

## Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

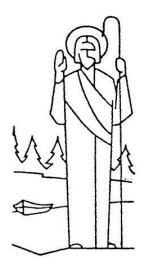
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# **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

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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 29, 2024** First Sunday of Christmas:

First Reading Psalm Second Reading Holy Gospel 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52

# Becoming Who We Were Intended to Be

In this Christmas season we celebrate that Jesus has come among us to free us from our enslavement to sin and to restore the dignity of our human nature. With Christ dwelling richly within us, we are empowered to answer our divine callings.

In the gospel Jesus models this by spending time in his "Father's house," listening carefully and learning from the teachers. Because of this faithfulness, he increased in wisdom and "in divine and human favor." Likewise, Samuel learned from the scriptures. This helped him to grow both in stature and "in favor with the Lord and with the people."

Both Jesus and Samuel are young boys in today's texts, yet they're already in the temple answering their unique calls. This illuminates that as God's children, with the Spirit at work within us, it is never too soon to begin the work of ministry.

The Colossians text instructs us, as God's chosen ones, to clothe ourselves with love. Humility and the attributes of a servant will enable us to forgive one another and live in peace. In addition, a heart of gratitude is important.

Together, these scriptures help us recognize that each one of us is called through our baptism. God seals us with the Holy Spirit and sets about to transform us through that call. As we answer it, we become who God intends us to be.

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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: December 15 2024

**ATTENDANCE: 32** 

#### No Financial Report Today

#### **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 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.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will be holding Christmas Eve worship service at 4 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend and let's celebrate the birth of our Savior together! We will be celebrating Holy Communion and all are welcome. This service will be streamed live and will be available on the YouTube link. There will be no Christmas Day Service!

We will be serving cookies and hot chocolate after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. If you have the time please join us. Sign-up sheet for bringing cookies will be on the table in the Narthex.

## **COMFORTERS/QUILTS**

Thank you to all who donated, sewed, tied, delivered, etc.!

Totals for the year: 45 adult, 9 baptismal, 10 youth and 4 confirmation quilts!! 68 for the year! We have already delivered 11 adult quilts and 3 baptismal quilts. The rest will go to Northwoods Share, Tri-County Council and Lily House.



## Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, Chandler, John, Kim, Dick, Lynn C., Mary H., Evie

(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, Graham, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Amy L., Sharon G., Bob B., 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 Jim Mulleady

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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"4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024"

**Greeting & Announcements** 

**Lighting Of The Advent Candles** 

(Please remain seated)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Candle Litany)

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 four candles of Advent are lit.)

From Bethlehem shall come forth the one who will rule in Israel, whose origin is from old, from ancient days.

He shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. They shall live secure, for he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace.

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

God has helped us, according to the promise God made. The Lord's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation.



# Invocation

Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>+</sup> 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,

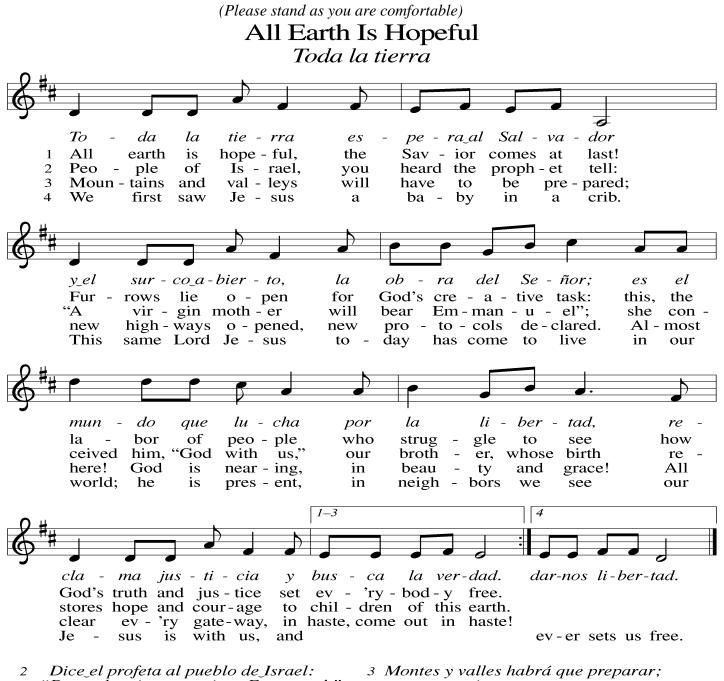
We lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in peace and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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 Hospirit.

