

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 2nd, 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: Micah 6:1-8

God builds a case against the people of Israel. He calls the mountains as witnesses and lodges a charge against the unfaithful people. Yet look at the grace when he still calls them, "My people!" This faithless and wayward group he still calls his own and reminds them of all his righteous acts from the Exodus until the crossing of the Jordan

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1, on page 64 in your hymnal

The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Paul points the Corinthians to themselves as an example of God's strength made perfect in weakness. The majority of them did not come from the upper crust of society or the ranks of the learned. God, however, chose them. Paul's list of God's chosen ones fits well with Jesus' description of the blessed ones in the Gospel.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia. (Luke 4:18)

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, our Savior turns the world upside down. He calls blessed the people this world never would. He calls blessed people that the world would use as doormats! The world praises the brash, the strong, and the self-sufficient. Jesus calls blessed what others see as weak or stupid. To live this kind of blessedness requires a deep trust in the Lord's strength.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon: Matthew 5:11-12

**Sermon Theme: Knowing the ending makes all the difference.
We are blessed!**

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 26th was 29. 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 \$2013.00 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

February 9 — 2
February 16 — 3*
February 23 — 1 * Communion Sunday

Cleaning crew this Month: Terry and Jan Stocker

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme The Savior's Sermon: Trust in God's strength!

Midweek Bible Class will meet this Wednesday at 10am and again on Thursday at 7pm.

Ladies meeting The Ladies will meet today 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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