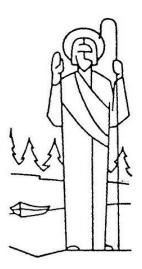


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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

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 in regard to 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.

<u>Recorded Services</u> :			
All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.			
Go to the Church website at <u>www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</u>			
and look for the Symbol.			
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 – <u>www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</u> You can donate through our PayPal account.
"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

First Reading	Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18	
Psalm	34:15-22	
Second Reading	Ephesians 6:10-20	
Holy Gospel	John 6:56-69	

Who Can Accept It?

"This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" (John 6:60). Jesus' teaching about eating his flesh and drinking his blood isn't something we can figure out and accept on our own. In his explanation of the third article of the Apostles' Creed, Martin Luther writes these often-quoted and memorized words: "I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him." The question of accepting Jesus' difficult teachings gets turned on its head. No one can accept it. The good news of Jesus is too radical, unsettling, and illogical for us to accept. Through the grace of God and the work of the Holy Spirit we are able to echo Peter's profession of faith: "You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68-69). Like Peter, we have come to believe—despite our doubts and weakness of faith—through the Spirit's work in the Word.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

<u>Sunday morning services at 9:00 a.m</u>. 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.

Wednesday evening 6 p.m. services, with Communion offered at all mid-week services.

The last Wednesday worship service of the summer is August 28, 2024.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will not be held for the summer months. It will be announced when this group is ready to start up again.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar today are courtesy of Tom and Joanne Pierce.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school begins Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

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

BUILDING FUND DRIVE

We are Blessed to have an opportunity to take on several long-needed building and grounds projects due to a matching funds offer of \$25,000.00. For the months of July and August, we will have special collection envelopes in the pews and on the table in the narthex for your donations to the Building Fund.

If we can raise \$25,000.00, it will give us \$50,000.00 to spend on repairing and painting the driveways and parking lots, exterior lighting of the parking lots, repair and painting of the exterior areas of the church not covered by siding, and repair of the outside shelter and construction of a new storage building.

Please consider making a donation during July and August to the Building Fund. Thank you for your always generous support!

August 11, 2024Attendance: 65	
General Funds	\$ 1.781.00
Caritas	\$ 10.00
Food Pantry	\$ 19.00
Building Fund Drive	\$ 565.00
Total *	\$ 2,375.00

FINANCIAL NOTES:

Status of Building Fund Drive: To date \$9,630.00 has been raised. The cost of the driveway improvements is \$8,740.00.

SUMMER PICNIC

The total donations for the Summer Picnic were \$1,181.00 with \$128.63 in expenses to date. \$1,052.37 will be sent to world missions.

CARITAS

Caritas has reported that they have had more requests than usual for help and their funds are being stretched to the limit. Please help them as you are able.

POLKA FEST

Polka Fest will be held on Sunday, September 22. It will feature simple German food and a five-piece quintet for the entire service. More info will follow later.

SAINT GERMAIN COMMUNITY CHURCH SUMMER COOK OUT

The Saint Germain Community Church will be hosting a summer cook out on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 4:00 pm. The meal will be followed by the Saturday evening worship service at 5:30 pm. Please join them in celebrating summer! See you there.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR DENNIS HORAN

The funeral service for Dennis will be Saturday, September 21, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. The service will be held at Bolger's Funeral Home, 1212 First Avenue in Woodruff. A celebration of life will follow at Weber's Wildlife Farm beginning at 3:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JAN DEWITT

The memorial service for Jan DeWitt will be held in the Plum Lake Cemetery on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The service will be followed by committal. The family will be holding a gathering after the service in the Plum Lake Town Hall.



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley

(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this "current issues" list or moved to "ongoing list")

<u>Pray for those with ongoing health issues</u>: Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody, Bob B., Graham, Ericka, Mike, Shelle and Ron

<u>Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces</u>: Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Dylan.

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 Janice DeWitt (Mrs. Clark DeWitt) Family of Dennis Horan

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com 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.

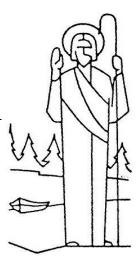
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Greeting & Announcements



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, O God, according to your lovingkindness. In your great mercy, wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not remove us from your presence; do not take your Spirit away. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your Spirit.

