

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 4th, 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: Isaiah 12:1-6

If he had not risen or if he had risen and only appeared to the disciples or to important people, I might still be sad today. Ah, but he has risen and appeared to the lowly and then to us all in the Easter Gospel. Therefore, it is a day to praise the Lord, for now his anger is passed. To trust in him is my greatest joy. To serve him in thanksgiving is my fondest ambition.

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

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Christ rose. Therefore, we are certain that he is indeed the Son of God. Christ rose. Therefore, we are certain that the Father has accepted his sacrifice. Christ rose. Therefore, we are certain that we too shall rise!

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24)

The Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8

The empty tomb and the angel of the resurrection says to all of our fears, Don't be afraid! He is risen, just as he promised! Now we can be sure that he will keep all of his promises. For if he kept this one, then nothing will be too hard for him, and nothing will hold him back from his assurance to us of his grace, his protection in life and death, his promise even of our resurrection.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon: Mark 16:1-8

Easter Changes 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, March 28th was 31. 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 \$1748.00 for the work of his church. Thursday/Friday att. 17/19; offering \$650/\$225

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

GOD'S PEOPLE GROWING AND SERVING

Usher/Altar Guild Schedule

April 11th — Dianne Bodey/Audrey Schultz

Cleaning Crew for April: Terry and Jan Stocker

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme Christ's resurrection drives away all our fears.

Council Meeting The council will meet next Sunday.

Pictures If you would like your picture updated in our picture directory on the wall in the entry way, please stay after today, as Pastor will be taking pictures.

Next Sunday Worship – 9am

OUR PATH OF

WORSHIP

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Hymn: #157

THE WORD

Isaiah 12:1-6

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1 Corinthians 15:51-57

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The Sermon

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Closing Hymn: #143

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