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# **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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

## **Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC)**

Website: www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

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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. 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 and 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 <a href="https://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org">www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</a> and look for the Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

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## Readings for August 3, 2025 8th Sunday After Pentecost

**First Reading** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2: 18-23

**Psalm** 49: 1-12

**Second Reading** Colossians 3: 1-12 **Holy Gospel** Luke 12: 13-21

### Dying to be Rich

"All is vanity and a chasing after wind," says Ecclesiastes, yet we chase wealth like it will last forever, forgetting that we ourselves will one day die and that everything we have stored up here will be useless to us. Into the tragedy of our human drive to be rich in possessions, even at the cost of being poor in everything else, Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool. It is first told to brothers squabbling over an inheritance, and now it is told to us, some of us squabbling with our relatives or neighbors over wealth and possessions. The rich fool, despite his great wealth, is poor in every other way, eating alone, and even dying alone. In Jesus' depiction of this fool our own sinful hearts are exposed. We too vainly chase after even more, sacrificing right relationship with God and neighbor in the process. Death comes to the rich fool when he least expects it, as it must come to all of us. How, then, are we to be "rich toward God"? Paul reminds the Colossian Christians of their own unexpected deaths in the waters of baptism: "you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." In baptism we are joined to Christ's death, and we are to be dead to all foolish chasing after more possessions. We have died, not alone, but with Christ. Our lives now are hidden with Christ in God, and in Christ we share a fortune of true riches that also are good for our neighbors. Death will come, but our treasure is already secure. By faith we have acquired abounding riches above, and by faith we are freed from storing up treasures for ourselves here on earth.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ADELYN & RYLEIGH THOMPSON!

Congratulations to these two young ladies on the Affirmation of their Baptism!

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Flowers today are provided by Arlene Dreyfus in memory of her husband Fred Dreyfus, Sr. Arlene had daisies as her wedding bouquet – and she says it probably won't be too long before she is "pushing up daisies!"

### 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. Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Community Room after church service. Fellowship Brunch is held every second Sunday, and you are welcome to bring a dish to share.

### **QUILTING**

Please join the quilting group at 9 a.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. You don't need to know how to quilt or sew – if you can tie knots, they can use your help!

### 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.

### CALL COMMITTEE

Here are the Call Committee members. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

Lloyd Andersen 715-892-3513

Karen Carter 715-542-4049 or 715-525-1733

Ginger Eade 608-317-9563 Shawn McCormick 715-605-2552 Joanne Pierce 414-477-5804

Charlie Rice 715-617-1398 or 715-479-9336

### MELODY KYSIAK ARRANGEMENTS

Per request of Melody, there will be no funeral services held. In lieu of flowers, family has requested that donations be made to either Shepherd of the Lakes or a local Humane Society in her name.

Next Financial Report will be early in August (They will now be monthly reports)

July 20, 2025 Attendance: 50



### Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Evie, Doug, Graham, Jim C, Dick K., Tom (friend of Tracey), Mike, and Mary (mother of Ahlborn Equipment employee).

(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., 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:

Family of Lynn Carlson; Family of John Schaeffel; Family of Melody Kysiak; Family of Mark Hammer

### **Special Prayers**

Please keep our Church Council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we begin our search for a new leader.

Please email Jean Maines at <u>jamaines2012@gmail.com</u> or text her at 715-891-3344 or contact Sharon at <u>plclerk@gmail.com</u> or text her at 715-892-7049 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list.

### **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 (call or text)

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

In case of Pastoral Emergency, please contact Council President Mike Pockat at (715) 892-4488 or Vice-President Sharon Rice at (715) 891-0259

# **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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

The Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC) Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 27th, 2025

# **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.

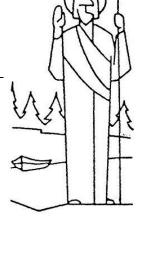
Gracious God,

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 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 Song**

### "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW 661

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

## I Love to Tell the Story



Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

## 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....

O God,

Our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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.

