

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

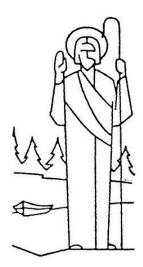
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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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 – <u>www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</u> You can donate through our PayPal account.

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

Readings for December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent:

First Reading	Reading Malachi 3:1 - 4	
Psalm	Luke 1: 68 - 79	
Second Reading	Philippians 1: 3 - 11	
Holy Gospel	Luke: 3: 1 - 6	

Your Kingdom Come on Earth

Luke sets the preaching of John the Baptist clearly in the midst of the political and religious environment of his day. We are told the names of the emperor, governor, and other political rulers of the day. They are the ones who are supposed to care for the welfare of the citizens of their territories. Although John gave his message while he was in the wilderness, it was intended to have its impact in the farms, villages, and cities where the ordinary and the powerful live out their daily lives. John is not satisfied with the way things are, and his words help prepare us for the coming of one who will turn the world upside down. John's words tell us to examine our own lives and the world around us. We should not be complacent in the face of injustice, but instead seek forgiveness and strive for lives that bear fruit according to God's vision for the world. We all have the potential to "over-spiritualize" the Bible and our faith, so that they become disconnected from the real needs of the world around us. This potential can be even greater in the days around Christmas, as we may seek to justify over-spending on gifts, excessive eating and drinking, or simply desire to escape from the difficulties of ordinary life for a time. John provides a warning about ignoring the truth about our sinfulness and the brokenness in the world. But John also repeats the promise that God ultimately will not settle for the way things are in the world, and that God's salvation will be made known in the one who is to come: Jesus.

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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 Keport		
General Fund	\$ 702.00	
Food Pantry	\$ 5.00	
Holiday Discretionary Fund	\$ 425.00	
Caritas	\$ 165.00	
TOTAL	\$ 1,297.00	

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

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.

SHEETS NEEDED FOR QUILTERS

Shepherd of the Lakes Quilting Circle meets the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 9 a.m. You do not need sewing skills to join the fun! Our quilts are distributed locally to those in need and this year that need has been great. We are doing our best to keep up but we are in need of sheets to back our quilts. King and queen work best but we will take all sizes. If you have questions, please feel free to ask.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER:

Thank you all! What a wonderful Thanksgiving we had this week! We served 130 people, with an additional 10 or so take out dinners. A huge thank you to all who worked so hard to make this year such a success. We couldn't do this without all of you!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE:

Per Jack Carlson, our Church gathered 37 + 3 on-line Operation Christmas Child boxes to be donated. Thank you to all who participated!



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

<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:

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.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A Member Congregation of The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC) "1st Sunday in Advent, Dec. 1st, 2024"

Greeting & Announcements

First Advent Candle

(Please remain seated)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Christ is our light. By grace he came, in power he rose; we wait for Christ to come again.

(The first candle of Advent is lit.)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For God has looked favorably upon God's people and redeemed them.

God has raised up a mighty Savior for us, as promised through the mouth of the prophets to save us from our enemies, so we might serve God without fear in holiness and righteousness before God all our days.

By the tender mercy of God, the dawn from on high will break upon us

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.



Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ⁺ one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us come before God in confession of our sins known and unknown, things said or left unsaid, things done or left undone.

Prayer of Confession

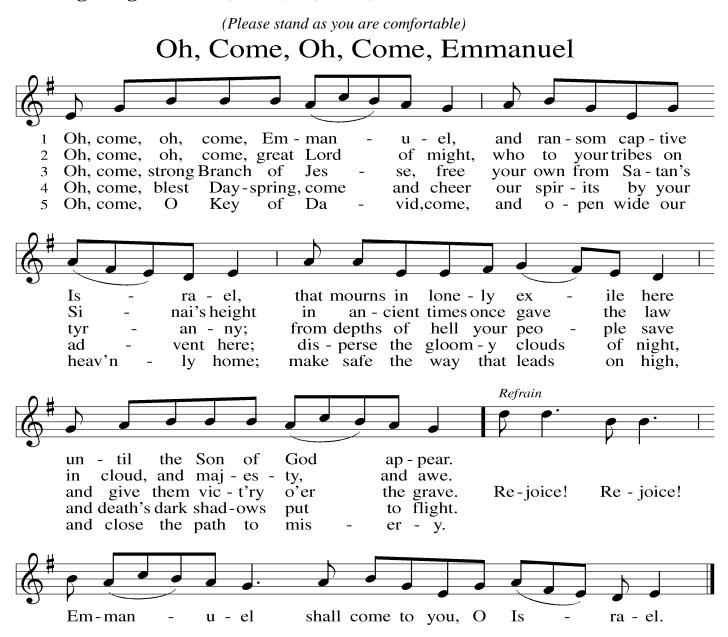
To you, O God, we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in peace and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" LBW 34



Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln, 1710; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.

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

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,

for the Lord God is my strength, and my might; and has become my salvation.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him; his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray....

Stir up your power,

O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

- ¹ To you, O LORD,
 - I lift up my soul.
- ² My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice

and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. The Holy Gospel According to.... Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"My Lord, What A Morning" ELW 438

My Lord, What a Morning



Text: African American spiritual Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

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)

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

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Presentation Of Gifts

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray;

O Lord our God,

Maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave 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.

