

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 29th, 2019

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 63:7-9

Isaiah extols the kindness of the LORD by reminding God's people of all that he has done for us. The LORD stood by his covenant even though his son, Israel, turned away from him. The LORD showed compassion and mercy to a people who did not deserve it. What but the kindness of God could look at Israel and us and still say, "Surely they are my people, sons who will not be false to me"?

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 2 on page 65 in your Hymnal

The Epistle Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

He commissioned his own Son to become the God-man who subjected himself to law so that everyone under sin's curse might be bought back. The Incarnation of God meant that children of wrath could become the sons of God, and Pentecost proves our adoption as sons.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

At the birth of Christ, the angels announced good news and great joy meant for all people, but not everyone saw it that way: Herod reacted to the birth of Jesus with fear, opposition, and violence. The malice of Herod, however, could not rob the world of the peace God intended to bring through his Son. God cared for his Son and all the sons of God by using Joseph to keep him safe in the land of Egypt..

Seasonal Response: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon Text: Galatians 4:4-7

Theme: Peace from Christmas

Confidence for the New Year and Beyond

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Worship service attendance for Sunday, December 22nd was 34.

(Christmas Eve 25) 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 \$1185.00 (Christmas Eve \$1041.00) 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

January 5 — 3
January 12 — 1
January 19 — 2
January 26 — 3

Cleaning Crew for this Month: Pat Seelow, Sharon Borchers, Bert Sweet

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme Christmas brings us peace, especially to God's sons (You are all sons of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 3:26).

Calendars The January calendar is available in your mailbox.

Midweek Bible Class continues this week, Wednesday at 10am.

Next Sunday Worship w/Communion – 9am

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WORSHIP**

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THE WORD

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