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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 **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

 $Or \ on \ the \ church \ website - \underline{www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org}$

You can donate through our PayPal account.

"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

Readings for December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent:

First Reading	Jeremiah 33: 14-16	
Psalm	24: 1-10	
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13	
Holy Gospel	Luke: 21- 25-36	

Don't Wait for the Kingdom-See It

As Advent begins, we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' first coming to the world in the light of a text that promises his final coming. We, like the gospel writer, Luke, live in the time between these two "advents" of Jesus. Today's gospel gives us guidance on how to live faithfully as we wait for Jesus to return. However, in this inbetween time, it is easy for us to become distracted and lose sight of the promises of Jesus. Daily tasks and routines can lull us into apathy. Ease and success can allow us to ignore our spiritual needs. Struggles, setbacks, and disappointments can cause us to lose hope and fall into despair. But Jesus tells us we should not feel beaten down or defeated by the struggles of this world, but instead "stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

Jesus goes on to say that there will be signs, signs of new life and growth, such as the sprouting of a leaf on a fig tree in the summertime. These signs are perceptible to us here and now. These signs help us know that God's kingdom is coming. In fact, they remind us that in Jesus, God's kingdom has already come near, and Jesus words will not pass away until this kingdom has fully come. We should live with our eyes focused on today's signs that demonstrate God's reign and trust that Jesus' redemption of the world will one day be complete.

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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.

FINANCIAL NOTES: November 17, 2024

ATTENDANCE: 47

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General Fund	\$ 3,137.00
Food Pantry	\$ 12.00
Holiday Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,125.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,274.00

Financial Report

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We are looking for help to decorate the church on Saturday morning, November 30th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please join us if you are able!

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If you use the kitchen at church, please be extra prudent and make sure the water is turned off, the refrigerator doors are closed firmly, the oven is off......whatever you use, make sure to turn everything off and close doors!! Cleaning staff found the oven left on cleaning setting and the stove/oven was EXTREMELY hot and a fire danger!

BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER

Please consider giving to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Pink donation envelopes will be labeled and available.

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. 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.



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, Chandler, John, Kim, Dick, Lynn C., Mary H. (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., Sharon G.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:

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.

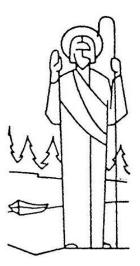
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Greeting & Announcements



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.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

Gathering Song

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Crown Him with Many Crowns



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4 Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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

Behold the King comes! Alleluia! O come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Rejoice greatly, for Christ is your King! Blessing and honor and glory be unto him.

Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe; you have delivered us from sin and death. By your blood, you have brought your people into your Kingdom.

Therefore God has highly exalted him: and bestowed on him the name, which is above every name;

that at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow;

and every tongue confess him the King of Glory.

Behold the King comes. Alleluia!

Oh come, let us worship and bow down. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray....

Almighty and everlasting God,

whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

- ¹⁰ A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.
- ¹³ As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.
- ¹⁴ To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 93

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for evermore.

Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

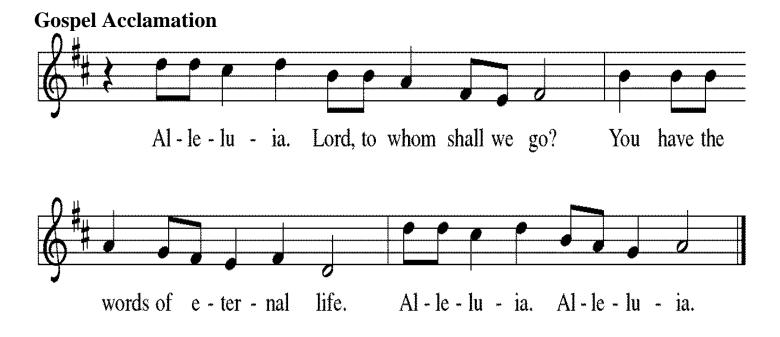
To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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



The Holy Gospel According to.... Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading John 18:33-37

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434 Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.... and also with you.

