

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 1st, 2020**

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: Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17; 3:1-7**

*God had placed Adam into a perfect world and called on him to worship the Lord his God and serve him only. But Adam did not. He worshipped himself and ate the forbidden fruit, and so plunged the world into an age of darkness and death.*

**The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 130**, page 114 in your Hymnal

*The Church sings to God "out of the depths" and pleads for God's mercy.*

**The Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

*Paul provides a New Testament commentary on the First Lesson and shows the universal effects of the First Adam's failure and the Second Adam's victory.*

**The Verse of the Day:** It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." (Matthew 4:10)

**The Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11**

*The Second Adam goes to war to regain all that the first Adam had lost. Empowered by his baptism and led by the Spirit, Jesus defeats the devil for us.*

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

Sermon: Romans 5:12-19

Sermon Theme: The Mighty Fortress of our God

**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, February 26<sup>th</sup> was 37. 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 \$1945.00 for the work of his church. (Ash Wednesday: Attendance:17 Offering: \$367.50)

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

**GOD'S PEOPLE GROWING AND SERVING**

**Usher/Altar Guild Schedule**

March 8 — 3  
March 15\* — 1  
March 22 — 2  
March 29 — 3 \* Communion Sunday

Cleaning crew this Month: Dave and Dianne Bodey

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Today's Theme** The Son of God goes forth to war and defeats the devil for us.

**Midweek Bible Class** will meet this Wednesday at 10am but not on Thursday.

**Midweek Lenten Services** continue this Wednesday:

Meal from 5:30-6:15; Service at 6:30.

**Next Sunday** Worship – 9am Bible Class/ Sunday School 10:15am

**OUR PATH OF WORSHIP**

"The Common Service"  
**PREPARATION p.10**

**Opening Hymn: #355**

Confession of Sins: **p. 15**

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

**THE WORD**

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17; 3:1-7

**Psalm 130, page 114**

Romans 5:12-19

**Verse of the day, p. 18**  
(Response omitted for Lent)

Matthew 4:1-11

**Response, p. 18**

**Nicene Creed p. 18-19**

**Hymn of the Day: #200**

**The Sermon**

**Create in Me p. 20**

The Offering

Prayers, p. 20

**THE SACRAMENT**

**p.21-23**

**Distribution Hymn: #108**

**THANKSGIVING p. 24**

Blessing, p. 25

**Closing Hymn: #376**

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