



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 March 23 , 2025 3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading	Isaiah 55: 1-9
Psalm	63: 1-8
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Holy Gospel	Luke 13: 1-9

Fertilized, Fruitful, and Free

God's word for us today is nutritious and wholesome, though hard to digest. The gospel reading seems oddly brutal alongside the abundance and comfort of the texts from Isaiah ("delight yourselves in rich food") and Psalm 63 ("My spirit is content as with the richest of foods"). Even Paul finds himself using physical sustenance as a metaphor ("they drank from the spiritual rock, . . . and the rock was Christ"). Surrounded by this food imagery, we now find Jesus using some horrific events as illustrations. After the mingled blood and fallen towers, it may be hard to hear the fig-tree parable as the grace-full story it really is. But here is Christ himself as gardener: digging, fertilizing, protecting, and nurturing us. We are fragile creatures, living in a world of tragedy and terror, but God does not punish fragility with death. On the contrary, God sent Jesus to us so that we may live.

Living in that nurtured garden of Christ, tended to and cared for as we grow in that love, how can we keep from blossoming? Live, yes, and live fruitfully, our gospel proclaims! Grow, yes, and grow gloriously! Now the good news of Christ's redeeming mercy becomes clear: we are each treated with boundless mercy, not impartial justice. While the world may want to blame the withering tree for its inability to be productive, our Savior and Lord reaches into our lives, reminds us of our roots, nourishes us with grace, and allows us to bloom, to flourish, to freely share our gifts with the world.

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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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3 pm. The study will again be based on “The Chosen”.

FINANCIAL NOTES: March 2, 2025	ATTENDANCE: 36
No Financial Report Today	

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

LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday evening services will be held after Soup Supper at 5:15 pm. Please join us for the Soup Supper and then join us for the Lenten Services at 6:00 p.m..

Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 17th

Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday Service 6 pm

Saturday, April 19th

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

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Breakfast 7:30 am
Easter Worship Service 9 am
Fellowship to follow

QUILTING GROUP

The quilting group is back to meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, at 9:00 a.m. You don't have to be a quilter to join – they welcome those who can tie knots also!

WOMEN'S DAY 2025

St. Germain Community Church will be holding Women's Day 2025 on Tuesday, March 25th, from 8 am to 3 pm. "*A tend and cultivate day to Grow with the Lord.*" All women are welcome to attend and lunch is included. Please register by March 11 by calling Deb at 815-303-2854.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Kim, Dick, Mary H., Evie and Doug.

(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.

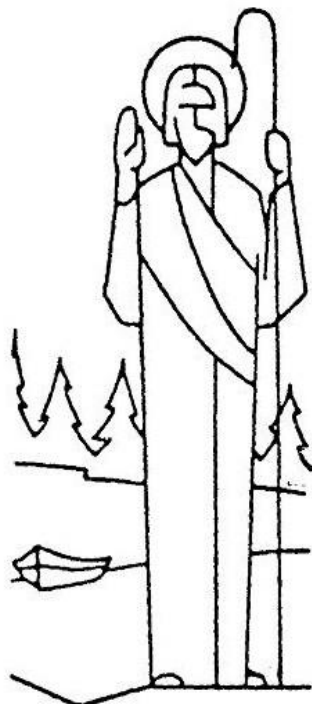
Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

Family of Bill Wheeler

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at treasurer@SOTLsayner.com if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list.



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“Second Sunday In Lent March 16th, 2025”

Greeting & Announcements

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God’s promise of mercy.

Gracious God,

Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past
that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant
us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

Amen.

