

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 24th, 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: Ezekiel 34:25-31

See what it means to have God as a shepherd! Not just protection from wolves or finding plenty of pasture. God as Shepherd means peace and showers and fruit and crops! Security and broken yokes, safety and freedom from famine! Why would God do all this? Simply so that we might know that he is our God, and we are his people.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 23, on page 72 in your hymnal

The Epistle Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The paradox of Christ is that he is both Lamb and Shepherd. He saves his flock, by shedding his blood as the Lamb sacrificed for sin. This is the Good Shepherd we needed: God in the flesh, sacrificed for our atonement.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

The Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

Christ's words to his enemies were as simple as they were stark: You do not believe that I am the Christ because you are not my sheep. As a shepherd dividing goats from the sheep, Jesus drew a sharp distinction between these unbelievers questioning him and the believers who followed him.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon text: John 10:22-30

Theme: The Good Shepherd cares for his sheep

Those who are not his sheep won't listen

His sheep listen to words of great comfort

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Worship service attendance for Sunday, April 17th was 30. 26 received the comfort of Holy Communion. 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 \$1367.00 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 1st — 2*

May 8th — 3

May 15th — 1*

May 22nd — 2

May 29th — 3

* denotes Communion Sunday

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme On Good Shepherd Sunday God's Word shows us our Shepherd, Jesus, who leads his flock to safe pastures and his eternal fold.

Midweek Bible Class meets Wednesday at 10am.

Pastor Seelow is preaching at St. Luke's in Vassar this morning for their mission festival. We thank Pastor Plocher from St. Luke's for bringing us God's Word in Pastor Seelow's absence.

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.

Mementos for Mom On Saturday, May 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.

Voters' Meeting The voters will meet next Sunday after Bible Class.

Next Sunday Worship W/ Communion— 9 a.m. BC/SS— 10:15 Voters' Meeting 11 a.m.

OUR PATH OF

WORSHIP

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PREPARATION p.10

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Confession of Sins: p. 38

Prayer and Praise: p. 39

THE WORD

Ezekiel 34:25-31

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John 10:22-30

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The Sermon

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The Offering

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