

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18th, 2021

Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes!

The members of Shepherd of the Lakes are very pleased to have you worship with us today. We invite you to join with us in worshipping the Triune God: the Father who created us, the Son who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit who sets us apart to be God's people through his powerful word. Our church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a group of Lutheran churches committed to the Bible's teaching about life and salvation.

God speaks to us from the Scriptures:

The First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Just like Jesus in the gospel reading Peter goes straight from the visible to the Word and from the outward but unseen manifestation of Christ's power in his resurrection to its inner power in the law which kills and condemns and the gospel which miraculously brings faith and life, forgiveness and salvation.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 118, p. 108 in your Hymnal

The Second Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Everything which the apostles had seen and heard is there to be received, shared, enjoyed in the Word. The Word brings it all to light.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-49

Jesus opens the Scriptures so that the disciples finally understand; without that miracle of the effective Word all remains darkness and foolishness. For how impossible everything he promised appears to reason! But with the effective Word, it all becomes both clear.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Text: 1 John 1:8-2:2

Theme: God's Word Makes Us Doubly Sure!
We're sinful!
We're saved!

Holy Communion: In Holy Communion we are receiving Jesus' true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, new life, and salvation. But that's not all. We also receive strength, encouragement, and comfort knowing that in this sacrament **we are at one with our God** through Jesus' death on the cross for our sins, **we are one in faith with those communing beside us**, and **we are joined with all the saints**, who share our common faith. For this reason we practice **close communion**, inviting only WELS or ELS members to partake of the sacrament so as not to call into question the communion that we share. **If you are a visitor, please speak to Pastor Seelow before communing.**

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Worship service attendance for Sunday, April 11th was 25. Our hearts acknowledged God's love for us in all he has blessed us with and showed our trust in his continued blessing by offering him \$945.00 for the work of his church.

"Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God!"

GOD'S PEOPLE GROWING AND SERVING

Usher/Altar Guild Schedule

May 2 — Pat Seelow and Sharon Borchers

Cleaning Crew for April: Terry and Jan Stocker

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme The blessings of Easter are all ours through the Word, the effective means of grace.

Next Sunday Worship – 9am

OUR PATH OF WORSHIP

"The Service of Word and Sacrament" p. 26

PREPARATION p.10

Opening Hymn: #719

Confession of Sins: **p. 26**

Prayer and Praise: **p. 27-29**

THE WORD

Acts 8:4-12

Psalms 118, page 108

1 John 1:1-2:2

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Hymn of the Day: #167

The Sermon
Nicene Creed, p.31

The Offering

Prayers, p. 32

THE SACRAMENT
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Communion hymn: #720
vs. 1,3,5,6

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Blessing, p. 37

Closing Hymn: #150

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