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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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

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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 www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and look for the Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

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Readings for August 17, 2025 10th Sunday After Pentecost

First Reading Jeremiah 23: 23-29

Psalm 82

Second Reading Hebrews 11: 29 - 12:2

Holy Gospel Luke 12: 49-56

The Reality of Division

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus calls on his hearers to turn their hearts away from greed and instead to generosity, to turn away from anxious self-preservation and instead to faithful self-giving. But such practice rubs against humanity's deepest-seated sin, so conflict is born out of Jesus' peace-filled activity. Jesus' words and actions had already pitted him against the religious leaders and will lead him to the cross. Now, in today's gospel, Jesus speaks to the reality of that division.

His words unsettle us, yet they are spoken for a reason. In the reading from Jeremiah, God challenges the prophets who dole out lies and deceit and asks, how long until they turn their hearts back to me? This is a question of compassion and yearning for a restored relationship. Likewise, although Jesus' words are incendiary and speak of broken relationships, they are meant to prompt the people's faithful response: to lay aside anxiety and greed and to turn their hearts to the treasures of God's promised kingdom, where Christ takes division upon himself on the cross.

While fully aware of the realities of conflict and division, we are to live as hopeful people, praying fervently for God's compassion and for the restoration of right relationships.

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!

MEMORIAL FOR LYNN CARLSON

St. Germain Community Church is having a Celebration of Life honoring Lynn Carlson on Saturday, September 6. Gathering will begin at 11:00, with a Service at 12:00 and a luncheon to follow. Pastor Joel and Pastor Charlie, both whom Lynn knew well, will be there to conduct the service. All are welcome to remember the kind, caring, loving person Lynn was.

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

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

FROM THE COMMUNITY PICNIC COMMITTEE

"Thank you to everyone who supported the Community Picnic to make it a successful event."

Next Financial Report will be early in August (They will now be monthly reports)
August 3, 2025 Attendance: 38



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 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 Shepherd.

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: <u>treasurer@sotlsayner.com</u> or <u>jamaines2012@gmail.com</u> Office Hours on Monday and Friday, 10 am – 2 pm

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049 (call or text)
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Office Hours on Tuesday from 3 pm – 6:30 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

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost August 10, 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 have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen



Gathering Song

"The God of Abraham Praise" ELW 831

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

The God of Abraham Praise



- 5 Though nature's strength decay, and earth and hell withstand, to Canaan's bounds I urge my way at your command. The wat'ry deep I pass, with Jesus in my view, and through the howling wilderness my way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest; a land of sacred liberty and endless rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
- 7 Before the great Three-One the saints exulting stand and tell the wonders God has done through all their land. The list ning spheres attend and swell the growing fame and sing the songs which never end, the wondrous name.
- 8 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high. "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry. Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays: to you be glory, might divine, and endless praise!

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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.

Opening Dialog

Rejoice in the Lord always. Say it again: Rejoice! Let gentleness be evident to all, for the Lord is near.

Let us not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present our requests to God.

Rejoice in the Lord always. Say it again: Rejoice!

Let gentleness be evident to all, for the Lord is near. (Philippians 4:4-6)

HYMN OF PRAISE







Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray....

Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and to do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, then please be seated.

First Reading Genesis 15: 1-6

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33: 12-22

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
- ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷ The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- 19 to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.
- ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
- ²² Let your loving kindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

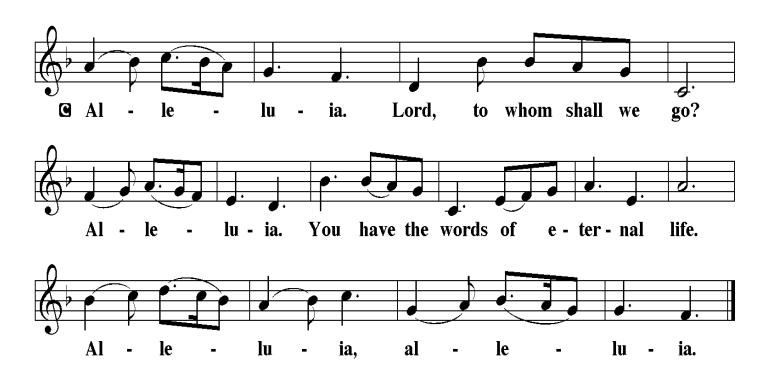
Second Reading Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

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.

