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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 www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org 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 – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
You can donate through our PayPal account.
"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

Readings for February 9, 2025 5th Sunday After Epiphany:

First Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8 [9-13]

Psalm 138

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Holy Gospel Luke 5: 1-11

God's Imperfect People

"Go in peace, share the good news." Week after week Christians gather together, hear the word proclaimed, share a meal, and are sent out to bear the good news of God in Christ Jesus to a hungry, needy world. Inside though, we wonder why God has entrusted such an important mission to people like us.

God's prophets and apostles carried the same anxieties. Isaiah declares, "I am a man of unclean lips." Paul asserts, "I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." Peter responds to Jesus' miracle of plenty by saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" Yet, without question, God used these flawed and fragile human beings to proclaim God's mercy and love. In a world where we are constantly being told that we are insufficient—that we do not have enough, know enough, or matter enough—God's trust in our capacities seems imprudent, even irrational. But notice, Jesus precedes a call to discipleship with a miracle pointing to God's abundant provision, signaling that we will be given all we need.

Martin Luther writes in *The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, "What I accept, I accept not on my own merits or by any right that I may personally have to it. I know that I am receiving more than a worthless one like me deserves; indeed, I have deserved the very opposite. But I claim what I claim by the right of a bequest and of another's goodness" (*Martin Luther's Basic Theological Writings*, ed. Timothy Lull [Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1989], p. 302).

Jesus meets us at the shorelines of our own lives, going about our daily work, and calls us to lifelong discipleship. Caught up in God's abundant grace, and fed out of that bounty, we are commissioned to go catch others.

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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 26, 2025 ATTENDANCE: 55

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

SERVICE HONORING FOUR CHAPLAINS

Today, February 2nd, the 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".

2024 CHARITABLE GIVING STATEMENTS

Your giving statements for 2024 were mailed on Friday, January 31, 2025. You should receive them soon.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF VILAS COUNTY

The church will be holding a fundraiser for the Humane Society on Saturday, February 22, 2025 from 11 am -2 pm. They will be serving Soup & Sandwiches for free-will offering in the community room.

Wish List Ideas From Humane Society Website:

(Cash is always welcome!)

Cat Litter Pine Sol Storage totes Piddle pads Stamps Epson 502 Ink - Black & Color Bleach Spray Cleaner w/ Bleach Laundry soap Dryer sheets Dish soap Toys

ALTAR FLOWERS

Many thanks to Joanne and Tom Pierce for today's altar flowers!



PRAYER REQUESTS

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, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, 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:

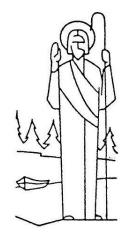
Family of Don Eliason

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) "The Presentation of our Lord" Feb. 2^{nd} , 2025" "Honoring the Four Chaplains"



The service today will begin with the solemn, silent, procession of the color guard, carrying four life jackets in memory of the four chaplains.

(Please Stand as you are comfortable as the color guard enters the sanctuary)

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Father, today as part of our worship service, we pause to remember and reflect on the sacrifice made by those who paid the ultimate price on behalf of our nation. Remembering these four chaplains and others like them that did so in unwavering faith in you. We pray that their sacrifices are never forgotten, and that we may always remember the life lessons they leave us.

Let us turn to You, Lord, in our remembrance of the fallen. Guide us toward a harmonious existence as we honor those who were willing to give up their lives that others may live, and do so in freedom.

We pray for peace, Lord. Lead us toward a world where war, hunger, pain, and suffering are no more. May we be receptive to Your guidance, and may we never forget the fallen.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.

(Please be seated)

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.

