May 1st and then be off again for the weekend. While he is off, please contact Mike Pockat in the case of any pastoral emergency.



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Kim, Dick, Evie, Doug, Graham, Ken B., Lois and Courtney.

(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, Melody, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Sharon G., Bob B., Lynn C., Brian, and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, 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:

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at treasurer@SOTLsayner.com if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A Member Congregation of The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and The Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC) Second Sunday Of Easter, Sunday April 27th, 2025

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

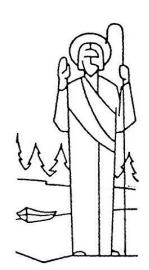
Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as you have loved us. In your compassion, forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our light and our truth.

Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen



Gathering Hymn

"That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright" ELW 384 (Please Stand As You Are Comfortable)
 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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.

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

We have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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)

(Please be seated following the peace)

First Reading Acts 5:27-32

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation. ¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly! ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!" ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. ¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness: I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter." ²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵ Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷ The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. ²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

Second Reading Revelation 1:4-8

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:19-31

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



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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 from 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 worshipped 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 People

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

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Offertory Prayer

Holy God,

Gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving (Service of Distribution)

The Lord be with you.... and also with you.

As we gather before these <u>consecrated</u> 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

I invite you join with me and let us pray with confidence the words that our Savior gave us.

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

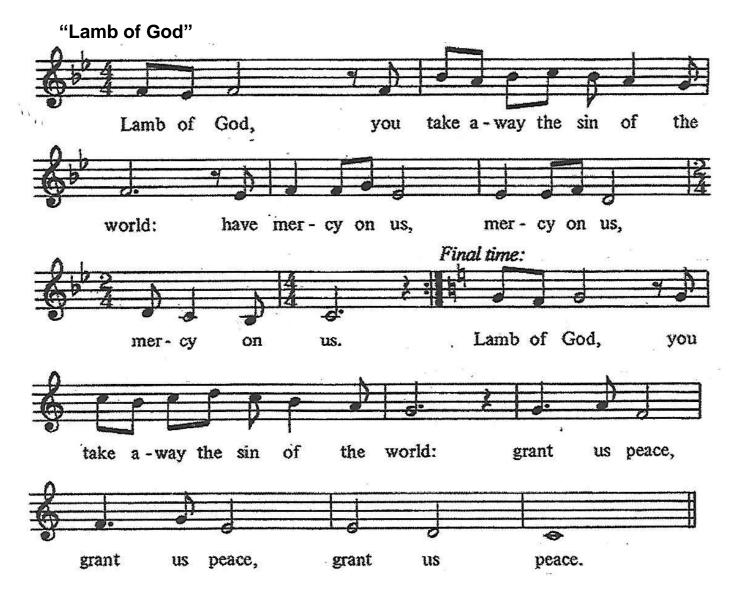
As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us to come.

Distribution

(As the ushers direct people to communion, please be seated.)

Everyone is welcome to the Lord's Table at Shepherd of the Lakes. 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 small chamber of the Chalise. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing. ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

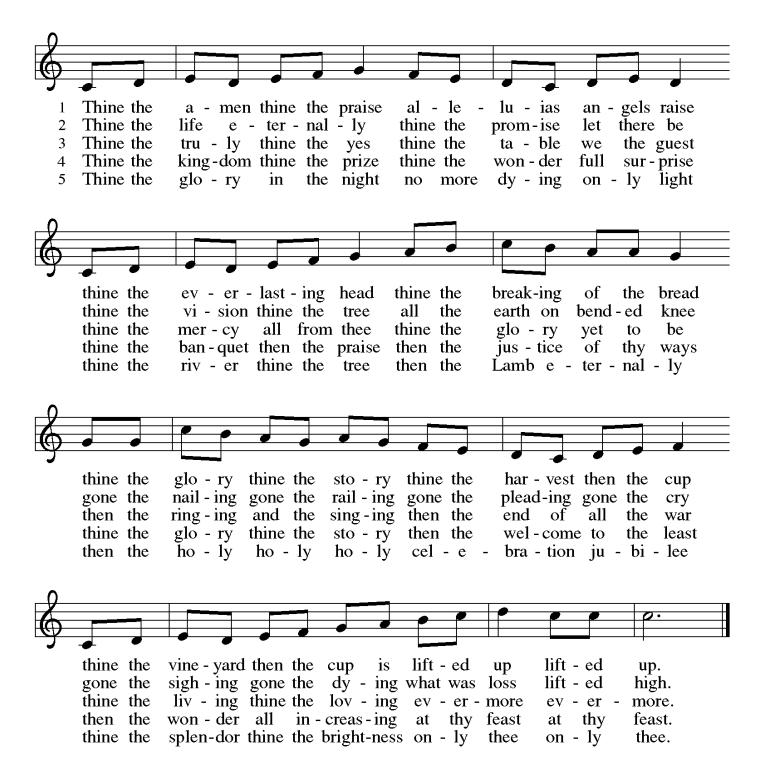
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Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

"Thine The Amen" ELW 826 Thine the Amen



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929 Text and music © 1983 Augsburg Publishing House, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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"I Love To Tell The Story" ELW 661

I Love to Tell the Story



Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

TABLE BLESSING (Please stand as you are able for the remainder of the service.)

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

Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks,

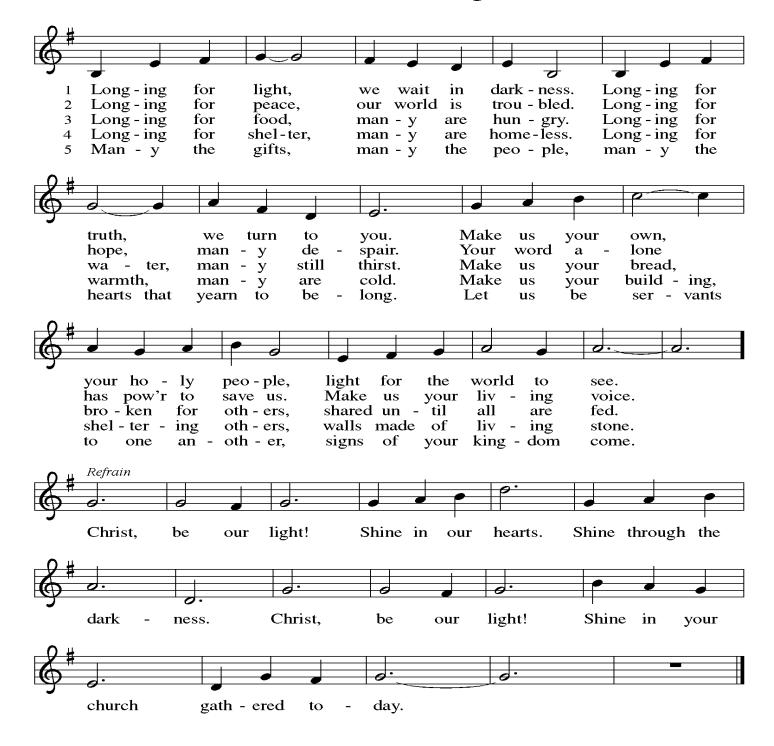
Generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God of all, who raised \ddagger Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

Christ, Be Our Light



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Go in the peace of the risen Christ. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Calendar for Week of April 28 to May 4, 2025

Wednesday	April 30, 2025	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	May 1, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	May 4, 2025	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

Today, April 27, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

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

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