

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

January 10th, 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 60:1-6

The oppressive darkness of sin is shattered as the glory of the Lord dawns on the peoples of the earth. But this light reaches beyond the covenant people of Israel. This light reaches to the ends of the earth, inviting all to step into the radiance of its light.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 72 on page 93 in your Hymnal

The Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:2-12

Paul knew what it meant to be suddenly bathed in light for the ultimate good of his soul. Now he rejoices in the revelation of the Christ not only to the House of Israel but to the Gentiles – fellow heirs in the promise of Christ Jesus.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia. (Matthew 2:2b)

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

So long on the outside, looking in, the nations of the earth had viewed the glory of the Lord with a sense of mystery and awe while all but a faithful few in the chosen nation of Israel forsook and dishonored the God of the covenant. Yet, in the Lord's faithfulness, the promise is fulfilled as the Savior is born.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon text: Ephesians 3:10-12

Theme: What's the big deal with Epiphany?

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Worship service attendance for Sunday, January 3rd was 28. 25 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 \$1391.00 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 17th — 3*

January 24th — 1

January 31st — 2

*denotes Communion Sunday

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme We continue to celebrate the birth of the Savior, the Savior of Jew and Gentile alike.

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

Annual Voters' Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 24th after the worship service. The meeting will open in the fellowship area with a presentation on the history of our Congregation.

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

OUR PATH OF

WORSHIP

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PREPARATION p.10

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THE WORD

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Ephesians 3:2-12

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Matthew 2:1=12

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The Sermon

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The Offering

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