

Matthew 17:1-9



“How well do you know Jesus?”

February 19, 2023

**Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church**

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# Welcome to Shepherd of the Pines!

## **About Our Worship Service**

We're glad that you're here. Our order of service is in this bulletin and the lyrics to the songs will be on the screen. Our service is semi-casual and easy to follow along.

## **What About My Kids?**

We encourage children to sit with their parents in the church service since the parents model worship and faith to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7). However, small children can get a little restless, so we have a nursery that is located in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Ask an usher or greeter to help you find the nursery and they will gladly show you around.

## **Do I Have to Give an Offering?**

If you're visiting with us, we don't want you to feel obligated. We are glad that you are here. You are welcome to give financially if you wish.

## **Can I Take Communion?**

Along with the historic church, our church teaches that not only is bread and wine present in communion, but also it is the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:29).

If you believe that communion is the true body and blood of Christ and you are repentant of your sins, we welcome you to our table.

Thank you for visiting with us. Please sign our guest book. You are welcome to take a visitor guide also.

February 19, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School

10:30am Bible Study

Praise Team, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"All My Hope"

Invocation

Pastor: This is God's House, and much like we will hear in today's Old Testament lesson about Moses and Aaron and many other leaders of the children of Israel who were both privileged and blessed to actually meet face to face with God, so too we are now privileged and blessed to meet face to face with our gracious God as we come together in prayer and praise around His Word.

**Congregation: We gather for worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. "It's good Lord for us to be here!" (Matthew 17:4)**

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: This is also good...that we confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness for the sake of Jesus. In fact, this is more than good. This is grace! Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Congregation: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and**

**lead me so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Heavenly Father, this day we thank and praise You for the gift of all life.

**Congregation: We especially ask for Your hand of protection upon those who have been knit together by You in their mother's womb and are waiting to be born.**

Pastor: Use us and our hands to care for those who carry these babies.

**Congregation: Use us and our voices to speak for the unborn and for the gift of life, that all life may be seen and held and believed to be a precious gift from You.**

Pastor: We ask this in the name of the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**Noisy Offering:** The noisy offering today will be given to Pregnancy Resource Center Amanda Jaeger is here with a short presentation.

## Children's Message

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Exodus 24:8-18 (Page 78)

Epistle – 2 Peter 1:16-21 (Page 1204)

Gospel – Matthew 17:1-9 (Page 973)

Sermon

Pastor Dave Strohschein

"How well do you know Jesus?"

Matthew 17:1-9

Notes:

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Announcement

Offering Song

"Lord, I Lift your Name on High"

Prayers (Family this week: Andy & Hannah Eggert

Children: Barrett & Lauren)

# 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.

## Benediction

## Closing Song

"He's Gonna Reign Forever"

Next Week's Readings:

Genesis 3:1-21

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book. Also, Join us for fellowship after Service.

## Online Giving

Available Now

Go to SOTP website:

[www.sotpministries.com/give](http://www.sotpministries.com/give)

or call the office at

320-393-4295 for help setting this up!



## February NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, for the **Pregnancy Resource Center**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!



**There will be a special congregational meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM to vote on how to proceed with the call process. The congregation will vote either to proceed with the list of Pastors from the district, or to call a candidate from seminary to be the pastor of Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church .**

## Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Tuesday & Thursday Quilting
- Bible Studies- Wednesday morning 9:30am
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Service with Supper before hand from 5-6:15pm
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Woman's Winter Gathering 3pm at Jordie's
- Special Congregational meeting March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Youth Lock in March 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

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### UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for fellowship. We ask that if you can't serve the Sunday that you are scheduled, please find a group to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!



**February 19<sup>th</sup> J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland**

**February 26<sup>th</sup> D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> M. Barringer, L. Saldana, K. Peterson**

**March 19<sup>th</sup> B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf**

**March 26<sup>th</sup> J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp**

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### Sunday Parents Bible Study info



Parents, bring your coffee and a snack and meet other parents who are looking for something to do while your kids are in Sunday School!

Our Goal is to create a place where we can come together as parents to encourage and help and support each other in the gift of Christian parenting.

We will meet in the youth group room located at the end of the hall of classrooms. Please feel free to wander on down even if your child or children are too young to go to Sunday school. And yes! you can bring your littles with you! All are welcome!

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# Shepherd of the Pines Mission Statement: Connecting People to God...To Others...and To Service

The purpose of this congregation is mandated for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as found in the words of the Great Commission (Matthew 28), namely first of all to Go. To leave our walls of refuge, going into all the world, comprised of our families and neighbors. We plan to achieve our purpose by identifying persons with whom we are particularly well-equipped to serve and reach with the challenge of becoming Disciples of Christ.

