

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (WELS)**

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**Epiphany 4
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WELCOME!

We are happy to have you with us today! We pray that you will be blessed by God's Word while you are here, and that you will leave with the peace of his devoted love for you, the forgiveness of your sins, and the promise of eternal life. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know!

WE'RE GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN! Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) We know that having little children in church can be a challenge. Don't worry; many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes. We reserve the last two pews on either side for parents with young children. We also provide children's bulletins with fun activities that help keep little folks occupied and learning. If you need to take your child out of church, you can go outside the sanctuary, where you will still be able to hear and observe the worship service. There is also a "Quiet Room" to your right as you exit the sanctuary. Your fellow worshippers are happy that you have your children at worship, but also appreciate your sensitivity to how a fussing child or loud playing can make it difficult to concentrate during worship.

In our 10:30 a.m. worship service we provide child care in our classroom space (down the hall to the left as you exit the sanctuary) from following the Children's Lesson until the end of the service so parents can focus on the message for the day. When dropping off your child, please let the adult in charge that week know where you are located in the church in case the provider needs to come and get you for any reason. Parents are also asked to come and pick up your children right after church is over, please don't wait to be ushered out. Thank you.

PLEASE SIGN THE PEW REGISTER located at the end of each row. Members may simply sign and check "member" and also "communing", if applicable today. Sign and check "regularly attending non-member" if that applies to you and check "communing today" if that applies. Visitors are asked to check "visitor" and any of the other columns, which may apply and fill out a "Guest Card" located in the pew register and return it to the box in the narthex (*hanging on the wall to the left as you exit*). Member families are reminded to sign one line per confirmed member.

RESTROOMS AND CHANGING TABLE

Restrooms are in the education/fellowship area. Head left as you exit the sanctuary and take a left at the end of the hallway. A changing table is located in the "Quiet Room."

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Large print worship materials and large print hymnals are together and available in the maroon colored binders on the ushers stand or ask an usher for assistance. A "loop system" provides amplification of the service sent directly to enabled hearing aids. Open spaces are provided throughout the sanctuary for those using wheelchairs.

THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated in our service today. Guests are asked to refer to the note at that point in our service before communing.

BE WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST



You're Loved In Christ (So love the people in your life)

THE WELCOME (*Pastor Joel Tullberg*)

ORDER OF SERVICE: Common Service, found on **page 15** in the front of our hymnals.

OPENING HYMN: 203 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men. (Please be seated)

THE CHILDREN'S OBJECT LESSON:

(Children may come forward and be seated on the altar platform steps. Parents of very young children may wish to accompany them and sit with them. Parent's with young children at our 10:30 a.m. service may take their children to the Sunday School room immediately following the Children's Object Lesson, please see note on page 1 of our service folder.)

THE WORD

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JEREMIAH 1:4-10

Child-like Jeremiah is called to wield the powerful Word of the Lord. For all who proclaim it, there is comfort that its impact ought not be judged by the preacher. The reception for the Word of the Lord is in keeping with the Lord's intent. For some, the Word of the Lord comes to tear down, uproot, and overthrow. For others the Word of the Lord comes to build and plant in what was once a barren wasteland. (This week is the call of Jeremiah. Next week is the call of Isaiah.)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

4The word of the Lord came to me.

5Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart.

I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.

6But I said, "Ah, Lord God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!"

7The Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. 8Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the Lord."

9Then the Lord stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The Lord said to me:

There! I have now placed my words in your mouth.

10Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 78, found on page 95 in the front of our hymnals

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27—13:13

Paul outlines the next step toward understanding the proper use of spiritual gifts. Though the many members of the body of Christ are blessed with various gifts, yet the heart of its unity is the love of Christ. Love between the member and his Lord, and love between the members themselves.

1 Corinthians 12:27–13:13

27You are the body of Christ, and individually you are members of it. 28And God appointed in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then miracles, healing gifts, helpful acts, leadership abilities, kinds of tongues. 29Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all miracle workers? 30Do all have healing gifts? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31But eagerly seek the greater gifts. And now, I am going to show you a more excellent way.

13:1If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. 5It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. 6It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. 7It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. 9For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, 10but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. 11When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. 12Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known. 13So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. *(Luke 4:18a cf. NIV)* Amen.



THE GOSPEL

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



THE GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 4:20-32 *(Please stand)*

The gracious words of the Anointed One win admiration but not hearts of faith. When confronted by their own unbelief and the inclusion of Gentiles in spiritual Israel, “Joseph’s son” is driven from the synagogue to be thrown from the cliff. Yet the Savior of the nations passes through the angry mob to continue his mission and reveal himself in Capernaum.

