

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 17th, 2016

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: 1 Samuel 20:12-17

Jonathan loved David more than his own father, because David was the LORD's anointed. By doing so Jonathan displays selfless love for David inspired by the God of free and faithful grace.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 145, on page 119 in your hymnal

The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Usually heard at weddings, these verses, though, describe Christ's new command to love one another as he has loved us.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia. (John 14:6)

The Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

Having come from God and now preparing to return to God, Jesus gives his disciples the command to love one another. For it is a reflection of the same love our now glorified Savior has for us.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Theme: What Makes Love So Great?

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 10th was 27. 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 \$1244.00 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

April 24th — 2

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme Our risen Lord prepares his disciples for his departure by giving a new command: Love one another.

Midweek Bible Class meets Wednesday at 10am.

Pastor Seelow will be preaching at St. Luke's in Vassar, MI next Sunday for their mission festival. Pastor Plocher from St. Luke's will conduct service here at Shepherd of the Lakes.

Work Day A work day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 30th to spruce up the church property. A task list will be posted on the bulletin board.

Momentos for Mom On Saturday, April 7th, we will host a Mothers' Day event here at church. If you would like to help with snacks, crafts, or anything else at the event, please see the sign up sheet in the entryway.

Ladies Meeting The ladies will meet following Bible Class today.

Voters' Meeting In two weeks the voters will meet after Bible Class

Next Sunday Worship – 9am; Bible Class — 10:15

OUR PATH OF WORSHIP

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PREPARATION p.10

Opening Hymn: #498

Confession of Sins: **p. 26**

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

THE WORD

1 Samuel 20:12-17

Psalm 145, page 119

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

John 13:31-35

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Hymn of the Day: #141

The Sermon

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**THE SACRAMENT
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Distribution Hymn: #151

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Closing Hymn: #505

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