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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 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 October 26, 2025 Reformation Sunday:

First Reading Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Psalm 46

Second Reading Romans 3: 19-28 Holy Gospel John 8: 31-36

God Be Merciful

We may expect the religious insider to be blessed, the moral person to be right with God. But as is so often the case, Jesus' parable for today sweeps away conventional expectations. Jesus surprises the disciples and us when he says it's not the Pharisee but rather the tax collector, that morally suspect, second-class citizen, who goes home "justified," right with God (Luke 18:14). Here is a strong reminder for those of us who are church "insiders." We are sinners who beg for God's mercy, utterly dependent on God's forgiveness and love—not merely for ourselves but for all in God's creation.

Today we welcome Reverend Tom Reiff to lead our worship service.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 AM:

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. 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.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school begins this week, **Wednesday**, **October 22**, **2025**. We would love to see your children – or grandchildren! – join us. The bus will drop them off right here at church. For more information, please contact Karen Carter.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN:

The partially filled boxes are available in the Narthex or Chapel area for you to pick up and complete filling. If you choose, there are also empty boxes available in the same area.

CHILI DINNER:

We are bringing back the Chili Dinner! Please join us on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for a simple chili dinner with cornbread and chili toppings. Proceeds to benefit domestic disaster relief.

THANKSGIVING MEAL:

We're getting an early start on planning this year!

Our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 27, 2025. As always, we are working with St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Germain Community Church to present this dinner. We'll let you know how planning goes and may ask for volunteers to peel potatoes this year! Sign up sheets for helping with the dinner will be put out the first part of November.

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

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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday is November 2nd. Please let Sharon Brooker know if there is someone you would like mentioned/included in this service. "We name aloud those who have entered the church triumphant during this past year."

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 – Chairman (715) 617-1398 or (715) 479-9336

LÔÔ KING FOR HELP

We continue a search for financial positions here at Shepherd.

If you are interested in volunteering for a position as Head Counter, Financial Secretary, or Treasurer, please contact Jean at 715-891-3344 for more information.

- Head Counter would be responsible for supervising the counting team and preparing records for the Financial Secretary.
- Financial Secretary would be responsible for using QuickBooks to record individual donations included in the weekly deposits.
- Treasurer would need to be comfortable with QuickBooks and accounting.

All position applicants need to be able to pass a background check and sign a confidentiality contract.

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

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

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049 (call or text)
Email: secretary@sotlsayner.com or plclerk@gmail.com
Office Hours on Tuesday from 3 pm – 6:00 pm
Wednesday from Noon - 4 pm
Thursday from Noon – 4 pm

	July 2025	August 2025
General Funds	\$10,971.00	\$18,542.00
Backpack Program	2650.00	1,266.56
Food Pantry	65.00	45.00
World Hunger	102.00	315.00
Plum Lake Library	50.00	
Frederick House		20.00
Domestic Disaster Relief	500.00	
4 th July Popcorn Event	226.00	
Community Picnic	982.00	50.00
Memorials	350.00	1,450.00
Flowers		42.00
Designated – Building Fund		20.00
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Total	\$15,896.00	\$21,750.56

FALL DECORATIONS ON ALTAR

Thank you to Judy Bernhardt for the beautiful fall decorations on the altar. She did a wonderful job!

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Please keep in mind that the Pastor's Discretionary Fund collections will be starting soon. This program has helped many individuals and families in the past and plans are to continue for this year. Please contact Council President Mike Pockat with questions.

BIBLE STUDY FEATURING "THE CHOSEN" VIDEOS

Bible study featuring "The Chosen" has started back up on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am – please note the time change.



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Doug, Graham, Jim C., Dick K., Mary and Kamala.

(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, Brian, Ericka, Shelle, Sharon G., and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, and 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 Sharon Geist on the loss of her father Harold

Family of Mike Brink, son of Carolynn Brink

Family of Steve Carlberg, husband of Deb Carlberg

Family of Phyllis Andersen, wife of Lloyd Andersen

Family of Sally Vredenburgh, sister of Bob Hermanson

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 or email Jean Maines at <u>treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</u> or text her at 715-891-3344 or contact Sharon Brooker 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 or if you are in need of prayers.

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The Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC) 19th Sunday After Pentecost October 19, 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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876

Please stand as you are comfortable

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)

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray....

