

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

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**God speaks to us from the Scriptures:**

**The First Reading: Acts 8:26-40**

*God is delighted by our use of the Word through which he lives in us and gives us everything he has. He will find ways for us to produce fruit in season, with family, with friends and members of our church, with strangers, too, as he arranges the opportunity for us to give the reason for the hope and the joy which is ours in Christ the pure vine.*

**The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 67**, p. 91 in your Hymnal

**The Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24**

*Here is more fruit whose source is in the vine: an awareness that Christ is alive in us by his Word and when our conscience wants to drive us to despair he is there to assure us of our forgiveness. That assurance is renewed week in and week out as we hear his Word.*

**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 15:1-8**

*There has to be a certain correspondence between the two parts, the vine and the branches. That correspondence is accomplished by the gospel that make us branches pure like the vine. Now the fruit from the good vine can be good fruit, pure because of its source in the vine.*

**Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:**

Sermon: John 15:5-8

Theme: Apart From Christ We Have Nothing  
A Part Of Christ We Have Everything

**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 25<sup>th</sup> was 30. 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 \$1470.00 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 16 — Dianne Bodey and Audrey Schultz

Cleaning Crew for May: Dave and Dianne Bodey

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Today's Theme** Salvation and suffering go hand in hand.

**Voters' Meeting** The voters will meet in 2 weeks on Sunday, May 16th for the second quarter voters' meeting.

**Next Sunday** Worship – 9am

**OUR PATH OF  
WORSHIP**

“The Common Service”

**PREPARATION p.10**

**Opening Hymn: #160**

Confession of Sins: **p. 15**

Prayer and Praise: **p. 16-17**

**THE WORD**

Acts 8:26-40

**Psalm 67, page 91**

1 John 3:18-24

**Verse of the day, p. 18**

John 15:1-8

**Response, p. 18**

**Nicene Creed p. 18-19**

**Hymn of the Day: #168**

The Sermon

**Create in Me p. 20**

The Offering

Prayers, p. 20

**THE SACRAMENT  
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**Distribution Hymn: #141**

**THANKSGIVING p. 24**

Blessing, p. 25

**Closing Hymn: #153**

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