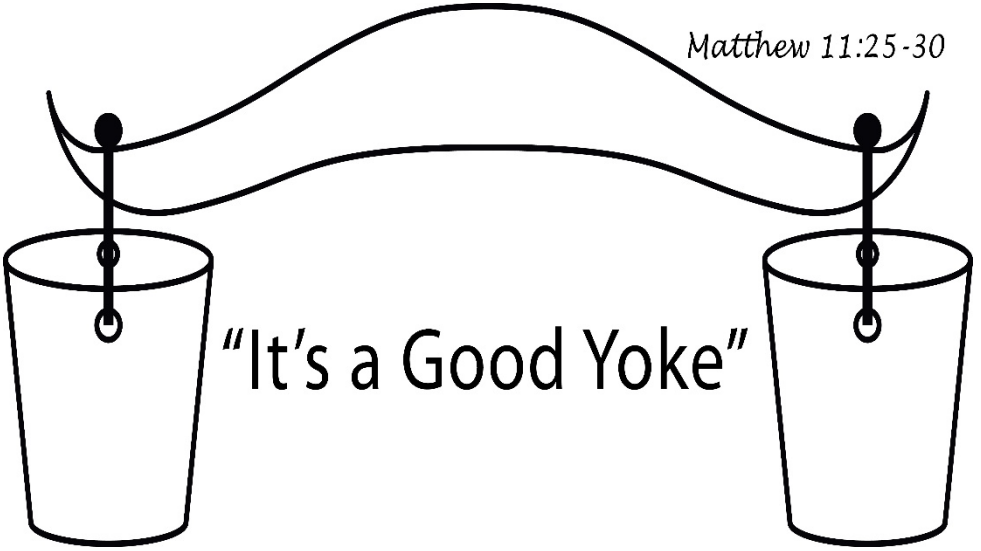


Matthew 11:25-30



"It's a Good Yoke"

July 9, 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.

July 9, 2023
9am Worship Service
10am Fellowship

Lyric Videos

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Hosanna"

Invocation

Pastor: These are the words of Jesus: "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthews 11:28)

Congregation: We come to Him now in worship for that promised rest in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Using some of the words of Paul from today's New Testament reading, we make Confession of our sins, seeking God's grace and forgiveness in Christ,

Congregation: "I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have had the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. The evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing." (Romans 7) Heavenly Father, I am a wretched person. I am truly sorry for my sins, my actions, my words, and my thoughts. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Lord, I ask You to forgive me and to restore to me the joy of Your salvation.

Pastor: Paul asked this question following the words we have used for our confession. "Who will rescue me from this body of death?" These are his very next words. "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. God has taken our sin away and He remembers them no more. Receive and believe this good news in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise You this day for Your gracious invitation to cast all our cares and burdens upon You.

**Congregation: I give You now this burden from my heart ...
(We pause for a few moments to silently name and give our burdens to the Lord)**

Pastor: We thank You Lord for lifting our burdens from us.

Congregation: May I find rest for my soul in You, according to Your promise and invitation. Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Zechariah 9:9-12 (Page 944)

Epistle – Romans 7:14-25 (Page 1118)

Gospel – Matthew 11:25-30 (Page 966)

Sermon Song

"Lead Me to the Cross"

Sermon
Pastor Don Kirsch
"It's a Good Yoke"
Matthew 11:25-30

Notes:

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic

Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering Announcement

Offering Song

“Good, Good Father”

Prayer (Family this week: Al & Bev Gerads)

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.

The Words of our Lord

Holy Communion

Communion Songs

“I Lift My Hands” and “O Come to the Altar”

The Dismissal

Benediction

Closing Song

“All Yours”

Next Week’s Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-0-13

Romans 8:12-17

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



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

or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up!



Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Quilters meet Tuesday 9 AM and Thursday 9 AM
- Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
- Youth Group Meetings: July 19th

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!

July 9th	B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf
July 16th	A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand
July 23rd	J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz
July 30th	J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp
August 6th	D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman
August 13th	J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle
August 20th	Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett
August 27th	R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp



Join us for Youth Group meetings at SOTP, July 19th. We will meet at church at 6:30pm. All who are going into 6th grade and those who just finished 12th are welcome to join us for our meeting/activities.

Josh & Sarah Anderson

Youth Group Leaders

Looking for anyone who would be interested in heading up or being involved in

Operation Christmas Child

this year at SOTP. Please reach out to the church office. Thank you!



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

July Altar Guild: Mary Bulthuis, Joan Ramey

July Counters: Barb Mckeever, Juli Popp



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

Bridger Allen Dumonceaux
Griffin Dale Maass
Bryce Nathan Leyk
Maverick Lee Wolff
Coen Maxwell Line
Cal Nicholas Cervenka
Barrett James Eggert
Amelia Rose Wentland
Joel Richard Page IV
Rosalynn Grace Hall

Date of Baptism

July 24, 2022
October 17, 2022
December 18, 2022
January 8, 2023
January 8, 2023
January 29, 2023
February 5, 2023
February 26, 2023
May 14, 2023
May 21, 2023



ALTAR GUILD

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.

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, July 9th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

11:00 – 4:00

(Music- Lyric Videos)

Prayer Time

Worship

Fellowship

Fellowship Reserved

Monday, July 10th

7:30 PM

Julie Out of the office

Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, July 11th

9:00 AM

6:00 PM

Julie Out of the office

Quilting

AI-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, July 12th

Julie Out of the office

Thursday, July 13th

9:00-Noon

9:00 AM

7:00 PM

7:00 PM

Julie Out of the office

Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office

Quilting

AA

Service Team Meeting

Friday, July 14th

Julie Out of the office

Sunday, July 16th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

(Music- Praise Team) Noisy Offering

Prayer Time

Worship

Fellowship

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
July 9th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Paulette Dahl
Projectionist: Julie Kiraly
Reader: Mary Bulthuis
Ushers: Kevin & Janet Maleska

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

Fellowship B. Jasmer & A. Ostendorf

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
July 16th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Bruce & Sandie Resch
Projectionist: Levi Brenny
Reader: Janet Maleska
Ushers: Keith & Kathy Craft

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

Fellowship J. Elliott, K. Maleska, K. Huhne/Popp