

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

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: Numbers 21:4-9**

*The Children of Israel complained until God sent them something to complain about. He gave them what they deserved. Then prompted by grace alone, God provided a cure for the pain that he himself had inflicted on them in consequence of their sins.*

**The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 38**, p. 81 in your Hymnal

**The Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10**

*Our problem has been solved. There is nothing else for us to be concerned about than looking to the cross and living as those who are already as good as in heaven. To murmur and complain, to live as though we had yet to find peace or purpose, help or happiness, that is all as silly as it is perverse.*

**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: John 3:14-21**

*Christ on the cross is horrible to look at since his suffering is what we deserve to suffer and a reminder of the greatness of our sin and guilt. But only at the cross do we even begin to grasp the depth also of God's love. He himself turns our eyes to that tree and gives us the balm of healing that lasts into eternity.*

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

Sermon: **John 3:14-21**

Theme: The Son of Man *Must* Be Lifted Up

**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, March 14<sup>th</sup> was 0 due to the power being out. (Wednesday 13) 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 \$0.00 (Wed. \$1505.00) 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**

April 4<sup>th</sup> — Pat Seelow/Sharon Borchers

Cleaning Crew for March: Pat Seelow and Sharon Borchers

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Today's Theme** God has fully taken to heart our only real need as sinners and satisfied it in Christ.

**Midweek Lent Service** Wednesday at 6pm.

**Council meeting** today after the service

**Next Sunday** Worship – 9am

**OUR PATH OF  
WORSHIP**

“The Service of Word and Sacrament” p. 26

**PREPARATION p.10**

**Opening Hymn: #398**

Confession of Sins: **p. 26**

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

**THE WORD**

Genesis 22:1-18

**Psalm 38, page 81**

Romans 8:31-39

**Verse of the day, p. 30**

Mark 1:12-15

**Response, p. 30**

**Hymn of the Day: #391**

The Sermon

**Nicene Creed, p.31**

The Offering

Prayers, p. 32

**THE SACRAMENT**

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**Distribution Hymn: #401**

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**Closing Hymn: #390**

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The Fifth Sunday

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