Gospel Reading Luke 12: 32-40

The Gospel of the Lord....

Glory to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon

Please remain seated for the hymn of the day.

O Master, Let Me Walk with You



Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt. Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

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 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 and join in the offertory hymn)



Offertory Prayer

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.

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.

(Service of Distribution)

As we gather before these **consecrated** 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.

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

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

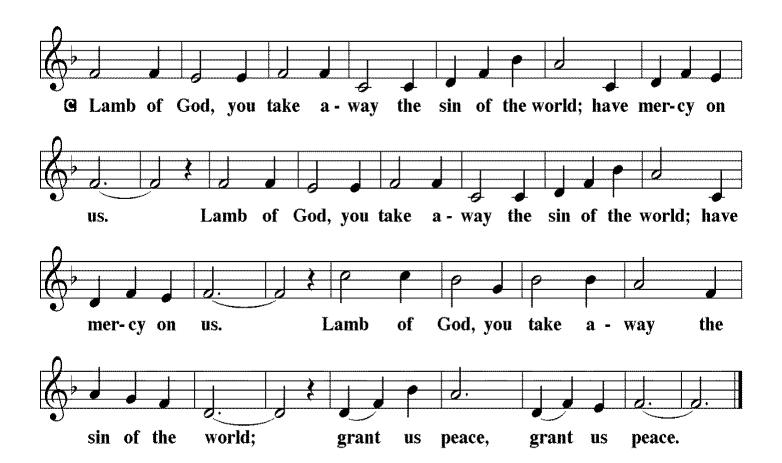
Invitation

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.

<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)



This Is My Father's World



Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858–1901 Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852–1930, adapt.

My Lord of Light



Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

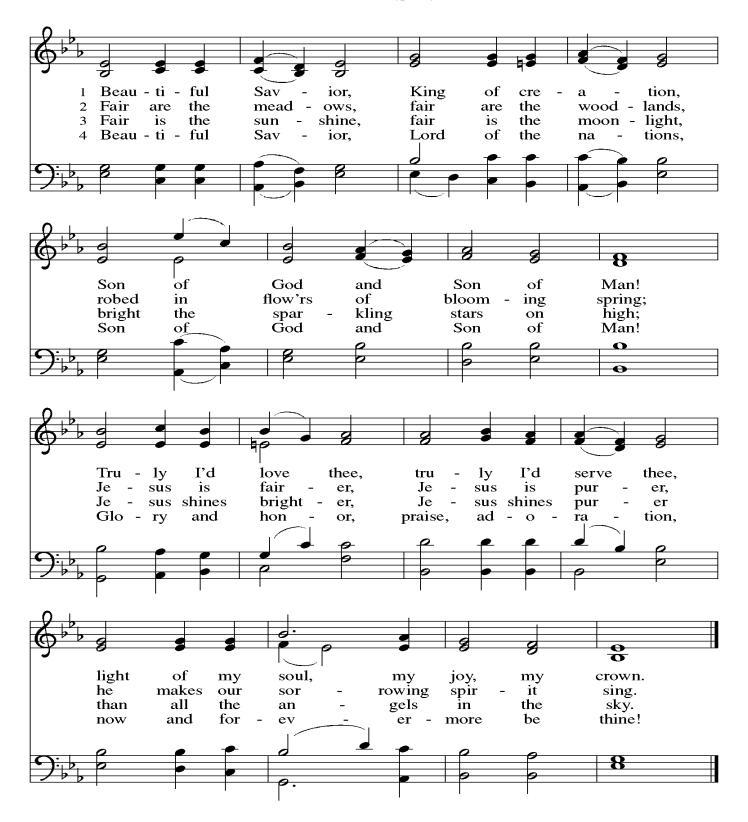
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925

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Beautiful Savior



Text: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Sending Hymn

"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

Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Calendar for Week of August 11 to August 17, 2025

Thursday	August 14, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	August 17, 2025	Worship	9:00 a.m.

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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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