

"Praise God for ears!"

Matthew 13:9



July 16, 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 16, 2023
9am Worship Service
10am Fellowship

Praise Team

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Amazing Grace"

Invocation

Pastor: Led by the Spirit of God, we begin our worship in the name of the only true God:

Congregation: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Jesus once told a parable about four types of soil and the crop each type of soil produced. We will hear the explanation of that parable in today's Gospel lesson. For now, let's borrow from Jesus' parable to make our confession of sin and seek His forgiveness.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, there have been times this week when I allowed the evil one to come and snatch away Your Word from my heart and so I believed something that was not the truth. I also let go of Your Word and promises because I was discouraged during a difficult moment when things didn't go my way. I let worry dominate my life, my heart and my thinking. And, I allowed the deceitfulness of the riches of this life to become more important to me than the riches that come from Your Word. For all of the ways these sins manifested themselves in my life, I am truly sorry.

I seek and ask for Your forgiveness, and this only for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lived and died for me. Amen.

Pastor: My prayer is that you will now hear this Word and understand it. "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin." Nothing of your sin remains. In place of your sin, you have been given the righteousness of Jesus Christ. You are forgiven, for Jesus is the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world, and that includes you and your sins. Go in peace. You are God's forgiven and redeemed child.

Congregation: Amen

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Abba, Father.

Congregation: We pray that we would be led by Your Spirit. Open our ears and our hearts to receive the gift of Your Word this day.

Pastor: May Your Word accomplish in us the purpose for which You sent it.

Congregation: Bless us as we live our lives this week that we each bear fruit for You.

Pastor: We ask this in Jesus' name.

Congregation: Amen.

Children's Message

Noisy Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to the Helping Hands

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Isaiah 55:1-13 (Page 733)

Epistle – Romans 8:12-17 (Page 1118)

Gospel – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (Page 968)

Sermon Song

"You Are my King"

Sermon
Pastor David Strohschein
"Praise God for ears!"
Matthew 13:9

Notes:

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

"Above All"

Prayer (Family this week: Glen & Christine Gertken - Blommer Children: Alex, Gabe, Sebastian, and Trinity)

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

“Holy is the Lord”

Next Week's Readings: Psalm 119:57-64
Romans 8:18-27
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43



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 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

R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

August 27th

Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett



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 16th

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

(Music- Praise Team) Noisy Offering

Prayer Time

Worship

Fellowship

Monday, July 17th

7:30 PM

Bible Study – in homes

Tuesday, July 18th

9:00 AM

Quilting

6:00 PM

Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, July 19th

6:30 PM

Youth Group Meeting

Thursday, July 20th

9:00-Noon

Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office

9:00 AM

Quilting

7:00 PM

AA

7:00 PM

Service Team Meeting

Sunday, July 23rd

8:00 AM

Prayer Time

9:00 AM

Worship

10:00 AM

Fellowship

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This 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: Bev Gerads

Fellowship A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
July 23rd

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Keith & Brenda Hackett
Projectionist: Denise Leahy
Reader: Dennis Arntson
Ushers: Keith & Brenda Hackett

Worship Leader: Dennis Arntson

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

Fellowship J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz