

**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](http://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](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)  
You can donate through our PayPal account.  
“Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together.”*

## Readings for February 23, 2025 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany:

<b>First Reading</b>	Genesis 45: 3-11, 15
<b>Psalm</b>	37: 1-11, 39-40
<b>Second Reading</b>	1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50
<b>Holy Gospel</b>	Luke 6: 27-38

### Overview

The promise and its fulfillment may not look at all alike, even though they are intimately connected. Paul speaks about seeds and plants as he tries to picture resurrection life. Joseph's brothers never thought they would see him alive again, so how shocking he must have appeared to them as an Egyptian leader! Jesus invites us to sow seeds of new life by loving enemies.

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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.

### **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”.

FINANCIAL NOTES: February 9, 2025  
No Financial Report Today

ATTENDANCE: 34

## 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

## 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	

## **LENTEN SERVICES**

Wednesday evening services will begin again starting with Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. (There will be no Soup Supper for Ash Wednesday.) All other Lenten services will be held after Soup Supper, at 6 pm. Please join us for the Soup Supper at 5:15 pm and then join us for the Lenten Service.

### **Holy Week Services**

#### **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Maundy Thursday Service      6 pm

#### **Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Good Friday Service              6 pm

#### **Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Vigil 7:00 pm (St. Germain Community Church)

#### **Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Breakfast    7:30 am

Easter Worship Service    9 am

Fellowship to follow



## 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

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# Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

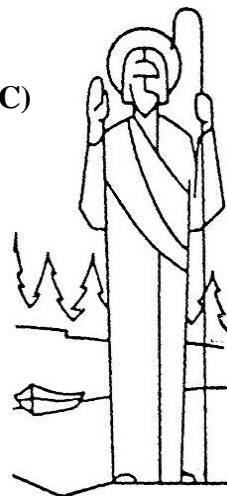
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“Sixth Sunday After Epiphany Feb. 16th, 2025”

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## 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

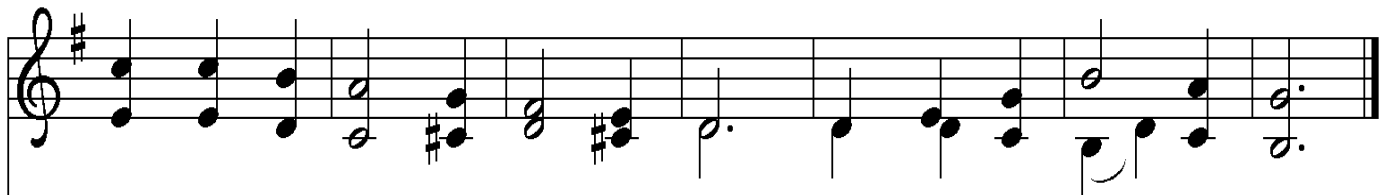
“Jesus, the Very Thought Of You” ELW 754

(Please Stand as you are Comfortable)

# Jesus, the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;  
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call  
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.  
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
grant us at last to hear you say: “Come, share my home a - bove.”



Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878  
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



## 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,

**Mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## First Lesson     Jeremiah 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup> I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup> **It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

## Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Alleluia

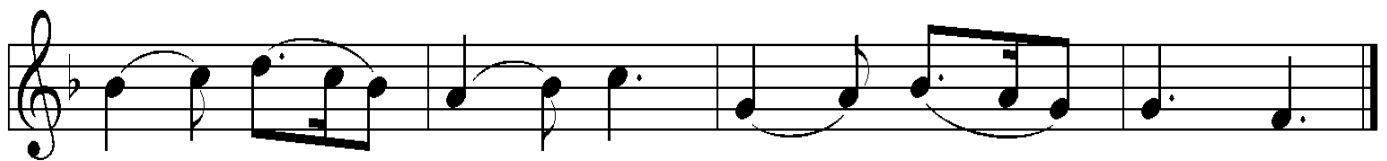
*(Please Stand as You are Comfortable)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel Reading**

The Holy Gospel According to.....

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **Luke 6:17-26**

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.<sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

