



Mark 10:45

"Who is your life all about?"

March 17, 2024

Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Pines!

About Our Worship Service

We're glad that you're here. Our order of service is in this bulletin and the lyrics to the songs will be on the screen. Our service is semi-casual and easy to follow along.

What About My Kids?

We encourage children to sit with their parents in the church service since the parents model worship and faith to their children (Deuteronomy 6:7). However, small children can get a little restless, so we have a nursery that is in the back of the Fellowship Hall. Ask an usher or greeter to help you find the nursery, and they will gladly show you around.

Do I Have to Give an Offering?

If you're visiting with us, we don't want you to feel obligated. We are glad that you are here. You are welcome to give financially if you wish.

Can I Take Communion?

Along with the historic church, our church teaches that not only is bread and wine present in communion, but also it is the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:29).

If you believe that communion is the true body and blood of Christ and you are repentant of your sins, we welcome you to our table.

Thank you for visiting with us. Please sign our guest book. You are welcome to take a visitor guide also.

March 17, 2024

9am Worship Service

10am Fellowship

10:20am Sunday School/Youth Group

10:30am Bible Study

Gabby, Musician

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Opening Song

"Hymn of Heaven"

Invocation

Pastor: We worship in the name placed upon us in baptism, the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: In today's Old Testament reading the prophet Jeremiah speaks on behalf of God. He wrote: "This is what the Lord declares. The time is coming when I will make a new covenant with My people. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke My covenant." Against the backdrop of those words, we make confession of our own sin.

Congregation: Heavenly Father, like the children of Israel, we too, have broken Your covenant. We have not lived according to Your Word. Each of us must personally say and confess, "I have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed. I have not followed Your law with my mind or

with my heart.” Yet, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have declared Yourself to be a gracious God, willing to forgive our wickedness and forget our sinfulness for His sake. Truly sorry for my sins, it is in His name that I seek Your forgiveness.

Pastor: God is so gracious! He has made a new covenant with us in and with His Son. Through the working of His Holy Spirit, He has made that covenant known to us. These are the very words He gave to the prophet Jeremiah stating His new covenant. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” In keeping with that covenant I therefore announce this good news to all of us: for the sake of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Father, we praise You for Your grace and mercy, for who You are, a God “slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”

Congregation: We pray that the Holy Spirit would put Your law in our minds and write it on our hearts so that we may live faithfully as Your people.

Pastor: We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Children’s Message

Scripture Readings

Old Testament – Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Page 784)

Epistle – Hebrews 5:1-10 (Page 1186)

Gospel – Mark 10:32-45 (Page 1002)

Sermon Song

“Amazing Grace”

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church, I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Noisy Offering: The noisy offering today will be given to the Rice Area Food shelf.

Offering Announcement

Offering Song "Lord I Need You"

Prayer (Family this week: Bruce & Lora Knafla)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Benediction

Closing Song "We Believe"

Next Week's Readings :Palm Sunday
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:32-45



We are glad to have you with us today! Please sign our guest book, and join us for fellowship after Service.

Online Giving

Available now, Go to SOTP website: sotpministries.com or call the office at 320-393-4295 for help setting this up.



"The Women of Lent"

It began with Eve. It continued with Ruth. We also can see connections to it in the lives of the prophetess, Anna, Martha and her sister Mary, in a Samaritan woman, an anonymous woman, and finally, in the life of Jesus' mother, Mary. Let's call them "The Women of Lent", as they each had something to do with God's promise to Eve; that someday He would send a Savior to redeem the world from it's fall into sin.

This will be the focus of a series of dialogue messages for our Lenten services, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 14th, and continuing through Good Friday, March 29th.

Lenten Worship Schedule

<u>Lenten Services – 6:30pm: Supper from 5-6:15pm</u>	March 20 th
<u>Maundy Thursday Service- 6:30pm</u>	March 28 th
<u>Good Friday Service- 6:30pm</u>	March 29 th
<u>Easter Sunday Services</u>	March 31 st - 7:00am & 9:30am
***Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30 th at 10am	
*** Easter Breakfast; 8am-9:15am	



MARCH NOISY OFFERING!

We will be taking up our noisy offering on

Sunday, March 17th, for the **Rice Area Food Shelf**.

Thank you for your support and your generous donations!

Volunteers are needed for midweek services; as well as Holy Week. Looking for readers, projectionist, ushers & greeters. See schedules on the Narthex counter.

Shepherd of the Pines Mission Statement: Connecting People to God...To Others...and To Service

The purpose of this congregation is mandated for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as found in the words of the Great Commission (Matthew 28), namely first of all to Go; to leave our walls of refuge, going into all the world, comprised of our families and neighbors. We plan to achieve our purpose by identifying persons with whom we are particularly well-equipped to serve and reach with the challenge of becoming Disciples of Christ.

Second, to Make Disciples or in the words of St Paul, "To equip the saints" (Ephesians 4:12). This is to be understood as helping people to live the Christian life here on earth, preparing and encouraging young and old alike to find and to use their God given gifts and abilities for the extension of His Kingdom, and to grow in fervent love for God and for others.

Third, to Baptize as commanded by Jesus Himself. As God reaches down to mankind with His means of grace, He would have us baptize His people, bringing them into His family and Kingdom, granting them life, forgiveness of sins, and eternal salvation.

