

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 19th, 2020

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 49:1-6

The Messiah is a weapon in the hand of God. God concealed him like an arrow in a quiver: the Messiah would come with his glory hidden in flesh. That meant the Servant would suffer, but in that suffering God would display his splendor. God would use the Servant to restore Israel and shine the light of his love on all the Gentiles, too.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 89 on page 97 in your Hymnal

The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul shows the great confidence he has in the Christian congregation in Corinth—even though they struggled with many congregational problems and sins. Paul's confidence came from knowing that the burden of their sins had been picked up and carried by the Lamb of God, so that they will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus. Paul reminds us that our blameless state on the day of Christ will not rely on our faithfulness, but on the faithfulness of God.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my glory." Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading: John 1:29-41

As the last and greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist rightly summarizes the totality of God's plan of salvation by pointing to Jesus and calling him the Lamb of God.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon Text: Isaiah 49:5,6

Sermon Theme: What Kind of Being is God?

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 12th was 26. 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 \$1669.00 for the work of his church. Today (1/19) we received a gift from St. John's, Pigeon, for \$183.34.

"Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God!"

GOD'S PEOPLE GROWING AND SERVING

Usher/Altar Guild Schedule

January 26 — 3

Cleaning crew this Month: Pat Seelow, Sharon Borchers, Bert Sweet

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near!

Midweek Bible Class will meet this Wednesday at 10am.

Bedtime Storytime is this Thursday at 6:15.

Voters meeting The voters will meet next Sunday after Bible Class.

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

OUR PATH OF WORSHIP

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THE WORD

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Closing Hymn: #391

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