

EPIPHANY
January 5th, 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 60:1-6

Isaiah knew the secret. He saw it all from a great distance away and he saw it bursting the bonds of time and space. Over the thousands of years thousands of people—a few here, a few there, but adding up to a mighty throng—would catch a glimpse of the glory that is Christ. They would come; we are in their number!

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 72, p. 93 in your Hymnal

The Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-12

It's all a mystery. No one can penetrate that mystery but the ones to whom God makes it known. And to whom does he want to make it known? He wants to make it known to all in these last days!

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

The glory of the Savior is hidden under veils and veils of mystery and still it is revealed. Mary and Joseph, poor people and virtual refugees in Bethlehem since the census, know the secret. The Magi, wise and rich, but Gentiles, know the secret. Everybody else in the story who should have known it best recognized it not at all.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Theme: Your Savior is Revealed!

Worship him! Give him your best!

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, December 29th 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 \$1604.00 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 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 Christ is the Savior of all!

Midweek Bible Class will meet this Wednesday at 10am.

Offering envelopes The Offering envelopes for 2020 are on the table in the entryway.

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

**OUR PATH OF
WORSHIP**

"The Common Service"
PREPARATION p.10

Opening Hymn: #80

Confession of Sins: **p. 15**

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THE WORD

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Ephesians 3:2-12

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Hymn of the Day: #83

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Closing Hymn: #79

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