

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 6<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: Isaiah 12:1-6**

*Five times the LORD, the God of free and faithful grace, is mentioned in this lesson from Isaiah. His fierce anger has turned to comfort and salvation. There is no more fear of divine retribution, but joyful singing and proclamation for he has done glorious things. The Holy One has become our salvation.*

**The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 32** on page 78 in your Hymnal

**The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

*Though it appears foolish to the unbeliever, the glorious message of the cross is revealed to the repentant heart as the power of God for the salvation of souls. Therefore, we preach Christ crucified.*

**The Verse of the Day:** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

*The greatest comfort for the repentant heart is the full and free forgiveness, the love and welcome of the Father. Even though our sin should separate us from the family of God, he welcomes us back into the family with the full rights sons.*

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

Sermon: **Isaiah 12:1-6**

Theme: Isaiah's Song of Praise

A song of:

Anger turned to comfort

Comfort bringing joy

Joy expressing itself in sharing the Gospel

**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, January 31<sup>st</sup> was 33. 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 \$2023.00 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**

March 13th — 2

March 20th — 3\*

March 27th — 1

\*denotes Communion Sunday

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Today's Theme** The repentant sinner rejoices at being found in the loving embrace of the Father's full and free forgiveness.

**Council Meeting** The council will meet next Sunday following Bible Class.

**Midweek Lent Services** continue this Wednesday at 6:30. Join us for a preservice meal anytime between 5:30 and 6:15.

**Next Sunday** Worship – 9am; Bible Class 10:15; Council Meeting 11:00

**OUR PATH OF WORSHIP**

"The Common Service"

**PREPARATION p.10**

**Opening Hymn: #121**

Confession of Sins: **p. 15**

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

**THE WORD**

Isaiah 12:1-6

**Psalm 32, page 78**

1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
**Verse of the day, p. 18**

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Response, p. 18**

**Nicene Creed p. 18-19**

**Hymn of the Day: #437**

The Sermon  
**Create in Me p. 20**

The Offering

Prayers, p. 20

**THE SACRAMENT**  
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**Distribution Hymn: Insert**

**THANKSGIVING p. 24**

Blessing, p. 25

**Closing Hymn: #379**

## **Midweek Lent Rotation Schedule**

### Midweek 1 - Ash Wednesday

Pastor Seelow — John 11:45-53

It's better that one man die for the people

### Midweek 2

Pastor Raddatz — Luke 18:9-14

This man went home justified

### Midweek 3

Pastor Sonntag — Matthew 26:1-5

Not during the festival

### Midweek 4

Pastor Seelow — John 19:12-16a

We have no king but Caesar

### Midweek 5

**Pastor Raddatz — Luke 23:6-12**

**He had been wanting to see Jesus**

### Midweek 6

Pastor Sonntag — Luke 23:39-43

Don't you fear God?

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## The Fourth Sunday

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