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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.

	All Sunday services	at Shepherd of	the Lakes are	recorded and put on	You Tube	e.
Go to th	e Church website at Click on th			<u>ch.org</u> and look for Church's YouTube si		symbol.

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 18, 2025 5th Sunday Season of Easter

First Reading	Acts 11: 1-18	
Psalm	148	
Second Reading	Revelations 21: 1-6	
Holy Gospel	John 13: 31-35	

God's Beautifully Messy Community

From abandonment to homecoming and from a narrow scope to a broader vision of God's realm, these are the promises proclaimed. The early church and our faith communities are called to engage this reality. A community of Jewish Jesus-followers overcomes fear and expands to include the much larger Gentile world. In the hymnody of the psalm the whole creation and her people are ushered into praise and the trumpeting of a new community. An exiled follower of Jesus sees in the midst of his situation a vision of the Holy One who proclaims a new heaven and earth, stripped of tears and death. Finally, Jesus shares that he will no longer be physically present with his disciples, and points them to a new way of being a community of love for one another. Through the depth of the texts for this day, people are invited to explore the beauty and the messiness of community. The church, like any other human organization, is filled with the challenges of what it means to live together (for example, Who is welcome? What rules do people need to follow? How do we care for one another?). Unlike other human institutions, however, we are called to be centered and re-centered in the unapologetic love for others. In our imperfection we are welcomed and called to invite others. We offer, in a spirit of humility, signs of welcome and love to others, just as God in Christ has been revealed to us.

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 May 4, 2025 Attendance on Sunday, May 4: 47

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Mid-week services will start back up on May 28th at **5:30 p.m.** and run until the last Wednesday in August, the 27th.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be on pause for the summer after May 13th and will resume again after Labor Day.

CHURCH SCHOOL

The last day of Church School was held on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing these children back with us in the fall – Enjoy your summer!

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



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Dick, Evie, Doug, Graham, Ken B., Lois, Courtney, Lynn C., and Jim C.

(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., 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 <u>pastor@SOTLsayner.com</u> 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.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A Member Congregation of The North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

and The Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC) Fourth Sunday Of Easter, Sunday May 11th, 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, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained 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



(Please Stand As You Are Comfortable) Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



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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



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God of peace,

you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 9:36-43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;

- I shall not be in want.
- ² The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

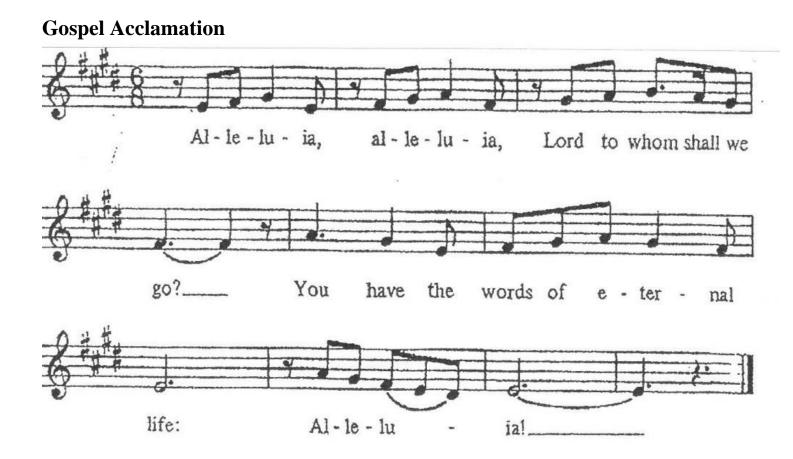
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading Revelation 7:9-17

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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



The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 10:22-30

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

(Please stand as you are comfortable) Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



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

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 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

Prayers of the People

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

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

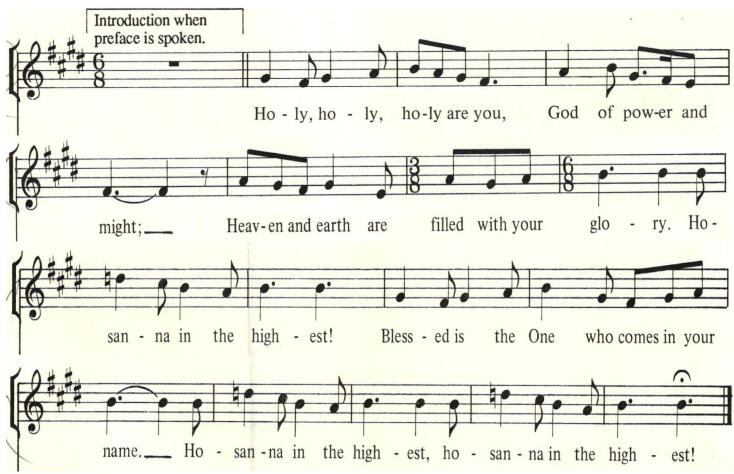
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

> 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....

....praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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...

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.

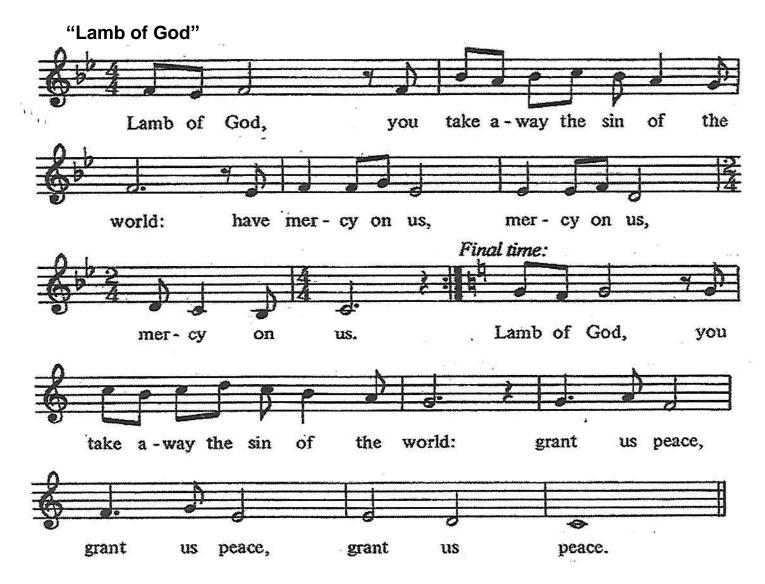
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation

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.*

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:





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

"Thine The Amen" ELW 826 Thine the Amen



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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

May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide us with every good thing we need in order to do his will; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son \ddagger and Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and forever.

Amen.

"For All your Saints, O Lord" ELW 427

For All Your Saints, O Lord



Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt. Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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

Thanks be to God.

Calendar for Week of May 12 to May 18, 2025

Thursday	May 15, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	May 18, 2025	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

May 18, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Beginning on May 28th – Wednesday evening service at 5:30 p.m.

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

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