

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 www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and look for the church org 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:

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Or on the church website – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

You can donate through our PayPal account.

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

Readings for January 26, 2025 3rd Sunday After Epiphany:

First Reading Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Holy Gospel Luke 4:14-21

Living "Words with Friends"

Playgrounds still resound with "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." But those words ring hollow. As adults, and as children, we know only too well the power of words to do harm. In contrast, the scriptures for today point us to the word that bears hope, promise, and life. Human words can hurt or fail, but now we hear this holy word of wisdom, challenge, instruction, and hope that really does form us in God's promise. Rather than words that tear down, we are invited by the prophets and Jesus into God's living words with and among friends. Jesus, in coming home and attending the synagogue, reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus announces good news to those struggling economically on the fringes of society, hope to those who are imprisoned, healing to those without sight, a lifting of the burden from those who are weighed down or oppressed, and even the in-breaking of a holy year of favor. Standing in a tradition of prophets and priests who speak, engage, and teach God's word, Jesus now offers one thing more—fulfillment. The words of those who dream and hope, who work for justice and mercy on behalf of God, are now true. Today as we look around and see people spending time speaking, reading, and even playing games with words, this is an opportunity to ground ourselves in the one full Word that bears life. This word counters sticks and stones and all that oppresses; Jesus address announces God's liberating actions. This Word sounds promise to all who hear; it is an invitation to see God at work among God's people.

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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: January 12, 2025 ATTENDANCE: 36

No Financial Report Today

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

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26th following the church service. **All are welcome and encouraged to attend.** The proposed 2025 budget will be presented for approval and new council members will be elected. We look forward to seeing you there!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers today are placed in loving memory of Betsy Tarkowski by her family, Doug, Tammy, and Kristi.

SERVICE HONORING FOUR CHAPLAINS

Held on February 2, 2025, this service honors the four US Army chaplains who died when the USAT Dorchester was torpedoed in World War II. The day honors the selfless service of the four chaplains, who gave up their lives to save others. The chaplains are also known as the "Immortal Chaplains" or the "Dorchester Chaplains".



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, Chandler, John, Kim, Dick, 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., Lynn C., and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, Dylan and David.

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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Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC) "Second Sunday After Epiphany Jan. 19th, 2025"

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism)

We begin our worship this day in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Mighty and loving God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with the Holy Spirit in faith, hope, and love.

Amen

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"All Are Welcome" ELW 641

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

All Are Welcome



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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Opening Dialogue

God spoke through the prophet, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

God calls us by name, we belong to God.

"When you pass through the waters..."

God will be with us.

"When you pass through the rivers..."

God will be with us.

"When you walk through the fire..."

God will be with us.

God is our Savior, we are precious in God's sight.

Come let us worship our Savior, who leads us into life.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with your all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God,

You showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson Isaiah 62:1-5

- ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory;
- and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you,

and your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36:5-10

- ⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.
- ⁷ How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

- ⁸ They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰ Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

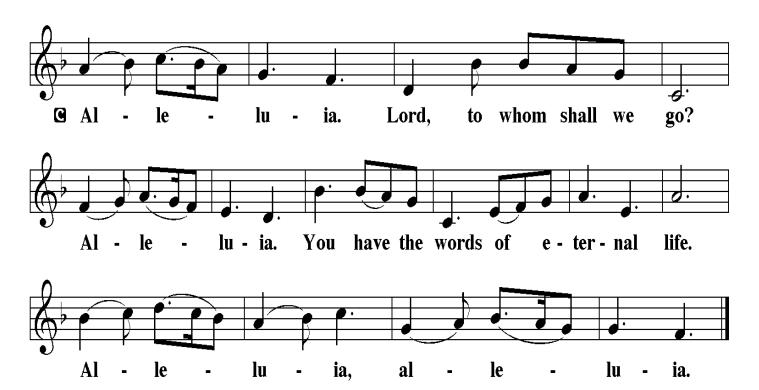
Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel Alleluia

(Please Stand as You are Comfortable)



Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel According to.....

Glory to You, O Lord.