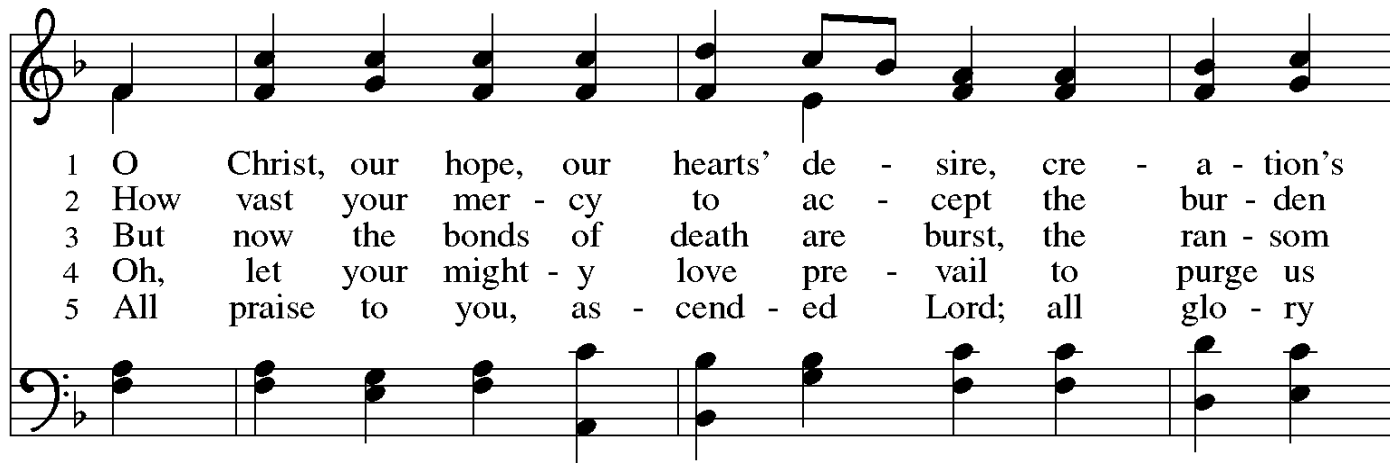
The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

