

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 13th, 2015

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: Zephaniah 3:14-17

What bright words in the midst of the darkness of Old Testament judgment! On this Sunday of rejoicing, God speaks words of most tender love. The promise that brings rejoicing points to the real source of our salvation: not our repentance, but our Savior God.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 130 on page 114 in your Hymnal

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

As we anticipate the coming deliverance, Paul says, "Rejoice always," for "the Lord is near."

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia! I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia! (Matthew 11:10)

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18

John minced no words in his message, neither to those hypocrites who did not want to listen to John's call to repentance nor to those believers who heeded John's call and desired to change their ways.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon text: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Theme: The Day of the Lord is Coming!
Rejoice! Shout Aloud!

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Worship service attendance for Sunday, November 1st was 29. 26 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 \$1947.00 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

December 20th — 2*

December 27th — 3 * denotes Communion Sunday November

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme This Sunday, traditionally called Gaudete, (Rejoice) captures the heightening anticipation of the coming Savior.

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

Ladies Meeting The Ladies will meet after Bible Class/Sunday School.

Show of Hands After the service we will look for a show of hands as to who will be here for next Sunday's Christmas Potluck, and also for our Christmas Eve Service.

Next Sunday Worship — 9am Bible Class/Sunday School — 10:15

**OUR PATH OF
WORSHIP**

"The Service of
the Word" p.38

PREPARATION p.10

Opening Hymn: #7

Confession of Sins: p. 38

Prayer and Praise: p. 39

THE WORD

Zephaniah 3:14-17

Psalms 130, page 114

Philippians 4:4-7

Verse of the day, p. 30

Luke 3:7-18

Response: p. 40

Hymn of the Day: #62

The Sermon

Apostle's' Creed p. 41

THANKSGIVING

The Offering

Prayers p. 42-43

Hymn: #23

Closing Prayer p. 43

Blessing p. 44

Closing Hymn: #5 v. 1-4,7

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