

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. 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.

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 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 – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
You can donate through our PayPal account.
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Readings for May 25, 2025 6th Sunday Season of Easter

First Reading Acts 16: 9-15

Psalm 67

Second Reading Revelations 21: 10, 22 - 22:5

Holy Gospel John 13: 31-35

Praying for You

Today's gospel reading is first and foremost a prayer. It is Jesus' prayer, and we are given the privilege of listening in as he prays on behalf of his disciples and people of all times and places. Listeners are given a glimpse of Jesus' mission for the world—that all may be drawn into the life of the triune God. On the eve of his death, Jesus entrusts this particular community of disciples—but also our communities, our lives, and our world—into the care of God. What is it Jesus is doing when he prays? What is it the church does when it prays on behalf of the world and other people? To be prayed for by another is to know one's life is cared for and has value to the one praying on your behalf. It is to know that much of the future is out of one's own control but rests instead in the care of the Triune God. To be prayed for is to be vulnerable, dependent, and deeply loved.

Here is the astoundingly good news: Jesus prays for you, and for the communities in which we find ourselves. Whether your cup is empty or full, whether your community is in crisis or experiencing joy, whether your future is foggy or clear, Jesus loves you deeply and your life is bound to the God who loved you before the foundations of the world. On the eve of his death, Jesus entrusted your life and the church's life and its entire future to the Father. What glorious good news that the future rests in the care of the Triune God, and that we, the church, are set free to make God known to the world.

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: treasurer@sotlsayner.com or jamaines2012@gmail.com 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: secretary@sotlsayner.com or plclerk@gmail.com

Office Hours on Tuesday from 3 pm - 7 pm and Thursday from Noon - 4 pm

<u>Pastor Bill Wendorf (715) 542-3701 (Church) or 715-617-6477</u> 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 11, 2025 Attendance on Sunday, May 11: 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 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

WEEKEND BACKPACK PROGRAM

With the additional number of children receiving weekly food supplements during the school year, we have finally depleted the weekend backpack fund. Please consider making a donation for this very worthwhile program headed up by the Krieck family. Pink envelopes are located on the Narthex table for your use.



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

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

(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, 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.

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Fifth Sunday Of Easter, Sunday May 18th, 2025

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you! And also with you!



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



Gathering Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ELW 631 vs. 1,3,4.

(Please Stand As You Are Comfortable)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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

O Lord God,

You teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

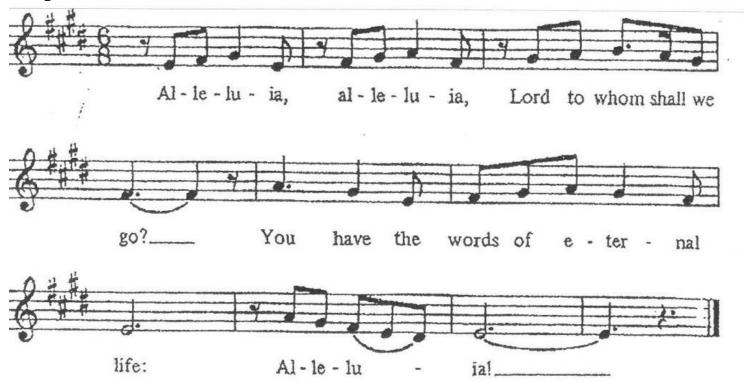
- ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.
- ² Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.
- ³ Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.
- ⁴ Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,
- ⁶ who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.
- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- 8 fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- ⁹ mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;
- ¹¹ sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² young men and maidens, old and young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6

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 13:31-35

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Where Charity And Love Prevail" ELW 359 vs. 1,4,5.

(Please remain seated)

Where Charity and Love Prevail



Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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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 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)

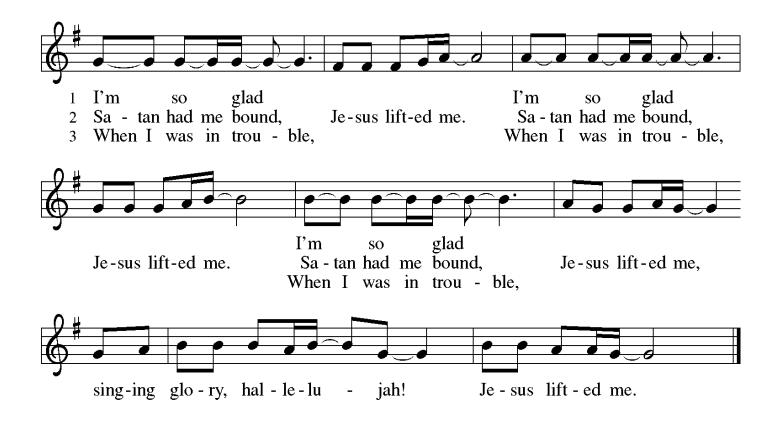
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Offering Hymn

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" ELW 860

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

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.

