

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
February 21st, 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: Jeremiah 26:8-15

Jeremiah was rejected because he did not tell the people what they wanted to hear. Though threatened with death, he was resolute in his mission and faithfully proclaimed the Word of the Lord.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 42-43, on page 82 in your hymnal *Since God is our only source of salvation, we are eager to hear his Word and put our trust in him.*

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Paul contrasts the journey through life of those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and those who embrace it. Be it our journey through Lent, or our journey from grace to glory, our focus remains on the message of the cross. It is only in Jesus that we can find strength to be resolute on our journey to follow him.

The Verse of the Day: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:8b)

The Gospel Reading: Luke 13:31-35

Prophets had been murdered for centuries by the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Yet Jesus was resolute in his mission. He would not be intimidated by Pharisaical lies or enemies of the cross. He would press on toward his goal to redeem humankind from the violence of sin, gathering the elect beneath his eternal wings.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Text: Luke 13:31-35

Theme: Our Resolute Redeemer

He went full of sorrow

He died full of compassion

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 14th 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 \$1383.00 for the work of his church. Wednesday Att. 20; \$197.00

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

GOD'S PEOPLE GROWING AND SERVING

Usher/Altar Guild Schedule

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NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme Jesus was resolute on his path to save us.

Midweek Bible Class Our midweek Bible class will not meet until after Easter.

Midweek Lenten Services continue this Wednesday at 6:30pm. Join us for supper beginning at 5:30pm

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

**OUR PATH OF
WORSHIP**

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PREPARATION p.10

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Confession of Sins: **p. 26**

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

THE WORD

Jeremiah 26:8-15

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Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

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Hymn of the Day: #434

The Sermon

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**THE SACRAMENT
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**Distribution Hymn: #304
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Closing Hymn: #426

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