#### Amen

#### **Gathering Song**

"All Earth Is Hopeful" ELW 266



2 Dice\_el profeta al pueblo de Israel: "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel," será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será, con él la\_esperanza al mundo volverá. Montes y valles habrá que preparar; nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar. Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo\_a\_encontrar, y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4 En una cueva Jesús apareció, pero\_en el mundo está presente hoy. Vive\_en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está; y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

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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**

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. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

# First Reading Micah 5:2-5a

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
<sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.
<sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
<sup>5a</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

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

Psalm Luke 1:46b-55 (*Read Responsively*)

<sup>46b</sup> My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 <sup>47</sup> my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

<sup>49</sup> you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

<sup>50</sup> You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their conceit,

- <sup>52</sup> casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.
- <sup>53</sup> You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
- <sup>54</sup> You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise of mercy,
- <sup>55</sup> the promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children forever.

# Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

- but a body you have prepared for me;
- <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings
  - you have taken no pleasure.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'

(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

<sup>8</sup> When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

# Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup> where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup> and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup> And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup> For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

- <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
- <sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
- <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
- <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
- <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
- <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
- <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

(*Please be Seated*)

#### Sermon

# Hymn of the Day"My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" ELW 251My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



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**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)

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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.

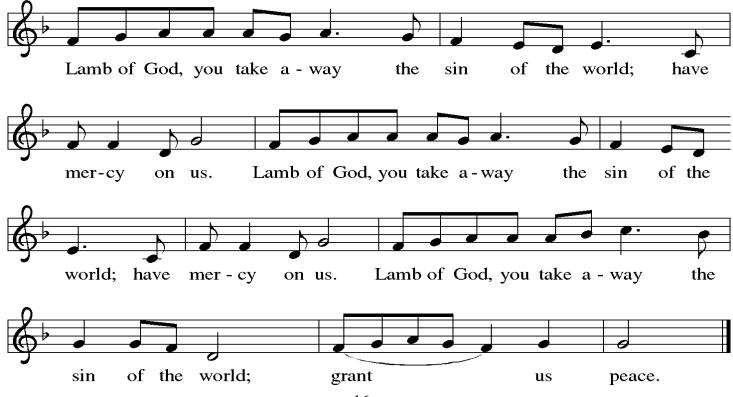
#### Amen.

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



What Feast of Love of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en? What feast of love is 1 What light of truth of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en? is 2 of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en? What wine of love is 3 of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift What food 18 giv - en? What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en? What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en? This. this bread come down from king, is Christ the the heav - en. king, This, this is Christ the the come down from sun heav - en. Christ the king, This, this is the sweet - est wine of heav - en. Oh, and sing! How sweet the man - na taste and see giv - en! sing! The Oh. Word of God and hear and is giv - en! see Oh. sing! The Son of God is giv - en! taste and see and

"What Feast Of Love" ELW 487

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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**

"O Little Town Of Bethlehem" ELW 279

O Little Town of Bethlehem



Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893 Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

# 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 23 – December 29, 2024

Tuesday	December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve Service	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 25, 2024	Merry Christmas!	No Service today!
Sunday	December 29, 2024	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

#### **Next Council Meeting:**

January 12, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

# **Upcoming Events:**

Christmas Eve Service at 4 pm on December 24<sup>th</sup> – No service on Christmas Day!

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

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