

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 17th, 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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Young David is anointed by Samuel to Shepherd the Lord's people, Israel. Centuries later would come fulfillment with the anointing of the Christ and the Lord's royal priesthood of all believers.

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

The Epistle Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Baptism is a washing that brings rebirth for sin-deadened hearts and spiritual renewal for fleshly minds. Note how one-sided baptism is! Like David, there was nothing in us that the Lord should choose us. But as young David was chosen over his older brothers and made into Israel's king, so we who are worth nothing, become what God makes us: heirs having the hope of eternal life.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17, 21,22

At his own baptism, Jesus is anointed with the Holy Spirit and power as our Prophet, Priest, and King to the approval of the Father. Just as he who knew no sin was baptized, our baptism is also an anointing by the Spirit, but for the forgiveness of our sins. This is our connection to Christ and his redeeming work.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Text: Titus 3:47

Theme: In baptism we became the objects of God's love

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, January 10th was 18. 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 \$1429.00 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 24th — 1

January 31st — 2

*denotes Communion Sunday

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme Jesus is declared to be the Son of God at his baptism.

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

Midweek Bible Class Our midweek Bible class continues this Wednesday looking at "Dealing with the sins of society."

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 – 9am; Bible Class 10:15

**OUR PATH OF
WORSHIP**

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THE WORD

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Closing Hymn: #294

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