God of Love,

You know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them and keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, 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 32: 22-31

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- ² My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;
- ⁵ the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.
- ⁸ The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

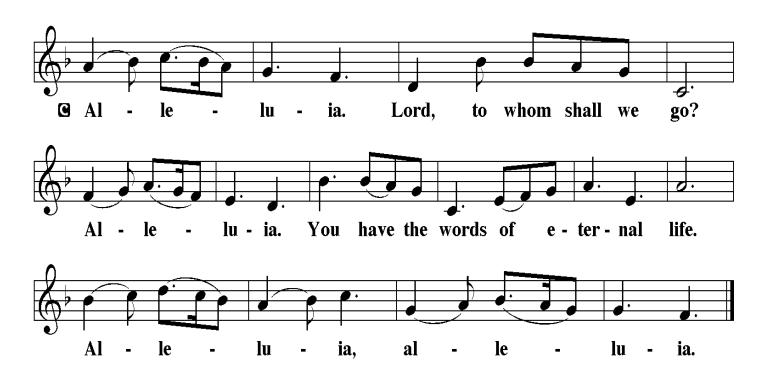
Second Reading 2 Timothy 3: 14 -- 4: 5

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 18: 1-8

The Gospel of the Lord....

Glory to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon

Please remain seated for the hymn of the day.

Hymn of the Day "If You But Trust In God to Guide You" ELW 769

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



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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)

For those of you worshipping with us at home -You can mail your donations to:

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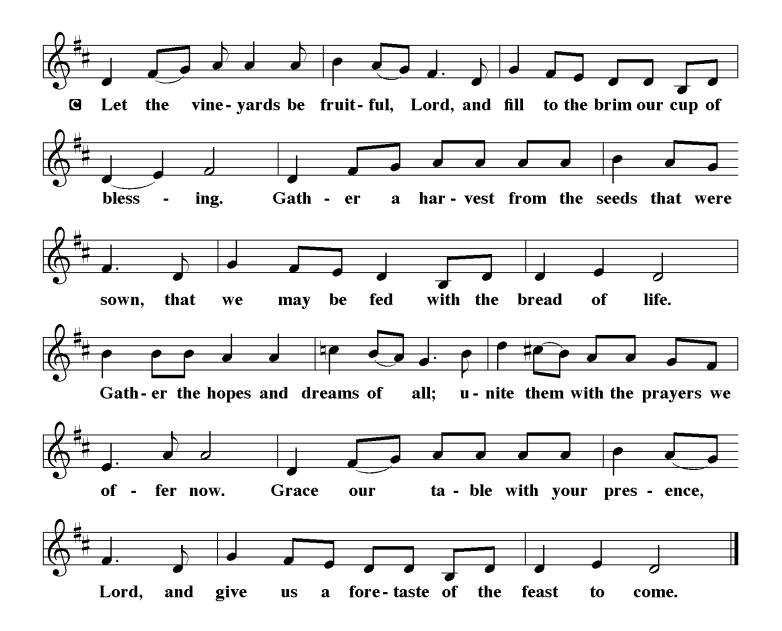
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Presentation Of Gifts

(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.

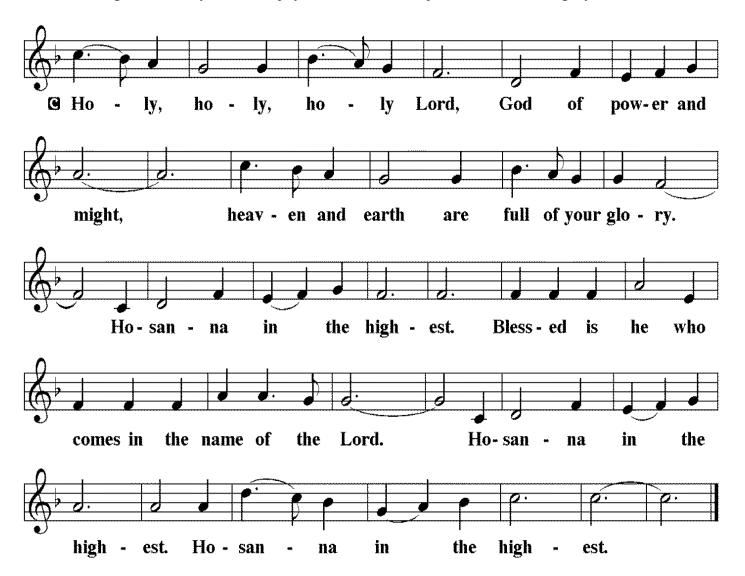
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy......and join their unending hymn:



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.

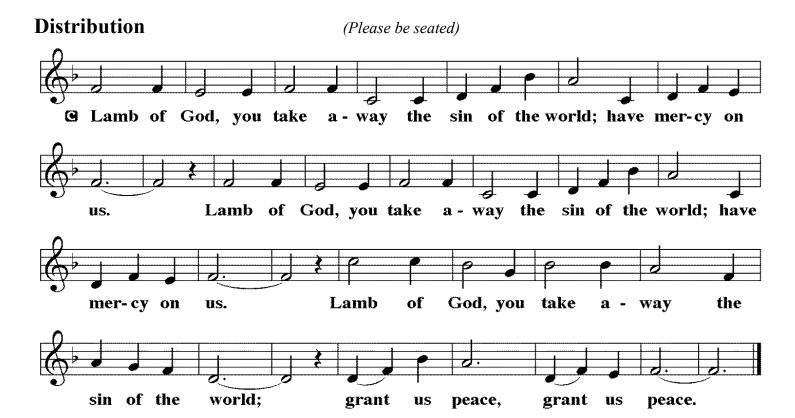
Amen

Invitation

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Small children and others that wish not to commune may come forward for a blessing.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE.