And lastly, to continue steadfast in His Word, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. A continued zeal for the study of His Word, the Bible, is necessary for the growth of any Christian congregation. Thus, the Word of God will be taught and studied in full measure and His Word shall be the rule and norm of this congregation's faith and life.

To that end, our every effort and energy will be used in motivating, training, and putting to use our time, and talents and treasures to Make Disciples.

Board of Lay Ministry/Elders

Paul Tschida	Pres.	360-5241	Joan Ramey	217-4431
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Keith Peterson - Church Properties

Executive Ministry Team

Jami Kreifels - Activity Team Leader

Brenda Hackett - Education & Colleen Woods Small Group Leader

Keith Hackett - Worship Team Leader

March Altar Guild: Roxanne Peterson, Juli Popp, & Karen Ellefson

March Counters: Barb McKeever & Juli Popp



Shepherd of the Pines

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Worship Shepherd has a clipboard for prayer requests. You will find the clipboard in the narthex before you enter the church sanctuary. Prayer requests are important, and we encourage you to get your requests on the prayer list so they can be included in the worship prayer time.



Please keep our baptized children in your prayers...

Child's Name

Date of Baptism

Joel Richard Page IV

May 14, 2023

Rosalynn Grace Hall

May 21, 2023

Barrett Charles Cole

October 8, 2023

Louise Lee Dumonceaux

December 10, 2023

Rowen Wes Skajewski

December 10, 2023

Marie Dawn Moulzolf

January 7, 2024

Emersyn Lynn Pekarek

January 14, 2024

Olivia Lynn Dancer

February 4, 2024

Bennett David Leyk

March 3, 2024

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Apply for Thrivent Choice Dollars during February by phone at 1-800-847-4836 or online at [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com). Fill out the form in the church entrance to indicate how you would like your choice dollars designated, and give the form to Curt or our church secretary, Julie. Members should apply for their Choice Dollars before March 31st, 2024.

Direct your
Thrivent Choice
Dollars
Today!





If anyone has information or ideas about a pastor who may be a good fit for our congregation, please fill out a form on the narthex counter or contact someone on the Call Committee.

Pastor Names for Consideration

Rev. Timothy Schiller, Hinckley, MN

Rev. Robert Zellmer, Lawton, IA

If any member of SOTP has a concern about any of the pastors on the list, they can register their concern in writing for the Call committee to consider. Deadline for the Objection Period is March 31st.

Call Committee Members

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*If you have any questions for Pastor Dave Strohschein, this is his contact information as well. 320-241-5806



SAVE THE DATE FOR POP Legacy Auction:

Our Auction will be on **Sunday, April 21st** this year. Please save the date. Tickets and more information will be coming out in March.

UPDATE TO FELLOWSHIP!!

Here is the schedule for fellowship. We ask that if you can't serve the Sunday that you are scheduled, please find someone to switch with. Each group is to bring in treats, serve, and clean up. Thank You!



March 17th Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett, T. Hackett

March 24th R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp

March 31st **Easter Breakfast******

April 7th P. Dahl, S. Wood, B. Novitzki

April 14th J. Clasen, D. Giese, T. Hovland, A. Ostendorf

April 21st D. Erdmann, J. Brenny, D. Mickelson

April 28th S. Pressnall, C. Walberg, D. Cairns

Keep Eyes open for upcoming events!

- Sunday School- Sundays.10:20
 - Bible Study- Sundays 10:30
 - Quilters- Tuesday & Thursday 9am.
 - Al-Anon meets Tuesday at 6pm, & AA meets Thursday at 7pm.
 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study- 9:30am.
 - Wednesday Supper- 5-6:15: Lenten Service 6:30
 - Choir will practice Wednesday after service
 - Easter Egg Hunt- Saturday, March 30th, 10 AM
 - Easter Service- 7 & 9:30am: Breakfast served from 8-9:15am
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**Everyone is welcome to join the choir.
We will practice after Wednesday service.**

This Week at Shepherd of the Pines

Sunday, March 17th (Music-Gabby) Noisy Offering: Rice Food Shelf

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM	Bible Study

Monday, March 18th

7:30 PM	Bible Study – in homes
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Tuesday, March 19th

9:00 AM	Quilters
6:00 PM	Al-Anon Meeting

Wednesday, March 20th

9:30 AM	Bible Study
5:00-6:15 PM	Lent Supper
6:00 PM	Confirmation
6:30 PM	Lent Service

Thursday, March 21st

9:00 AM	Quilters
7:00 PM	AA meeting

Sunday, March 24th (Music-Praise Team) Palm Sunday

8:00 AM	Prayer Time
9:00 AM	Worship
10:00 AM	Fellowship
10:20 AM	Sunday School/Youth Group
10:30 AM	Bible Study

SOTP Worship Team Serving This Sunday
March 17th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Mike & Julie Kiraly
Projectionist: Keith Hackett
Reader: Ron Woods
Ushers: Keith & Roxanne Peterson

Worship Leader: Brenda Hackett

Worship Service Shepherd: Paul Tschida

Fellowship Ke. Hackett, Ky. Hackett, J. Hackett, T. Hackett

SOTP Worship Team Serving Next Sunday
March 24th

9:00am Worship:

Greeters: Scott & Peg Manea
Projectionist: Levi Brenny
Reader: Richael Weinand
Ushers: Brian & Heather Statz

Worship Leader: Steve Ree

Worship Service Shepherd: Deb Erdmann

Fellowship R. McKeever, J. Nelson, L. Popp