

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 13th, 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: Isaiah 43:16-24

The Israelites of old foolishly clung to the ceremonial law with empty formalism. Like Pharisees of the past and present, they look to deeds rather than Christ and the gracious salvation he brings.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 73, on page 94 in your hymnal

God is our stronghold and sure defense who will take us to eternal life when our life on this earth comes to an end.

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

To Paul all that is earthly gain and glory is rubbish compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus. There is no room for the self-righteous in Christ's kingdom. We want to be found with an alien righteousness. Then we will know Christ's power, and because we have been called, gathered, and enlightened we put the past behind and strive for the eternal prize.

Verse of the Day: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

The Gospel Reading: Luke 20:9-19

We find ourselves horrified by the actions of the evil tenants. In self-righteous anger we say with the Jews, "May this never be!" Those who receive him with hearts of faith will gratefully bring forth fruit and, along with him, enjoy the Son's inheritance forever.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon text: Philippians 3:8-14

Theme: So that we may gain Christ

Consider everything rubbish

Press on toward the goal

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Worship service attendance for Sunday, March 6th was 25. 22 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 \$1260.00 for the work of his church. Ash Wednesday attendance: 14/Offering: \$155.00

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

GOD'S PEOPLE GROWING AND SERVING

Usher/Altar Guild Schedule

March 20th — 3*

March 27th — 1

* denotes Communion Sunday

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme Putting the ways of the past behind us we continue to strive for that for which Christ has laid hold of us.

Council Meeting The council will meet after Bible Class/Sunday School.

Midweek Lent Our midweek Lent services continue this Wednesday at 6:30pm. Come for a meal before hand anytime between 5:30 and 6:15.

Holy Week Schedule We will gather for worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, both services beginning at 6:30.

Storage contents For those who signed up for contents in our storage shed, we will be making a trip to the storage facility next Sunday afternoon at 1pm.

Next Sunday Worship W/ Communion— 9am BC/SS— 10:15

**OUR PATH OF
WORSHIP**

"The Service of
the Word" p.38

PREPARATION p.10

Opening Hymn: #447

Confession of Sins: p. 38

Prayer and Praise: p. 39

THE WORD

Isaiah 43:16-24

Psalm 73, page 94

Philippians 3:8-14

Verse of the day, p. 30

Luke 20:9-19

Response: p. 40

Hymn of the Day: #110

The Sermon

Apostle's' Creed p. 41

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

Prayers p. 42-43

Hymn: #290

Closing Prayer p. 43

Blessing p. 44

Closing Hymn: #596

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The Fifth Sunday

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