John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Please be Seated)

Hymn of the Day

"Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise" LBW 90

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Intercession

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please greet your neighbor as you and your neighbor are comfortable, then be seated)

Offering

(Our offering is received and the Lord's Table is prepared)

Offertory Hymn (Please stand as you are comfortable as the offering is presented)



Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you,

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

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

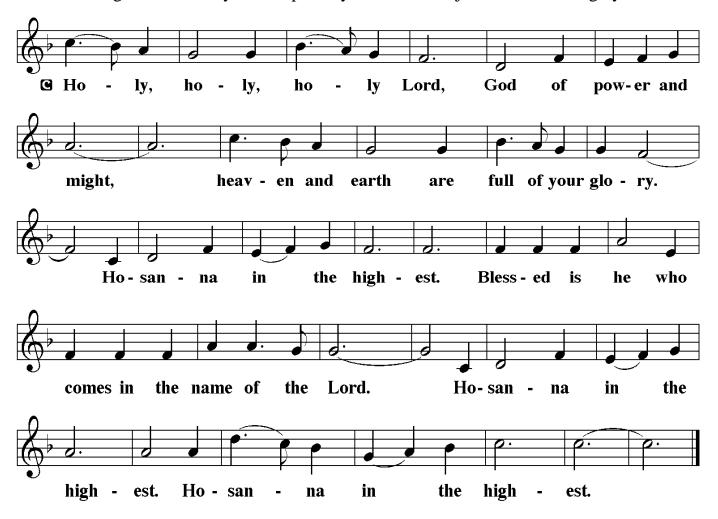
Lift up your Hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and Praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

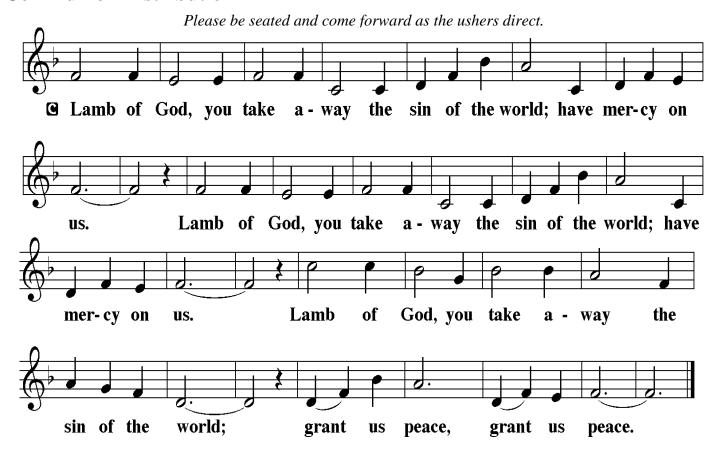
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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 Chalice. 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.

Communion Distribution



Communion Songs "Just As I Am, Without One Plea Just As I Am, without One Plea



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

"What Feast Of Love" ELW 487

What Feast of Love



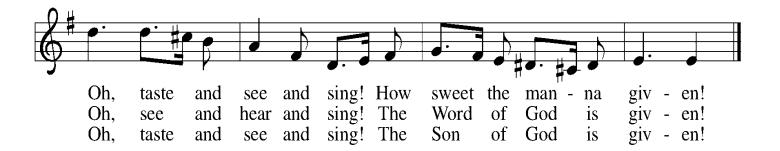
- 1 What feast of love is of fered here, what ban-quet come from heav en?
- 2 What light of truth is of fered here, what cov e nant from heav en?
- 3 What wine of love is of fered here, what crim-son drink from heav en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is 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?



king, This, this Christ the come down from is the heav - en. sun This, this Christ the king, of is the sweet - est wine heav - en.



Text: Delores Dufner, osB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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"Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW 71

Let Us Break Bread Together



Text: African American spiritual Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Communion Blessing (Pla

(Please Stand As You Comfortable)

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

Amen.

Communion Prayer

Gracious God,

In this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Closing Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW 836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922 Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Go in the love, light, and life of the newborn Christ, to 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 January 20 – January 26, 2025

Wednesday	January 22, 2025	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	January 23, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	January 26, 2025	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	January 26, 2025	Annual Congregational Meeting	10:30 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

February 23, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Annual Congregational Meeting, January 26, 2025 Service Honoring Four Chaplains on February 2, 2025

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

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