Please be seated

## First Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9

### Psalm 149

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel be glad in his Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

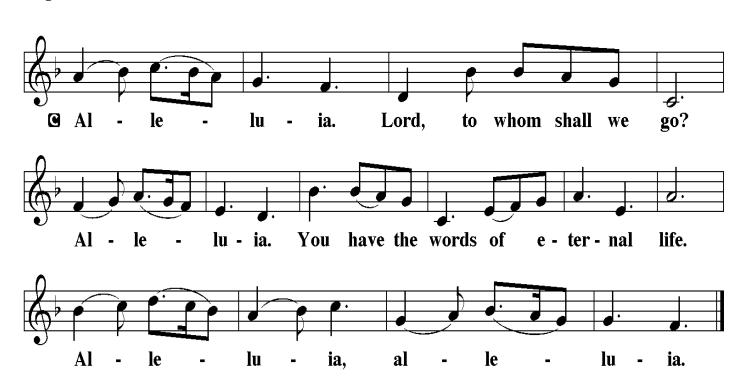
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- <sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- <sup>6</sup>Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
- <sup>7</sup> to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,
- <sup>8</sup> to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- <sup>9</sup> to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the LORD!

## **Second Reading** Romans 8:14-17

# **Gospel Acclamation**

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

# Gospel Reading John 3:1-17

The Gospel of the Lord....

Glory to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

# "Borning Cry" ELW 732 Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a ges of your life, not too old, no lon ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun." I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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## **Affirmation of Baptism**

(A sponsor or a representative of the congregation presents those making affirmation.)

I present <u>Adelyn and Ryleigh Thompson</u>, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called *them* to yourself, enlightened *them* with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished *them* in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

#### Amen.

### John 15: 5-8

<sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

### **Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God.

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.** 

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

(The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.)

**P)** Do you believe in God the Father?

# I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**P)** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P)** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

## Ryleigh and Adelyn:

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for love, forgiveness, and peace in all the earth?

## I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

(The minister addresses the assembly.)

People of God,

Do you promise to support *Adelyn and Ryleigh* who are making public affirmation of *their* baptism, and to pray for *them* in *their* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

(The presiding minister may lay both hands on the head of those affirming their baptism.)

Stir up in <u>Ryleigh/Adelyn</u> the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Let us welcome and rejoice with *those* making public affirmation of baptism.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

(Applause is appropriate) 🨊

## **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, then please be seated)

## **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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### **Presentation Of Gifts**

Today's Offertory music is provided by the Choir "Everywhere I Go" by Natalie Sleeth

## **Offertory Prayer**

Please stand as you are comfortable

Merciful God,

You open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord......

Amen.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

### **Words of Institution**

## **Lords 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.

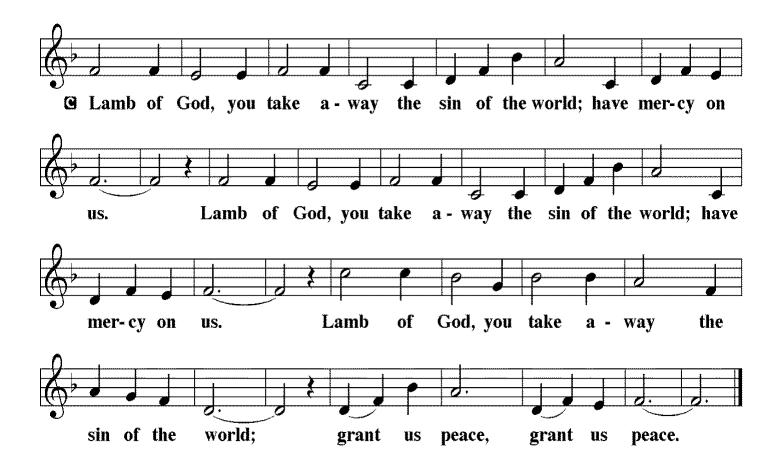
Amen

### **Invitation**

<u>Everyone</u> 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 clear chalice. 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.

### **Distribution**

(Please be seated)



## **Communion Hymns:**

## "Christ be Our Light" ELW 824

# Christ, Be Our Light



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# "Lift High The Cross" ELW 660 Lift High the Cross



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### "Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer" ELW 618

# Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## "God Bless Our Native Land" ELW 891

# God Bless Our Native Land



Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1812–1883; John S. Dwight, 1813–1893 Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

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

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

Amen

## 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/Benediction**

And now, may all mighty God Father, and of the Son,† and of the Holy Spirit bless you all, now and forever.

Amen

# Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910 Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent.

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Calendar for Week of July 28 to August 3, 2025

Thursday	July 31, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	August 3, 2025	Worship	9:00 a.m.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Music copied and used under our One License Arrangement\*\*

## **Next Council Meeting:**

August 24, 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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