Second, to Make Disciples or in the words of St Paul, "To equip the saints" (Ephesians 4:12). This is to be understood as helping people to live the Christian life here on earth, preparing and encouraging young and old alike to find and to use their God given gifts and abilities for the extension of His Kingdom, and to grow in fervent love for God and for others.

Thirdly, to Baptize as commanded by Jesus Himself. As God reaches down to mankind with His means of grace, He would have us baptize His people, bringing them into His family and Kingdom, granting them life, forgiveness of sins, and eternal salvation.

And lastly, to continue steadfast in His Word, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. A continued zeal for the study of His Word, the Bible, is necessary for the growth of any Christian congregation. Thus, the Word of God will be taught and studied in full measure and His Word shall be the rule and norm of this congregation's faith and life.

To that end, our every effort and energy will be used in motivating, training, and putting to use our time, and talents and treasures to Make Disciples.

## Board of Lay Ministry/Elders

Kyle Hackett, Pres.	266-1700	Joan Ramey	217-4431
David Perleberg V.P.	360-5147	Colleen Woods	685-4389
Bev Gerads Secretary	761-1894	Deb Erdmann	249-4804
Ron McKeever Treas.	492-5043	Paul Tschida	360-5241

Keith Peterson - Church Properties

## Executive Ministry Team

Open Position(s) - Service Team Leader

Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

**February Altar Guild:** Deb Erdmann, Joanny Ramey & Gloria

Hendrickson

**February Counters:** Dennis Arntson & Scott Manea





# Shepherd of the Pines

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Worship Shepherd has a clipboard for prayer requests.

You will find the clipboard in the narthex before you enter the church sanctuary. Prayer requests are important, and we encourage you to get your prayer requests on the prayer list so they can be included in the worship prayer time.



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

#### **Child's Name**

Blakelyn Rose Gangl  
Mädchen Cate Smallfield  
Emily May Moulzolf  
Bridger Allen Dumonceaux  
Griffin Dale Maass  
Bryce Nathan Leyk  
Maverick Lee Wolff  
Coen Maxwell Line  
Cal Nicholas Cervenka  
Barrett James Eggert

#### **Date of Baptism**

March 27, 2022  
April 3, 2022  
June 19, 2022  
July 24, 2022  
October 17, 2022  
December 18, 2022  
January 8, 2023  
January 8, 2023  
January 29, 2023  
February 5, 2023

### **ALTAR GUILD TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED**

We have openings for Altar Guild. This will introduce you to belonging to a group with minimal time commitment. We currently have 4 teams that each cover 3 months per year. We would like to have at least 4 individuals on each team. Please contact me, and we will go over what would be required....we are also responsible for decorating the church for all seasons, which is really fun. See Joanny Ramey at church or call 320 217-4431.

**“RAISE RIGHT”** is coming to SOTP on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> !  
What is “Raise Right”? It is an opportunity for you to support Prince of Peace Lutheran School by purchasing gift cards to give as gifts or for your personal use. Gift cards are available for 45 different dining, retail, gas and grocery locations. You pay the face value of the card, and the school receives a percentage of the value for every card. This will be available after the service that morning. Copies of the order form will be available in advance so you can see what the various merchants are.

[Talk with Pastor Dave or Karen for more information.](#)

Forms are in the Narthex for Raise Right. Please check it out!!

A blue poster for a New Members Class. On the left, there is a photograph of a wooden cross on a roof against a clear blue sky. The text is white and centered on the right side of the poster.

**New Members Class**

**Join us March 18th 9-11am**

Topics will include

- \*The Bible as the Word of God
- \*The person and work of Jesus
- \*The means of Grace and the work of the Holy Spirit
- \*Prayer
  - \*God Our Creator
  - \*Living a life of faith

This class is for those interested in becoming a member at SOTP or current members as a study refresher for their faith

Day care will be available for those who are in need of that service.

If you are interested in joining us on February 26<sup>th</sup> for Women's Winter Gathering please sign up by February 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Where** Jordie's Trailside Café

**When** February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

**Cost is** \$12.00 includes buffet and drink (Please also bring a food shelf donation.)

(We need a minimum of 15 woman signed up by February 22<sup>nd</sup> or this event will be canceled.)

Also, if interested in carpool please be at church by 2:15pm on February 26<sup>th</sup>



**Open Position: Service/Event Team**  
**Looking for volunteers**

We are looking for a group of people to be on the service team. This group would help plan and organize events at SOTP. Please speak to a board member if this is something that you would be interested in, or if you would like more information. Our next event will be Easter Egg Hunt!