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.

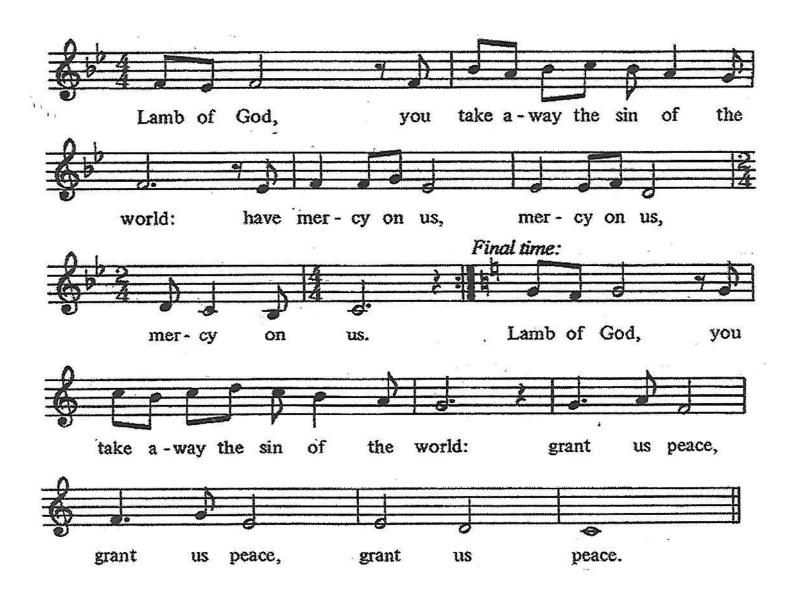
Distribution (As the ushers direct people to communion, please be seated.)

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.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

"Lamb of God"



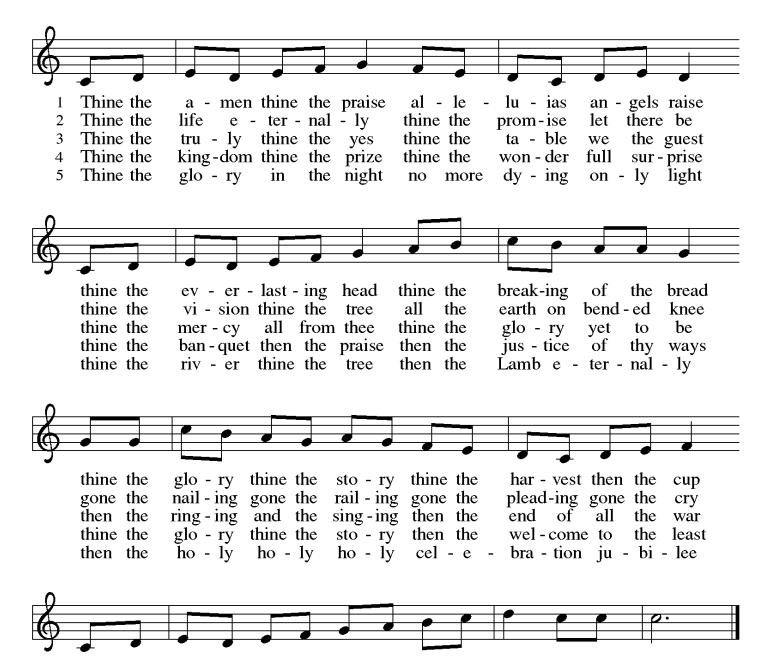
O Savior, Precious Savior



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

"Thine The Amen" ELW 826 vs. 1,4,5.

Thine the Amen



lift - ed thine the vine - yard then the cup lift - ed is up. sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss gone the lift - ed high. liv - ing thine the lov - ing thine the ev - er - more ev - er more. then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast thy feast. at thine the splen-dor thine the bright-ness on - ly thee. on - lv

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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

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 † and Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW 836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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

Thanks be to God.

Calendar for Week of May 19 to May 25, 2025

Wednesday	May 21, 2025	Quilting	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	May 22, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	May 18, 2025	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

Today, 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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