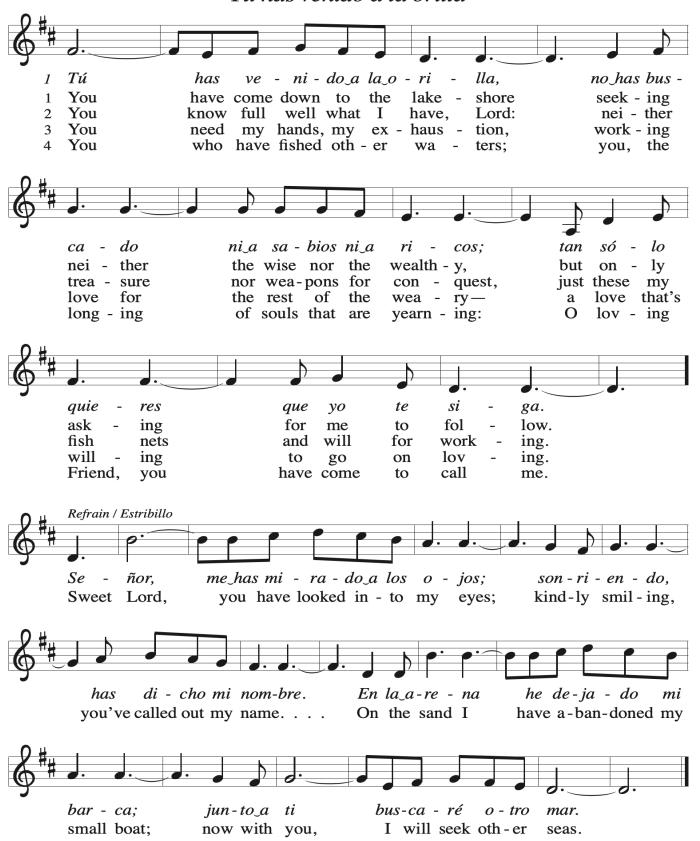
Please come forward as the ushers direct, receive the bread in your hand and then receive the wine by dipping the host into the wine (chalice). Grape juice is also offered as an alternative to the wine in the clear chalice. We also have gluten free wafers for those in need, simply ask for them when you come forward.



Communion Hymns

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" ELW 817

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore Tú has venido a la orilla



"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" ELW 742

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

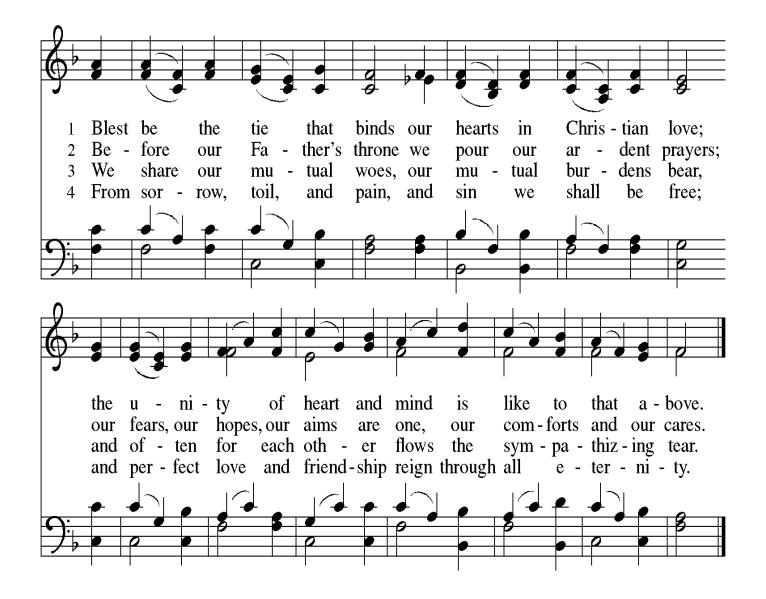


all be-cause we do not car - ry ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer! Je - sus knows our ev-'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

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

"Faith of Our Fathers" ELW 812

Faith of Our Fathers



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Second Sunday of each month, join us for brunch after the service.

Calendar for Week of October 20 to October 26, 2025

Wednesday	October 22, 2025	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	October 23, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	October 25, 2025	Chili Dinner	Noon -3 p.m.
Sunday	October 26, 2025	Worship	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	October 26, 2025	Council Meeting	10:30 a.m.

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Next Council Meeting:

October 26th at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Church School Starts October 22nd! Chili Dinner October 25th Noon – 3 pm Thanksgiving Dinner – November 27th

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

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