

**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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

**The First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8b,10-15**

*Flames of fire that did not consume. Ground too holy for sandals, but not for sinful flesh. God appearing in power, but calling himself the LORD, the God of free and faithful love. Such are the contradictions of Law and Gospel. Today, Christ calls on us to be fruitful followers, and in this lesson he gives us the motivation to do it: our God is the great I AM, the God of the living, the God of deliverance for his people and forgiveness for his children.*

**The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 38**, on page 81 in your hymnal

**The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

*Let Israel's example serve as warning. Turn from temptation, leave sin behind, trust in the Lord's faithfulness to forgive, bear abundant fruit, and follow the Way out of this world to eternal life.*

**Verse of the Day:** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9**

*Christ calls each of us to closely examine our lives for the fruit of repentance. The gardener is patient and long suffering, but knows well, that a tree without fruit will be cut down. However, bending to the gardener's hand in true repentance will lead to a fruitful life here and eternal life hereafter.*

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

**Sermon Text:** Luke 13:1-9

**Sermon Theme:** God's Mercy

Is Needed by All

Is There for All

**STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US**

Worship service attendance for Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> was 28. 25 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 \$1127.00 for the work of his church. (Wed. Att. 16/\$191.00)

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

**GOD'S PEOPLE GROWING AND SERVING**

**Usher/Altar Guild Schedule**

March 6th — 1\*

March 13th — 2

March 20th — 3\*

March 27th — 1

\*denotes Communion Sunday

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Today's Theme** We turn from our sins fully confident in God's mercy.

**Midweek Bible Class** The midweek Bible Class will resume after Easter.

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

**Storage Stuff** A sign up sheet is on the table in the entryway for the contents of our storage facility. If you are interested in the pews, tables, or chairs, please sign up. Next Sunday will be the your last chance!

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

**OUR PATH OF  
WORSHIP**

“The Common Service”  
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**PREPARATION p.10**

**Opening Hymn: #339**

**Confession of sins: p. 15**

**Prayer and Praise: p.16**

**THE WORD**

Exodus 3:1-8b, 10-15

**Psalm 38, page 81**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

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

Luke 13:1-9

**Gospel Acclamation p. 18**

**Apostle's Creed p. 18-19**

**Hymn of the Day: #306**

The Sermon

The Offering

Prayers p. 20

**Hymn: #302**

Closing Prayer

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**Closing Hymn: #308**

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