2023 Events

Easter Egg Hunt - April

Mom/Son Event - Unsure of when

Trunk or Treat Event - October

# Lenten Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday 6:30pm

February 22nd

Lenten Services – 6:30pm

Wednesdays March 1st -March 29th

Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

April 6th

Good Friday Service 6:30pm

April 7th

Easter Sunday Services

April 9th , 7:00am & 9:30am

\*\*\* Easter Breakfast 8am-9:15am

\*\*\*Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th at 10am

## Lenten Soup Supper

Join us February 22nd-March 29th for Lenten Suppers

Supper will be served from 5-6:15pm before 6:30 Lent Services.

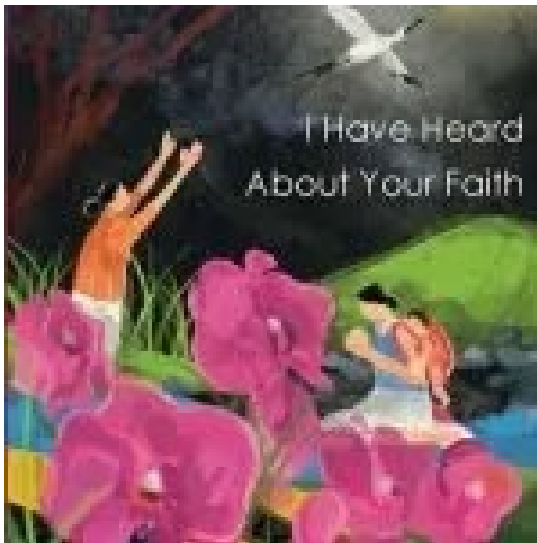
Freewill offering will be given to the ministry of the server's choice



## Celebrate World Day of Prayer on February 24

All are invited to join in this year's World Day of Prayer Service at First United Methodist Church (1107 Pine Cone Rd S, Sartell) on Friday, February 24, at 1:00pm. The World Day of Prayer celebration has a long history in the St. Cloud area with numerous local churches participating in this community event over the years.

Begun in 1927, World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. It was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable in the service of God's kingdom. This year's World Day of Prayer celebration is written by the women of Taiwan. The theme of the worship service "I Have Heard About Your Faith", based on the letter to the Ephesians, is an invitation to active listening, which is the ground of our prayers.



## Pastor Names for Consideration

Rev. Henry Biar – Skokie, IL  
Rev. Derek Broten Hastings MN  
Rev. Dale Critchley – West St. Paul, MN  
Rev. Chris Escher – Port St. Lucie, FL  
Rev. David Ficken – Plover, WI  
Rev. David Groth – Watertown, WI  
Rev. John Huss – Milpitas, CA  
Rev. Jeff Lee – Staples, MN  
Rev. Marty Mably – Elk River, MN  
Rev. Shawn Nettleton – Fort Collins, CO  
Rev. John Otte – Blue Springs, MO  
Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe – Perham, MN  
Rev. Michael Saylor – Convoy, OH  
Rev. Michael Thress – Elkton, MD  
Rev. Matthew Albright-Blaine, MN  
Rev. Scott Jensen -Riverfalls WI  
Rev Bradley Knorr Easton CT  
Rev Brett Matz Plymouth WI

If any member of SOTP has a concern about any of the pastors on the list, they can register their concern in writing for the Call committee to consider. Deadline for the Objection Period is March 1<sup>st</sup>

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# This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

## **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> (Music-Praise Team) Noisy Offering**

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM	Bible Study

## **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM	Praise Team
7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes

## **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 AM	Quilters
5:30 PM	Quilters
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

## **Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:30 AM	Bible Study
5:00 PM	Supper
6:00 PM	Confirmation
6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Service

## **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Pastor Dave in the Office</b>
9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA Meeting

## **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> (Music-Lyric Videos)**

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM	Bible Study
3:00 PM	Women's Winter Gathering

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday  
February 19<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters:	Milt & Marlene Popp
Projectionist:	Cal Ollman
Reader:	Ruth Brutcher
Ushers:	Keith & Kathy Craft

**Worship Leader:** Steve Ree

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Paul Tschida

**Fellowship** J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday  
February 26<sup>th</sup>

**9:00am Worship:**

Greeters:	Deb Erdmann
Projectionist:	Keith Hackett
Reader:	Lois Perleberg
Ushers:	Jeremy & Candace Dingmann

**Worship Leader:** Keith Hackett

**Worship Service Shepherd:** Deb Erdmann

**Fellowship** D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, T. Hovland