As we gather before these <u>consecrated</u> 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.

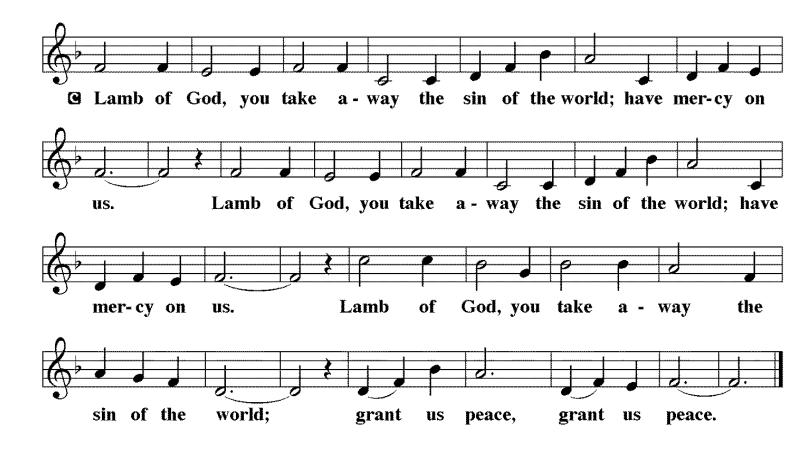
LORD'S PRAYER

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

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. 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.

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 crystal 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.

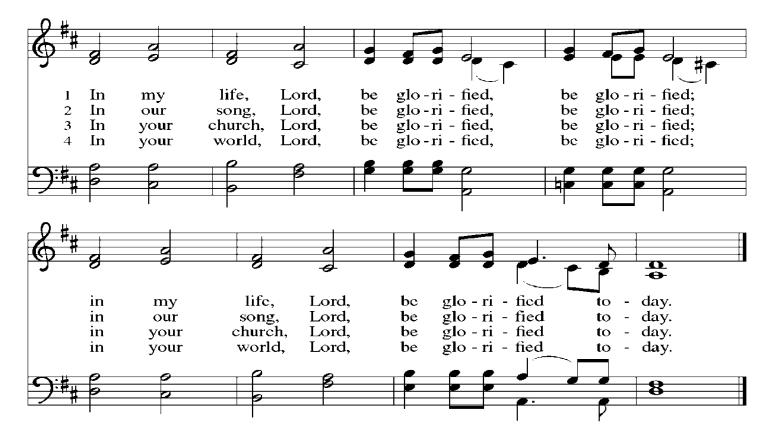


Come and Fill Our Hearts

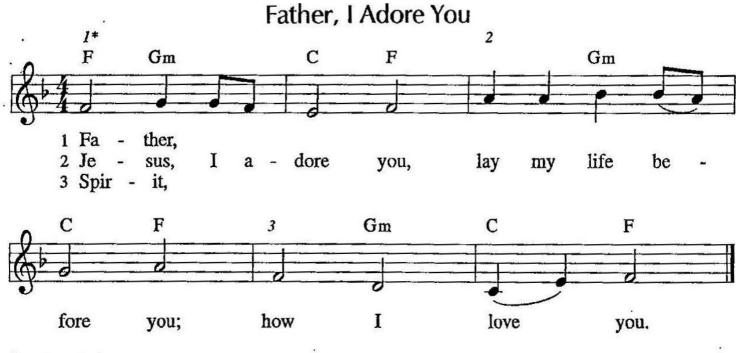
Confitemini Domino



Lord, Be Glorified



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*may be sung in canon

Communion Blessing

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

"Lift High The Cross" ELW 660

Lift High the Cross



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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 November 25 – December 1, 2024

Tuesday	November 26, 2024	Bible Study "The Chosen"	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	November 27, 2024	NO CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY!	
Thursday	November 28, 2024	Community Thanksgiving Dinner	11 am – 3 pm
Sunday	December 1, 2024	Worship Service –	9:00 a.m.
		1 st Sunday of Advent	

Next Council Meeting:

December 1, 2024

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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