



October 29, 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 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.

October 29, 2023

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10am Prayer & Anointing with oil

10:20 Sunday School

10:30 Bible Study

Lyric Videos, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Thy Word"

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)

Congregation: "The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah." (Psalm 46:11)

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Grace alone. Faith alone. God's Word alone. Those three truths are at the heart and core of our understanding of Scripture. They are also at the center of what we are about to do now in confessing our sins, seeking God's forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ. His Word assures us that the Lord is "a merciful God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." (Ps. 103:8) It also gives us this assurance. "He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities" but rather "removes our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west." (Ps. 103:12). Given that assurance and trusting in His grace, we are able to confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

Congregation: Gracious Heavenly Father, believing in Your promise of grace and forgiveness in and through Your Son Jesus, I humbly confess my sinfulness to You. I have broken Your Commandments. I have not obeyed Your Word. I am truly sorry for my sins. But with a faith that has been created by Your Word, I ask to be forgiven through Your grace in my Savior, Jesus Christ. Forgive and renew and restore me through and with the power of Your Holy Spirit so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. Amen.

Pastor: Going back to Psalm 46, we are told that there is a “river whose streams make glad the city of God.” (Psalm 46:4) That river is God’s grace and it flows to us through faith in Jesus Christ. Here is the good news that will make your heart glad. Your sins are forgiven through the shed blood of Jesus Christ in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day (together)

Congregation: We pray that Your Holy Spirit will renew our faith and send us out for the sake of the world which You love, that heaven may be as full as possible on the Last Day and for all of eternity. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Psalm 46 (Page 559)

Epistle – Romans 3:19-28 (Page 1114)

Gospel – John 8:31-36 (Page 1060)

Sermon Song

“My Hope is Built”

Sermon
Pastor Dave Strohschein
"Where do you stand?"
John 8:31

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

Special Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to the Christian Education Fund. If you would like information, speak to Pastor Dave, Ron McKeever, or Paul Tschida.

Offering Song

“Lead Me to the Cross”

Prayer

(Family this week: Gloria Hendrickson)

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 Benediction

Closing Song

“Hosanna”

Prayer & Anointing with Oil

Next Week’s Readings:

Psalm 149

Revelation 7:9-17

Matthew 5:1-12



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

Online Giving Available Now

Go to SOTP website: sotpministries.com

or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help



setting this up



If you would like information about the scholarship fund, please reach out to Pastor Dave, Ron McKeever, or Paul Tschida.

October NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up a noisy offering on **Sunday, October 29th** for **Christian Scholarship Fund**. Thank you for your support and your generous donations!



“RAISE RIGHT” is coming to SOTP on Sunday, October 29

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 who the various merchants are. Talk with Pastor Dave or Karen for more information.

**Food shelf needs plastic bags.
Please bring them to church.**

Annual Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of SOTP will be held after service on **Sunday, November 19, 2023 at 10:20** in the church sanctuary. Thank you for attending and lending your voice. Feel free to contact any current board member with any questions you may have.



Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Sunday School from 10:20-11am
 - Bible Study from 10:30-11am
 - Quilters meet Tuesday 9am and Thursday 9am
 - Wednesday morning Bible Study 9:30am
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm
 - Youth Group will meet on November 1st at 7:30pm
 - “Raise Right” Sunday October 29th
 - First Communion Class will be November 7th at 6:30pm for 5th graders or older who would like to start taking Holy Communion.
 - Annual Congregational meeting: November 19th
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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.

Third, 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

Jami Kreifels - Activity Team Leader

Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

October Altar Guild: Julie Clasen, Charyl Walberg, & Brenda Pressnall

October 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 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

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
Barrett Charles Cole

Date of Baptism

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



First Communion Class

First Communion Class is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7th, 6:30-7:30pm. Pastor Dave would like your 5th grader or 6th grader and a parent to attend this class. As of now a First Communion Sunday has not been scheduled. Please email if you have any questions or concerns. Also, email to notify us if your child will be attending the class.

Call Committee Members

Scott Manea 320-267-5409

Lloyd Walburn 763-458-1236

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Jeff Ramey 320-260-5869

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John Alstrup 612-839-9490

Julie Kiraly 320-223-0880

*If you have any questions for Pastor Dave Strohschein, this is his contact information as well. 320-241-5806



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 someone to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!

October 29th J. Amundson, K. Ellefson, B. Statz

November 5th A. Gerads, S. Manea, R. Weinand

November 12th D. Arntson, R. Woods, T. Ollman

November 19th J. Ramey, M. Kiraly, J. Alstrup, G. Welle

November 26th K. Kirchner, R. Brutcher, P. Tschida, G. Hendrickson



Movie Night @ SOTP! Join us on November 17th for The Little Mermaid. Come in Pjs, bring a blanket, and snacks if you would like. Some snacks are available to share as well.



**American
Red Cross**

On behalf of the Red Cross and the Rice Area Bloodmobile I would like to thank all the people who came to donate blood on Monday, October 23, at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. It is great to see all the people who are willing to give of themselves in this time of a great blood shortage nationwide. Fifty-three units were collected. Also, thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day run smoothly. Lora Knafla, volunteer coordinator

SOTP will be the church of the month for Terebinth Refudge



Check out the table in the narthex for items in need which include:

- Gift Cards to Walmart or Kwik Trip in amounts of \$10 or \$20
- Grocery Gift Certificate or cards in amounts of \$10 or \$20
- Toilet Paper
- Napkins
- Desk Lamps
- Radio Alarm Clocks
- 2024-2025 Day/Monthly planners
- Cute 3 ring binders
- Picture Frames 5x7 or 8x10

Items can be brought to the church office all month long. We will also have a Noisy offering on November 19th for Terebinth Refuge.

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, October 29th (Music-Lyric Videos) Noisy Offering

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Prayer & Anointing with oil
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School & Youth Group
10:30 AM	Bible Study

Monday, October 30th

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, October 31st

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

Wednesday, November 1st

9:30 AM	Bible Study
6:30 PM	Confirmation
7:30 PM	Youth Group

Thursday, November 2nd

9:00-Noon	Pastor Dave Strohschein in the office
9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting

Saturday, November 4th Set Clocks back

Sunday, November 5th (Music-Heather Statz)

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, This Sunday
October 29th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Lloyd & Ronita Walburn
Projectionist: Sarah Anderson
Reader: Peg Manea
Ushers: Bonnie Gottwalt & Charyl Walberg

Worship Leader: Jerry Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Colleen Woods

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

SOTP Worship Team Serving, Next Sunday
November 5th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Shelley Pintok
Projectionist: Mackenzie Ramey
Reader: Ruth Brutcher
Ushers: Al & Bev Gerads

Worship Leader: Jane Nelson

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

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