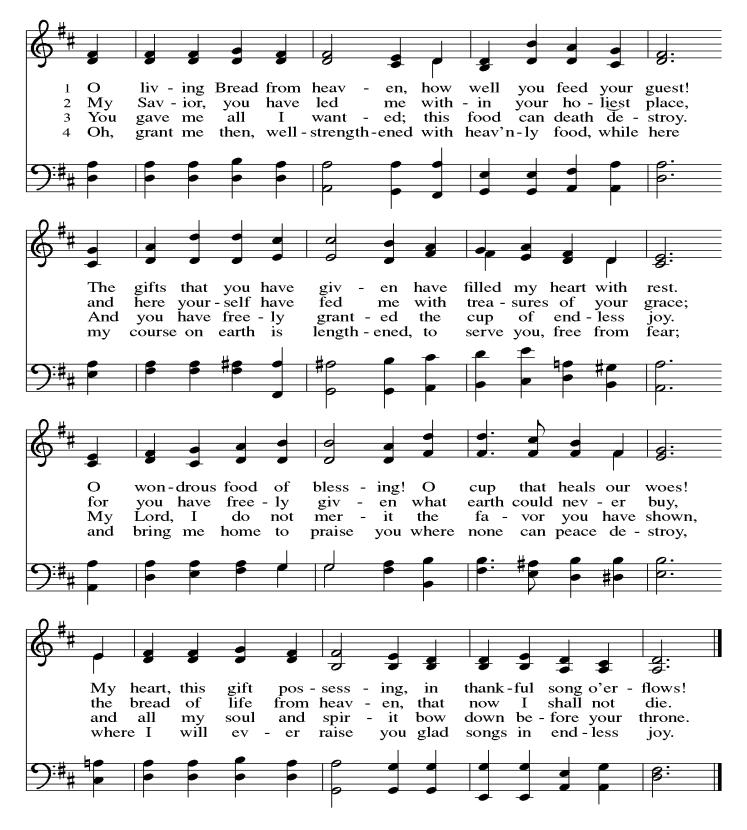
Amen

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

"O Living Bread From Heaven" ELW 542 (Please stand as you are comfortable) O Living Bread from Heaven



Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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.

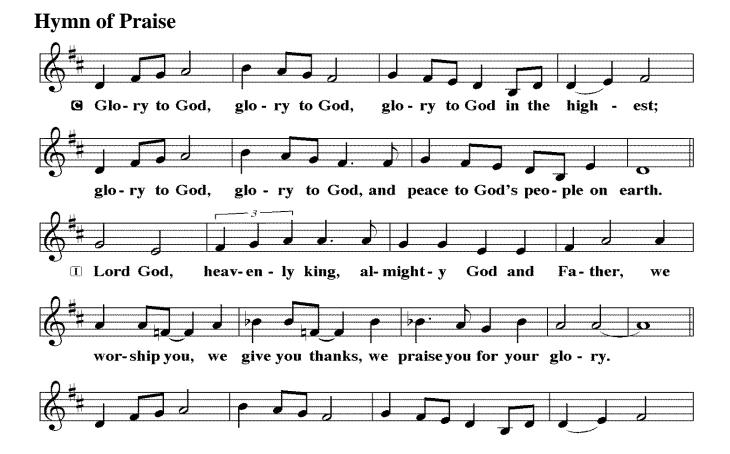
Opening Dialogue

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

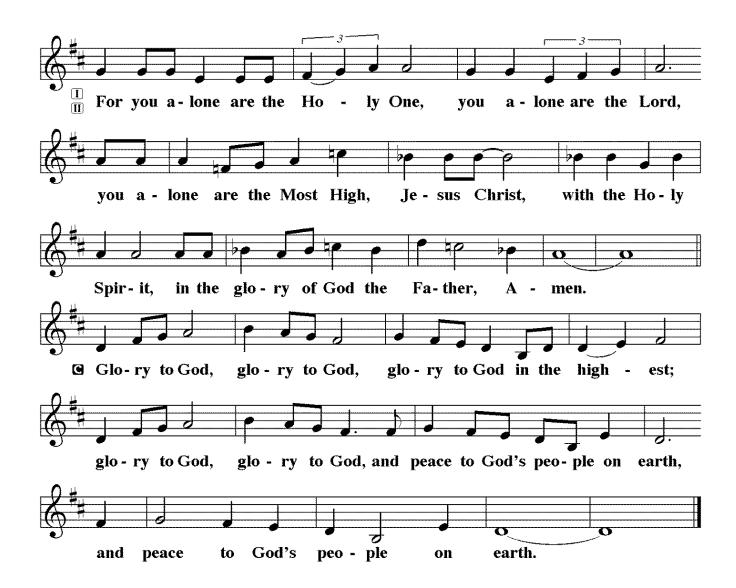
Let us not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present our requests to God.

