REFORMATION SUNDAY



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October 27, 2024

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A member congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC)

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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 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.

Recorded Services:

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 **Voulube** 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."

Readings for November 3, 2024 All Saints Sunday:

First Reading	Isaiah 25: 6-9	
Psalm	24	
Second Reading	Revelation 21: 1-6a	
Holy Gospel	John 11: 32-44	

Training Your Faith

When people train for a marathon they do best when they set a goal and make a training plan. While that may lead to success for the event, what about the rest of life? Few people have the capacity to sustain the kind of intense and focused training required for marathons for the rest of their lives. After the race, new goals need to be set and new training plans made that can become a long-term lifestyle.

People of faith are called to follow a similar path, because the life of faith is not about preparing for a single event. Faith is a lifelong journey. This journey is shaped by a commitment to pray, worship, learn, give, and serve.

The *Shema* (Deut. 6:4-5) talks about loving the Lord totally. This teaching is central to both the Jewish and the Christian faiths. The great commandment is the foundation under which Jesus teaches. "Love God totally. Love others as you love yourself." How do these commandments become part of a lifestyle on a daily basis? In the reading from Hebrews we are reminded that Jesus is the one who makes us pure and holy through his suffering, dying, and rising. Made holy by Jesus, the people of God are called to live differently, to treat one another differently, and to be gracious and loving to one another.

Many debates and conflicts that can consume time and energy in the Christian community would be resolved if they were measured against these two commandments. Are proposed actions going to help people know and carry out these commandments? Are today's followers getting the training necessary to know how to love the Lord totally and love others as themselves?

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.

<u>CONTACT INFO:</u> Treasurer – Jean Maines (715) 542-4213 or (715) 891-3344 Email: <u>treasurer@sotlsayner.com</u> or <u>jamaines2012@gmail.com</u>

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FINANCIAL NOTES: October 20, 2024 ATTENDANCE: 52

General Fund	\$3,346.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 270.00
Food Pantry	\$ 8.00
Hospice	\$ 10.00
Endowment Fund	\$ 150.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$3,834.00

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3 pm. The study will again be based on "The Chosen".

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School will be offered every Wednesday (as long as school is in session) after school. The bus will drop the children off at approximately 3:45. Lessons/project time will last until 5 pm. We welcome you to get your children - or grandchildren involved!

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

RON POCKAT MEMORIAL

The Pockat Family has requested that memorial donations for Ron be directed to the Shepherd of the Lakes Endowment Fund. If you are making a donation by check, please note "Endowment" in the memo section of the check.

CARTER ANNIVERSARY

Jim and Karen Carter wish to invite you to celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary this Saturday (Nov. 2) at a Service of Renewal of Vows here at noon. Lunch will follow.

SAMARITANS PURSE

Please consider participating in the "Operation Christmas Child" project. We have done this project in the past and would like to involve even more members of the congregation. Please let Jack Carlson know if you have any questions.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER:

Can you believe it is time once again to begin Thanksgiving Community Dinner preparations?! The year has just flown by. It will be even more fun this year as we welcome not only St. Mary Catholic Church members but also Saint Germain Community Church members to join us in our preparations. The details are:

Serving 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024

Turkey and Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn Casserole, Carrot Coins Green Bean Casserole, Dinner Rolls, and Pie

We have sign-up sheets for helping with set up, serving, and clean up on Thanksgiving Day. There is also a sign-up sheet for pies. Please help as you can. Jeanne and I will be in the kitchen early! We hope to serve even more with three churches involved. Please let everyone know this is a community event and all are welcome.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's flowers are from Karen & Jim Carter in honor of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to Jim & Karen!

Many thanks to Judy Bernhardt for the beautiful fall arrangements displayed on the stone pillars on each side of the altar.



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, Jan, Barb, Sharon G., Chandler, John, Kim, Dick (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, Melody, Bob B., Graham, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Amy L. and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

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 Ron Pockat

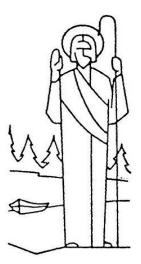
Please email Bill Wendorf at <u>pastor@SOTLsayner.com</u> or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at <u>treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</u> if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list.

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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

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, urgently and fervently asking him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \ddagger Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

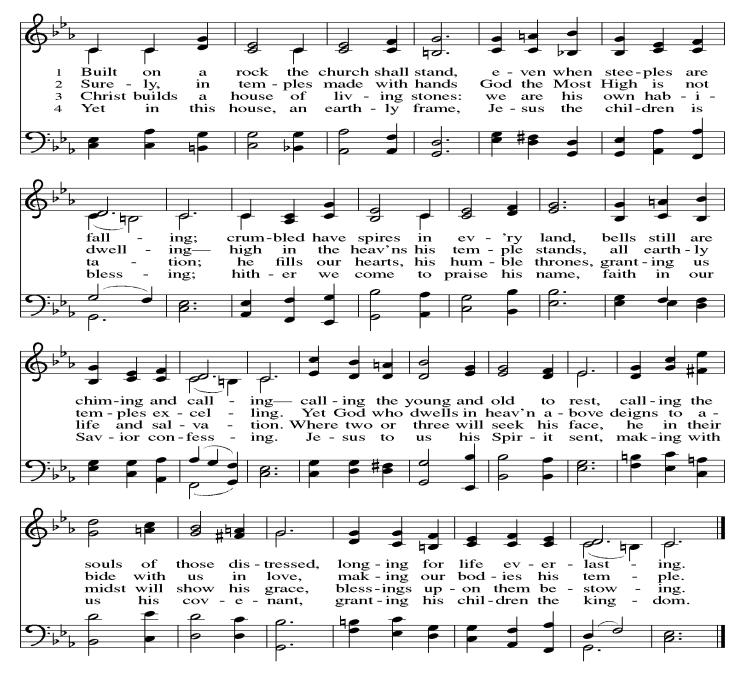
Amen.