(Book of Common Worship)

Words of Forgiveness

Beloved, God’s word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ☩ forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

Gathering Song

“How Firm A Foundation” ELW 796

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 “When through fi - ’ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - ’reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I’ll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

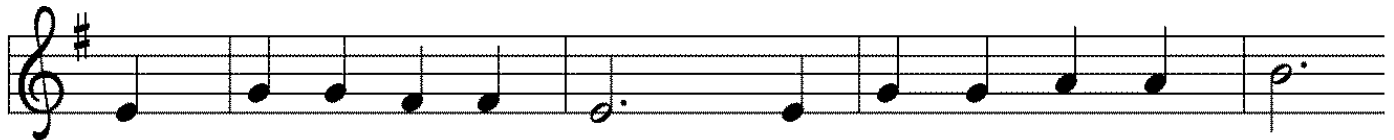
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Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Apostolic Greeting

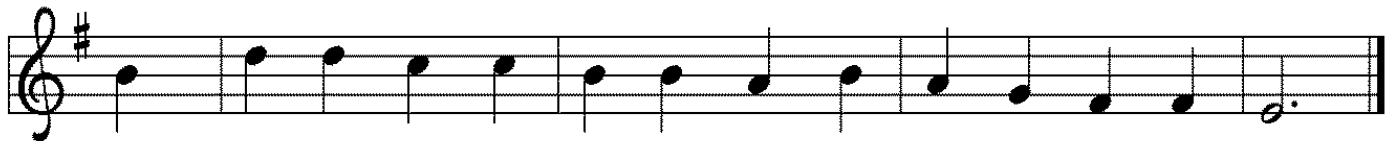
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie (sung by all)



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

It is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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)

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
- ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- ⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**
- ⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- ⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and
make music to the LORD.**
- ⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ⁸ **My heart speaks your message "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**
- ⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁰ **Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- ¹² **Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- ¹³ This I believe that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Please stand as you are comfortable)



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

The Holy Gospel According to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13:31-35

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Thy Holy Wings” ELW 613

(Please remain seated)

Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version
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Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the Church

Offering

(As we receive our offering, our Lord's table is prepared)

Prayer

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

God of mercy and grace,

The eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish,
but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

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

As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. All is ready, all are welcome, our Lord and Savior invites us.

Communion Distribution

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.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

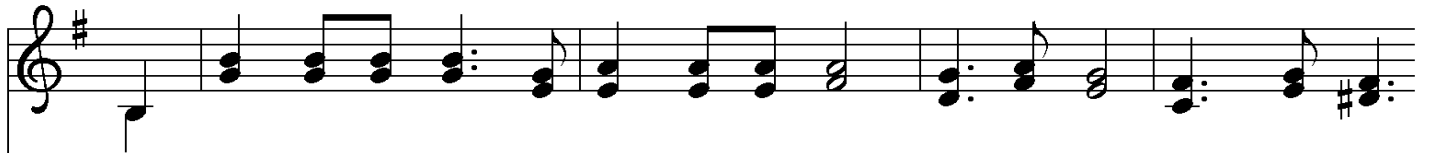


1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer *The Lord Is My Song*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.



Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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Come and Fill Our Hearts

Confitemini Domino

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!

Bless the Lord

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Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

p Dm G Dm B \flat C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 7/8. The melody begins with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note, then continues with eighth and quarter notes.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation is identical in structure to the first, featuring a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with accompaniment. The lyrics are repeated. The notation continues with similar rhythmic patterns, ending with a final chord in the bass staff.

Post Communion Blessing

(Please stand as you are comfortable)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now received, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

O God,

You made us from the dust of the earth. Now filled and nourished with the body and blood of your Son, raise us up and help us turn toward you with open hearts, beholding your glory, that by your grace we may receive everlasting life.

Amen.

Blessing

May almighty God,
Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit bless you all,
now and forever. Amen

Sending Hymn

“God Of Grace And God Of Glory” ELW 705

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and 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 March 17 to March 23, 2025

Wednesday	March 19, 2025	Quilting	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	March 20, 2025	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	March 20, 2025	Soup Supper	5:15-6 p.m.
Wednesday	March 20, 2025	Mid-Week Lenten Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	March 21, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	March 23, 2025	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

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

Upcoming Events:

- St. Germain Comm. Church - Women's Day 2025 on Tuesday, March 25th, from 8 am to 3 pm.

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

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