Luke 4:20–32

20He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21He began to tell them, “Today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

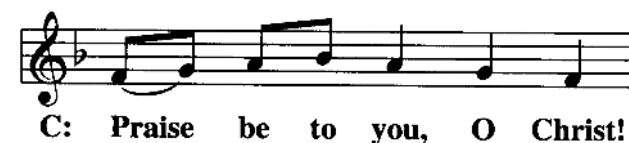
22They all spoke well of him and were impressed by the words of grace that came from his mouth. And they kept saying, “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?”

23He told them, “Certainly you will quote this proverb to me, ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ Do here in your hometown everything we heard you did in Capernaum.” 24And he said, “Amen I tell you: No prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25But truly I tell you: There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut for three years and six months, while a great famine came over all the land. 26Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow of Zarephath, in Sidon. 27And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was healed except Naaman the Syrian.”

28All those who were in the synagogue were filled with rage when they heard these things. 29They got up and drove him out of the town. They led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. 30But he passed through the middle of them and went on his way.

31He went down to Capernaum, a town of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbath. 32They were amazed by his teaching, because his message had authority.

following the Gospel, the congregation sings:



(Please be seated)

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED *(Spoken by the congregation)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

HYMN OF THE DAY: 556 "Rise, Shine, You People"

SERMON TEXT (The Epistle Lesson): 1 Corinthians 12:27–13:13 *(Pages 4-5)*

THE SERMON

(Following the sermon)

P: The peace of God which transcends understanding will guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

THE GATHERING OF OUR THANK-OFFERINGS

Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior’s love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation’s work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God’s kingdom.

As the offering is gathered we ask that you please sign the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank you!

OFFERING PRAYER: *(Please stand)*

P: Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, bless these gifts here given that they may help dispense the saving grace of your gospel in the world. Bless each giver that with true love and unselfish hearts we may always be ready and willing to put our earthly treasures to heavenly use to the glory of your name. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

P: Lord Jesus Christ, who came to seek and to save that which was lost, it is truly a blessed and faithful saying that you, God's own Son, came here to suffer, bleed, and die to redeem us sinners. And you have even supplied us the gift of faith through the Holy Spirit that we might personally make your salvation our own.

C: Thank you, blessed Jesus! Oh, may we never again be wandering sheep, helplessly lost by sin and unbelief from the heavenly fold.

P: Send your Holy Spirit to guide and protect us by your Word. Keep our feet from straying into sin, our hearts from yielding to doubt and unbelief, and our minds from falling prey to false doctrine.

C: Give us continual victory over everything that would rob us of our trust in you. Keep our lives uncluttered by the attractions and cares of this world.

P: Cause all who have been careless and slothful in spiritual matters to repent of their backsliding and to strive, with the Holy Spirit's aid, to be fruitful in good works.

C: Lord, help us lest we be weighted down with earthly matter, and give us the desire to apply our hearts to heavenly wisdom. Have mercy upon our human weaknesses, and forgive us our many sins. Finally, make us partakers of your glory in heaven.

(Prayers of supplication)

P: Lord, here we as we pray to you privately.

(Silent prayers)

P: With hearts thankful for the answers to our supplications you have given in the past, we confidently come before you praying as your Son has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(Spoken immediately by the congregation)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT, found on page 21 in the front of our hymnals.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

We practice "Close Communion", which means that we follow God's will (1 Corinthians 1:10 & 10:17) to express unity in our beliefs by communing with those who have been instructed in and share our Biblical convictions.

We therefore ask our guests who are not members of our church or denomination (the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) to refrain from communing until you have had the opportunity to learn about our teachings and beliefs and express agreement. One of the pastors is eager to speak with you about this if you have any questions. We welcome the opportunity to share with others our faith and our fellowship.

(Following the distribution, please stand)

SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: **And his mercy endures for - ev - er.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: **A - men.**

CLOSING BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and +give you peace.



C: **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

CLOSING HYMN: 490 "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

Following the announcements, please take the time to greet your fellow worshipers around you.

Organist: Ken Axtell

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Believing that God has called us to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), we at Shepherd of the Hills will share God's Word through daily contacts and outreach to the community and beyond, while providing a caring and nurturing atmosphere in which to learn more about our Savior and to better serve Him.