Gathering Song

"Built On A Rock" ELW 652 vs. 1-4.

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Built on a Rock



5 Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are ringing, many may come to hear your Word, who here this promise is bringing:
"I know my own, my own know me; you, not the world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. Amen."

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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 Dialogue

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism; One God and Father of all.

Blessed be God who sustains and protects his Holy Church. And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our Faith. Alleluia! By the Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray....

Almighty God,

Gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

- who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth." ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

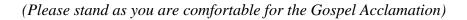
¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading John 8:31-36

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.
³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.
³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Thy Strong Word" ELW 511 vs. 1-4.

(Please Stand as you comfortable) Thy Strong Word



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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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Offertory Prayer

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus 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..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

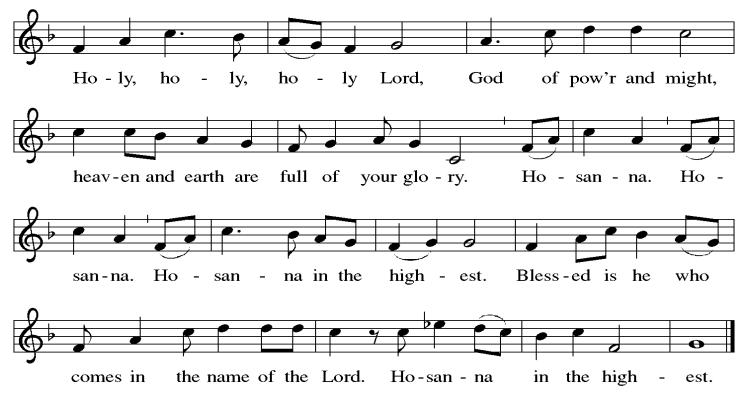


Table Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Stir up within us your Holy Spirit, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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.

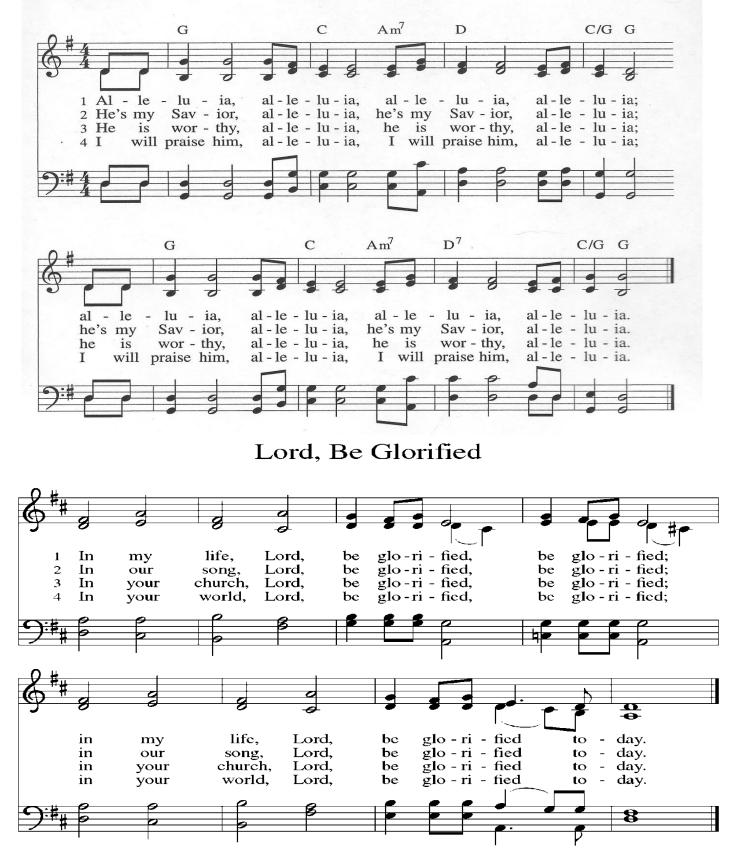
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Alleluia



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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

We give you thanks,

Almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessing/Benediction

Almighty God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit, bless you all, now and forever. **Amen**

Sending Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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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 28 – November 3, 2024

Wednesday	October 30, 2024	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	November 1, 2024	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	November 2, 2024	Jim & Karen Carter Anniversary	Noon
Sunday	November 3, 2024	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

Today, October 27, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Community Dinner on November 28th

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

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