Words Of Institution

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

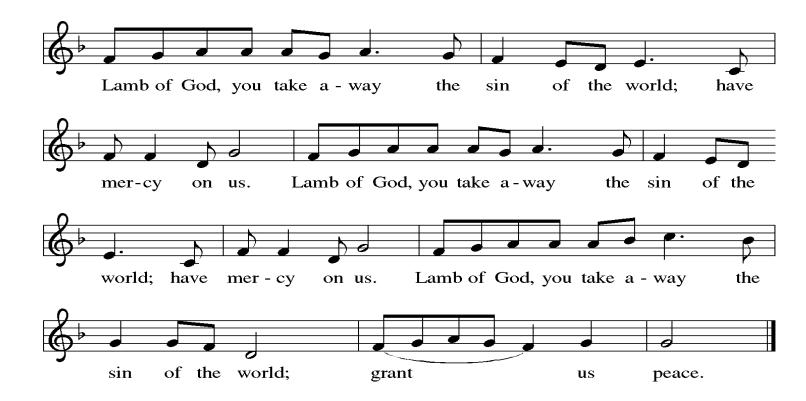
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Lords Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead 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 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.

Distribution



Communion Hymns

"What Feast Of Love" ELW 487

What Feast of Love

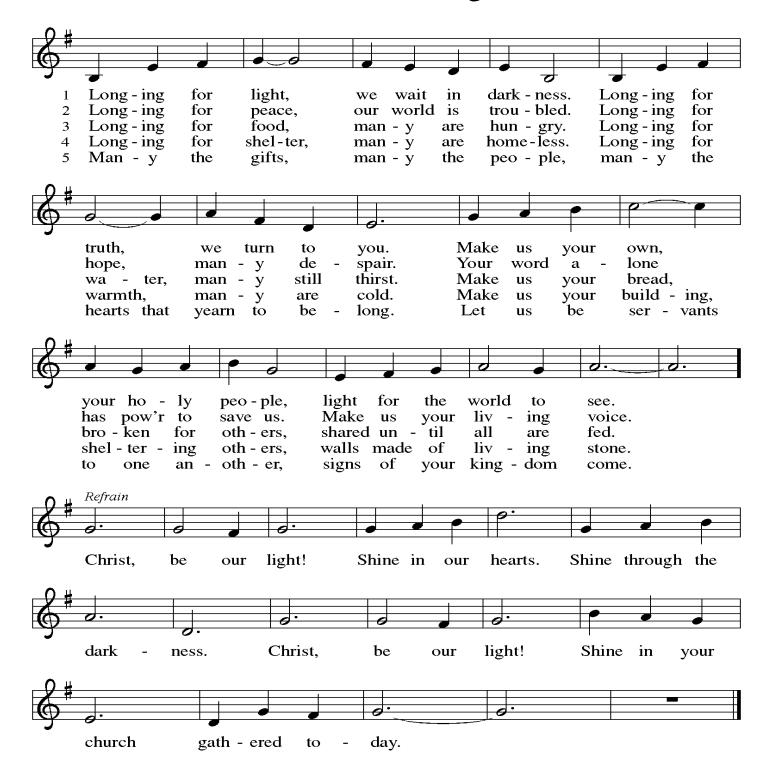


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"Christ Be Our Light" ELW 715

Christ, Be Our Light



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Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Prayer

God for whom we wait,

In this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

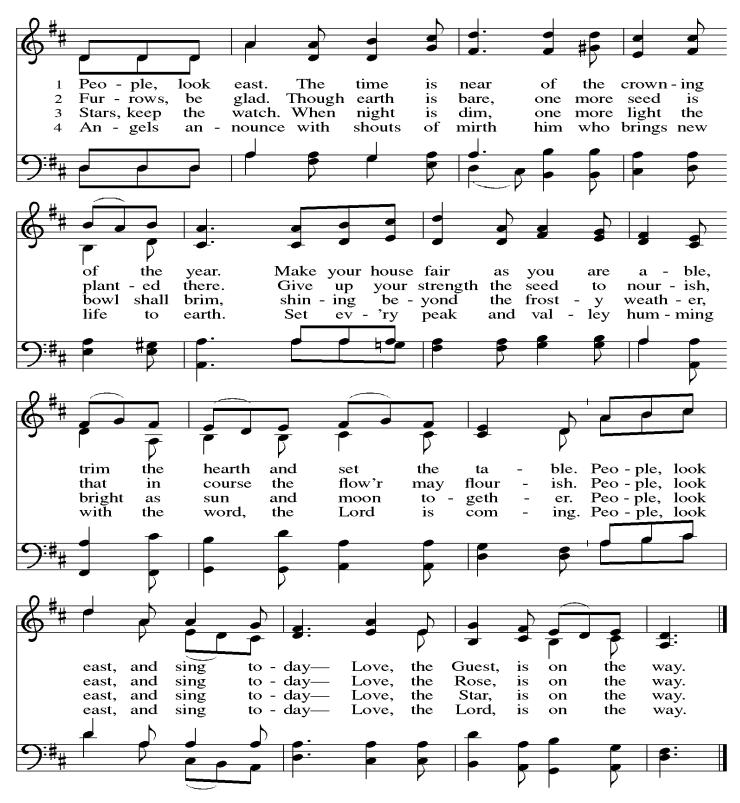
Blessing/Benediction

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

Amen

Sending Hymn

"People, Look East" ELW 248 People, Look East



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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 December 2 – December 8, 2024

Wednesday	December 4, 2024	Quilting	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	December 4, 2024	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Sunday	December 8, 2024	Worship Service –	9:00 a.m.
		2 nd Sunday of Advent	

Next Council Meeting:

Today, December 1, 2024 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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