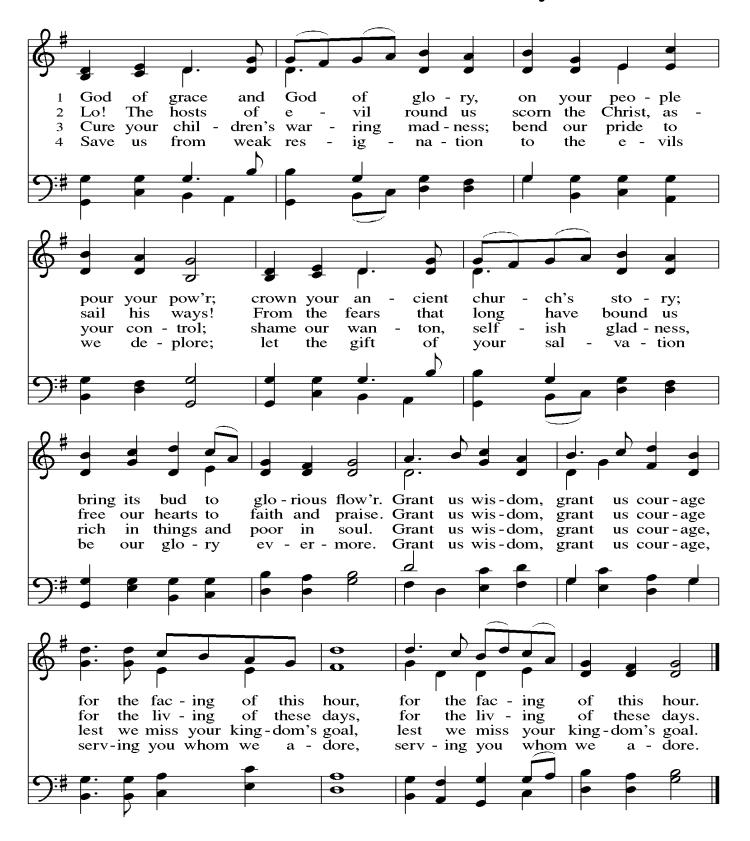
Amen

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 "God Of Grace And God Of Glory" ELW 705

God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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.

O God,

you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling,

O LORD of hosts!

- ² My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ³ Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.
- ⁴ Happy are they who dwell in your house!

They will always be praising you.

- ⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- ⁶ Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- ⁷ They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.
- ⁸ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.
- ⁹Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.
- ¹⁰ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- ¹¹ For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory; no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.
- ¹²O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Lesson Hebrews 2:14-18

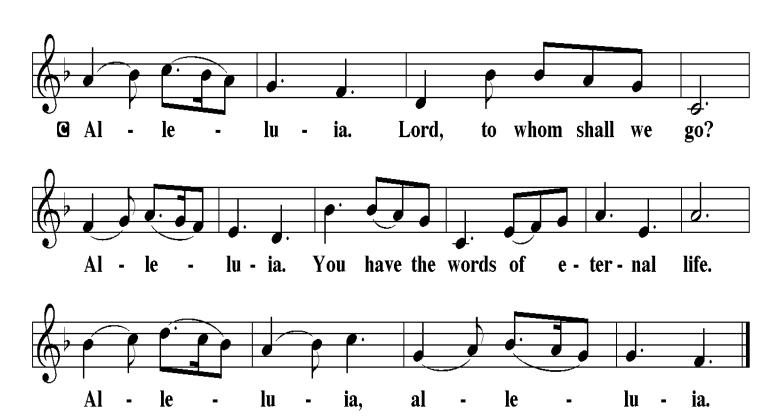
¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Alleluia

(Please Stand as You are Comfortable)



Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel According to.....

Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

- ²⁹ "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;
- ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
 - ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
- ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."
- ³³ And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."
- ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.
- ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

(Please be Seated)

Hymn of the Day "Eternal Father, Strong To Save" ELW 756

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Candle of Remembrance

We light this candle in memory of;

Chaplain George L. Fox Chaplain Alexander D. Goode Chaplain Clark V. Poling Chaplain John P. Washington

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

(Please Stand As you Are comfortable)

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)

(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.

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.

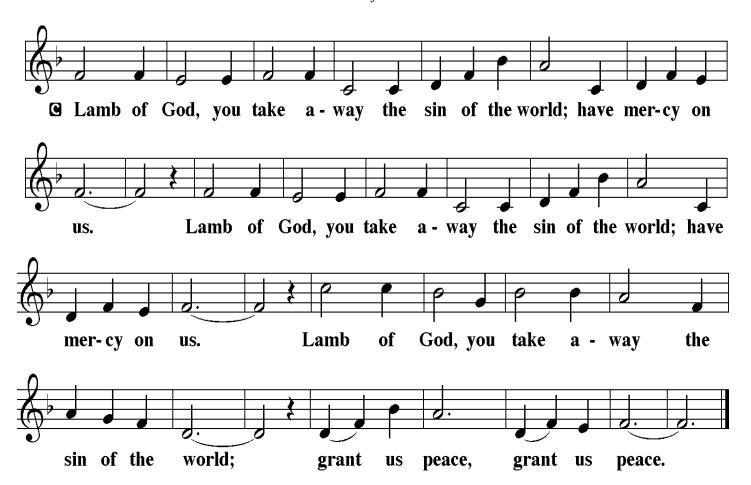
Amen.

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 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.

Communion Distribution

Please be seated and come forward as the ushers direct.



Communion Songs "Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound" LBW 448

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

"Christ, Be Our Light" ELW 715

Christ, Be Our Light



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Communion Blessing (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 \pm give you peace.

Amen

Closing Hymn

"Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory" ELW 890

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory



Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819–1910 Music: BATTLE HYMN, North American, 19th cent.

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 February 3 to February 9, 2025

Wednesday	February 5, 2025	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	February 6, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	February 9, 2025	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

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

Upcoming Events:

Fundraiser for Humane Society of Vilas County Sat., Feb. 22 11 am – 2 pm

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

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