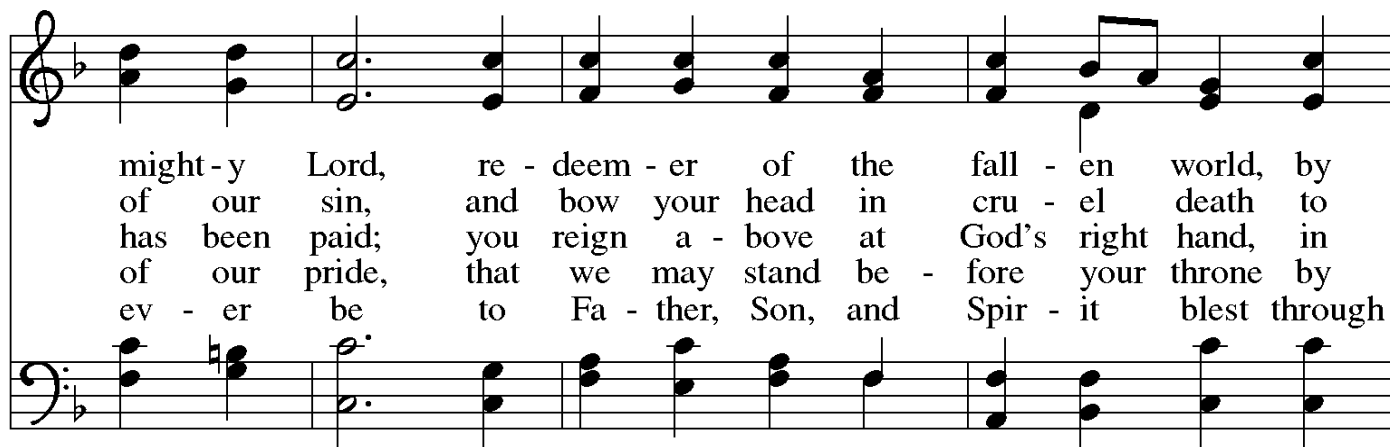
## **Sermon**

*(Please be Seated)*

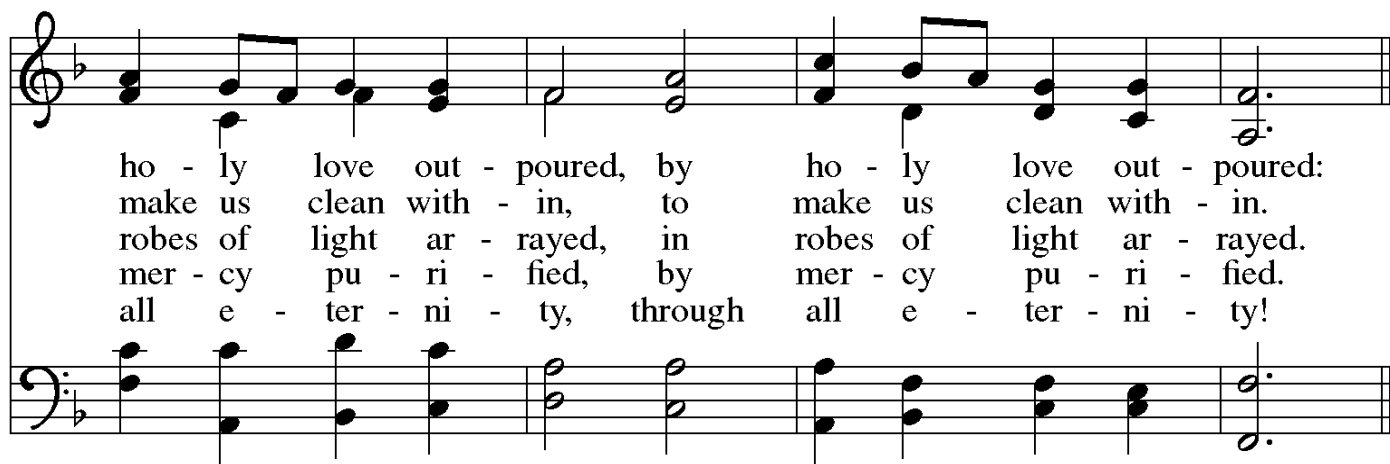
# O Christ, Our Hope



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.  
 Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

## **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 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.*

## Lamb Of God



**♩** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



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

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and

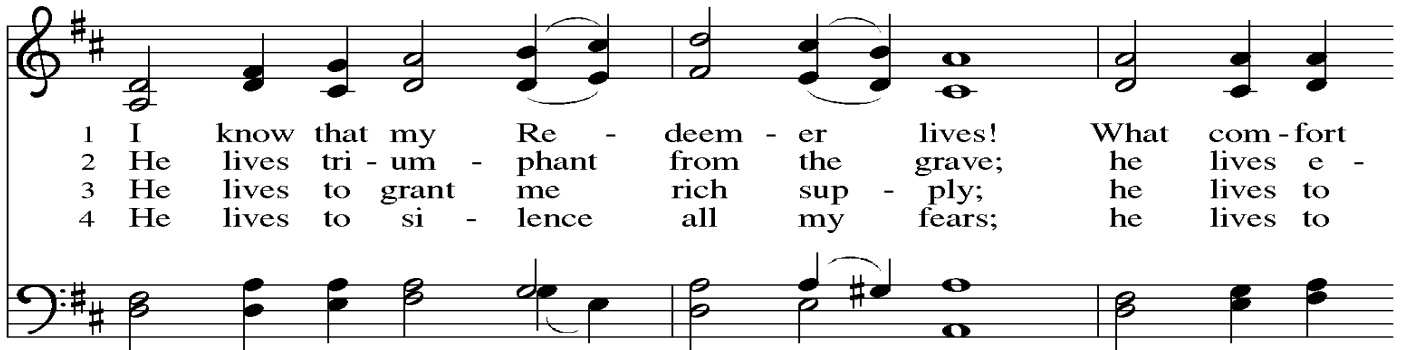
now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807

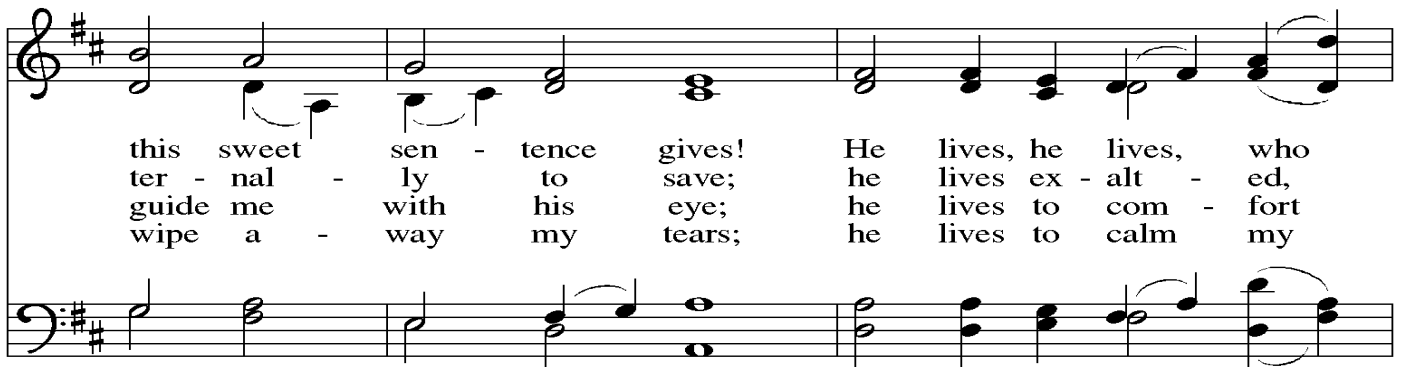
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

*"I Know That My Redeemer Lives!" ELW 619 vs. 1-4*

# I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives, ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

**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 ☩ give you peace.

**Amen**

# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to - you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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## 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 February 17 to February 23, 2025

Wednesday	February 19, 2025	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	February 20, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	February 22, 2025	Humane Society Fundraiser	11 am-2 pm
Sunday	February 23, 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.*

Website: [www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)

FaceBook: Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church – Sayner, WI

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