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....

Almighty and ever living God,

you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Proverbs 9:1-6

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.
²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.
³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,
⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,
⁵"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:9-14

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
¹²Who among you takes pleasure in life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.
¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

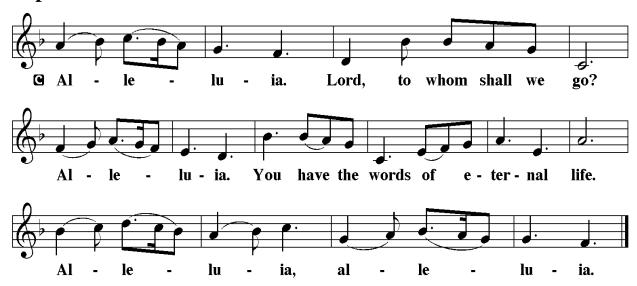
Second Reading Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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



Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

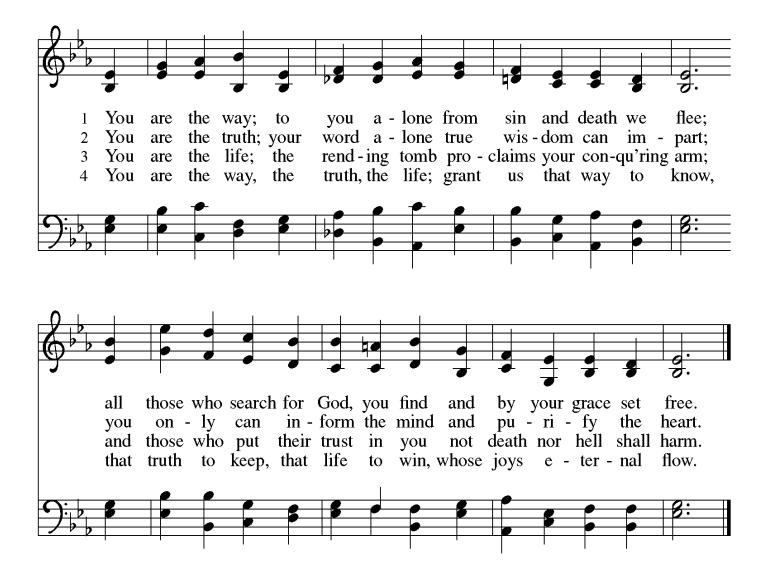
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon

"You Are The Way" ELW 758 (*Please Stand as you comfortable*)

You Are the Way



Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt. Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

Apostle's 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 Church

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)

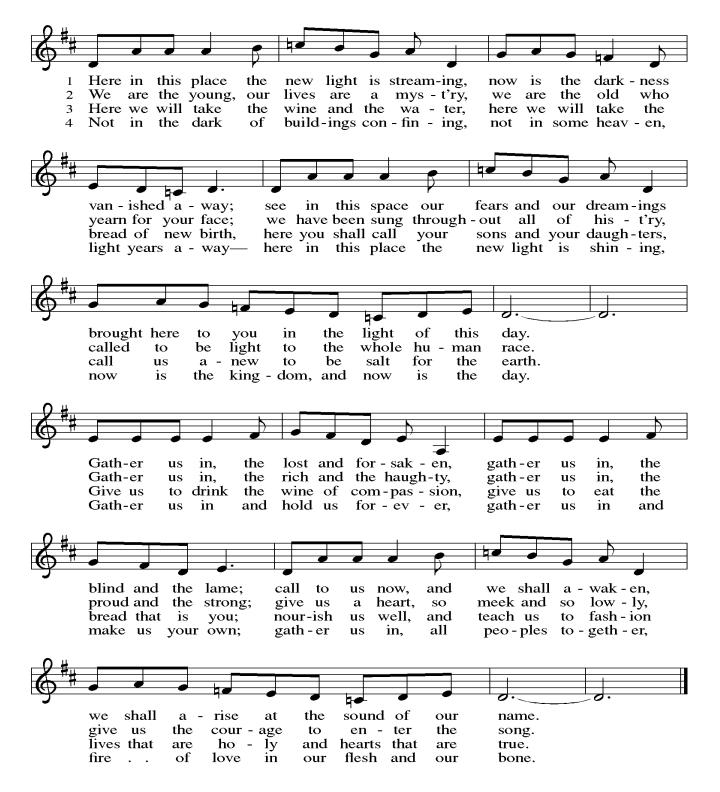
Offering

(We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)

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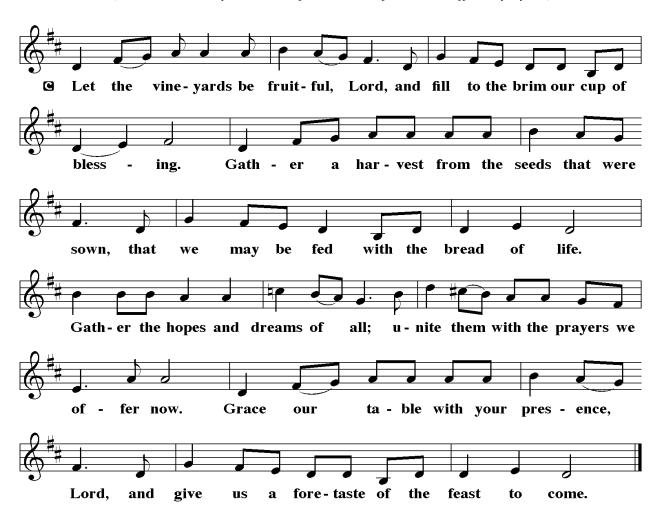
Gather Us In



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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.

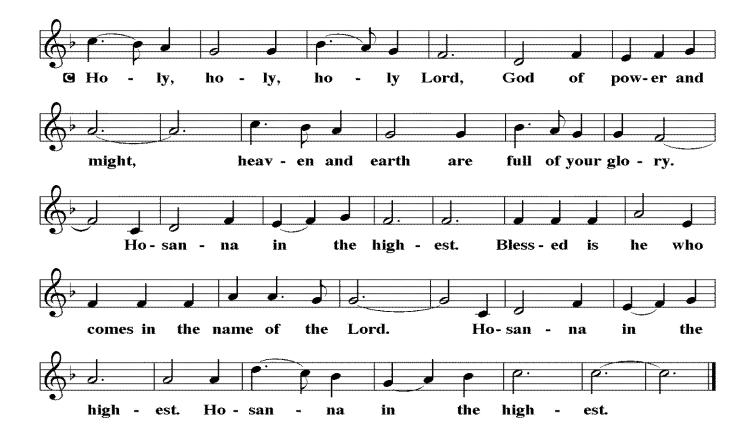
Great Thanksgiving

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, and salutary..... and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

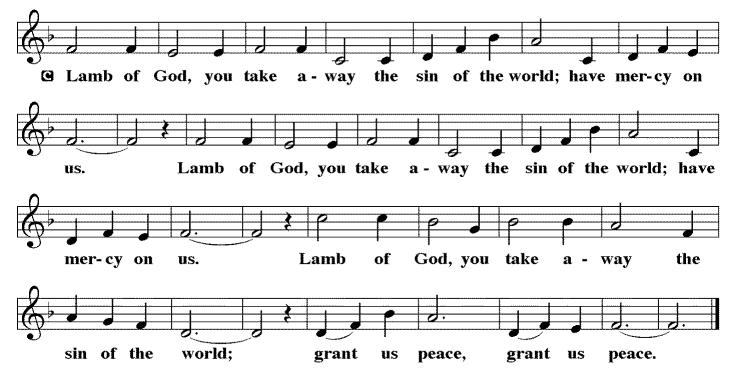
Lords Prayer

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

Distribution

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.



bo Refrain Just clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea; а am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong; 1 Ι Through this world of toil and snares, 2 if Ι fal - ter, Lord, who cares? my fee - ble life time for me will be no is 3 When o'er. more; 0 Θ dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let be, dear Lord, let it be. it be sat - is - fied as walk, let me walk close to thee. Ref. I'11 long Ι as Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. Ref. guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. Ref.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Text: North American traditional Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional *"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" ELW 759* My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872 **Communion Blessing**

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.

Amen

Sending Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God" ELW 840

Now Thank We All Our God



Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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 August 5 to August 11, 2024

Wednesday	August 21, 2024	Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
		Quilting Group	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	August 22, 2024	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	August 24, 2024	St. Germain Community Church Picnic	4:00 p.m.
		& Worship	
Sunday	August 25, 2024	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
		Council Meeting	10:30 p.m.

Next Council Meeting:

August 25, 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Church School Begins September 11, 2024 Polka Fest 9/22

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

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