

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 2012

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills! We thank the Lord for this opportunity to share the joy of Jesus Christ with you as we gather together to worship Him. Our prayer is that each of us will grow in the assurance of Jesus as Savior and have the peace of a daily personal walk with Him.

If you are visiting with us today, and have no church home, we would consider it a privilege to be able to invite you to share in the fellowship of the Shepherd of the Hills family. If you have any questions about Shepherd of the Hills please feel free to ask any of our members or our pastor before you leave today – we care and are here to help. If you already have a church home, we hope you will continue to grow in faith while you are with us and will return to worship again when you have the opportunity.

*As we prepare to worship today, we ask that each one be respectful
of others as they pray silently and meditate on the great gifts God has
both given and promised to all His faithful children.*

AS WE GATHER

Those who heard Jesus teach recognized that He did so with an authority that gave Him power, even over the unclean spirits. Moses had prophesied that God would raise up such a mighty prophet from the people and warned that people should listen to Him. Paul points out that the freedom we have in the Prophet must not be misused at the risk of the conscience of others.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS and WELCOME

ENTRANCE SONG

“Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness ... Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You ... Hope of a life spent with You.
Here I am to worship ... Here I am to bow down ... Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely ... Altogether worthy ... Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days ... Oh, so highly exalted ... Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created ... All for love's sake became poor
Here I am to worship ... Here I am to bow down ... Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely ... Altogether worthy ... Altogether wonderful to me

(Sing 4 times)

I'll never know ... how much it cost ... To see my sin ... upon that cross

(Sing 3 times)

Here I am to worship ... Here I am to bow down ... Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely ... Altogether worthy ... Altogether wonderful to me

(Please rise as you are able.)

REAFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

Pastor: We continue our time together by calling upon the name of the One by whose power and love we have been blessed since the time of our Baptism: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: We are all sinners. God is so great that He has given us the opportunity to confess our sins to Him. God calls each of us to humbly come before Him and ask for His forgiveness. And, we have the assurance that God will hear our confession because He has promised He will listen.

(Silence for personal meditation and confession.)

Pastor: Let us humbly confess our sins.

People: Our lack of discipline often gets the best of us, Lord. We say that we want to serve You but in many areas of our life we only serve ourselves. We say that we want to be sensitive to others, but on many occasions we chose only to consider our own needs. We say that we want to love others as much as we love ourselves, Lord, but You know that in our hearts we love ourselves first and give what's left over to others and to You. Forgive us for being side-tracked and self-serving, Lord.

Pastor: St. John shares these words with us from Holy Scripture; "If we live in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of His Son washes us clean from every sin. ... If we confess our sins, He will keep His promise and do what He obligated Himself to do: He will forgive our sins and wash away all unrighteousness." For the sake of Jesus, our Savior, God forgives all of our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I tell you that all of your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Serve the Lord in the assurance of His forgiveness.

People: Amen.

RESPONSE

“How Can I Thank You, Lord” LSB #703



1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,
3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and ex - ul - ta - tion



That You have pa - tient - ly Borne with me in my blind - ness!
And clear - ly shown the way That leads me to sal - va - tion.



When dead in man - y sins And tres - pass - es I lay,
My sins are washed a - way; For this I thank You, Lord.



I kin - dled, ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
Now with my heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.

5) O Father, God of love, Now hear my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God, Accept my adoration;
O Holy Spirit, be My ever faithful guide
That I may serve You here And there with You abide.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray ... Almighty God, we know Your strength and You know our weakness. Open our ears as we listen to Your Word, that by the power of Your Spirit, our will may be replaced with Yours. Give us grace to defeat the evils around us that we could not withstand alone. This we ask by the authority of the name of our Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

(Moses prophesies that God will raise up a mighty prophet and warns that the people should listen to him.)

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from

your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

Lector: So far the readings.

PSALMODY Psalm 111

Lector: Praise the LORD!

People: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Lector: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

People: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Lector: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

People: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

Lector: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

People: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

Lector: they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

People: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Lector: Holy and awesome is his name!

People: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

Lector: all those who practice it have a good understanding.

People: His praise endures forever!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 8:1-13



The Youth Group

Invites you

To an evening of Magical Romance
Dinner and Dance

February 11, 2012 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Doors will open at 5:30

Tickets \$12.50 per person

Featuring D.J. Dennis Donald

Includes souvenir photo by Amanda

Tickets available between services

in the fellowship hall

Or from any youth member

This is a fundraiser for our youth program.

SLF GIVING - Special envelopes for donations to SLF are available on the credenza in the back of church. Please remember to make checks payable to Shepherd of the Hills and place in envelopes marked Shepherd's Little Flock. Thank you.

CAMPBELL PRODUCTS – Please continue to save labels for Shepherd's Little Flock. These include all Campbell products plus Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, V-8 (including Splash), Swanson, Prego, Goldfish, and Healthy Request. There are new labels that have been added and a list can be found on the bulletin board. We still need the front of some Campbell labels but newer labels have are colored point system (UPC Code) on the back that is needed. If you are unsure of the labels please call Ellie @ 484-9195. Thanks, Ellie Gustin

ELLIE GUSTIN'S BOOK OF POETRY - "A Smattering of Rhyme, will not be available until late February due to the publisher's prior commitments. If you haven't signed up for your copy, please do. Proceeds benefit Shepherd's Little Flock.

**GREAT GIFT GIVE-AWAY
JANUARY COLLECTION:**

- INFANTS:** Learning toys, onesies, socks, bibs, soft toys
- TODDLERS:** Cars, trucks, books, blocks, puzzles, dolls, cartoon tapes, Mickey Mouse Stuff

(Small gifts only so the value to all recipients can be as fair as possible.)

We will need gift bags, boxes, and wrapping supplies

WE ALSO COLLECT NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ALL YEAR
Please place all items in the box by the mailboxes

(St. Paul warns against an abuse of Christian freedom.)

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" — yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VOCAL SOLO "Victory In Jesus" Mr. Steve Sappenfield

(Please rise as you are able.)

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

(The crowds marvel because Jesus teaches them as one who had authority, even over the unclean spirits.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among

themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets" *LSB #583*



1 God has spo-ken by His proph-ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
 2 God has spo-ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro-claim-ing God, the one, the righ-teous Lord.
 Bright-ness of the Fa-ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
 In the age-less Word de - clar - ing His own mes-sage, now as then.



In the world's de-spair and tur-moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
 Spo - ken by the Word In - car-nate, God of God, be - fore time was;
 Through the rise and fall of na-tions One sure faith yet stand-ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
 Light of Light, to earth de-scend-ing, He re-veals our God to us.
 God a-bides, His Word un-chang-ing; God the first, and God the last.

+ NOTES AND NEWS +

Elder: Ed Nelson

Reader: 8:00 a.m. Lloyd Miller

10:30 a.m. Marsha Sappenfield

Altar Guild: Ruth Worshik, Kathy Buchtrup, Gayanne Nelson, Emmarie Reed

Greeters: 8:00 a.m. Jerry & Pat Day, Sandy Euler

10:30 a.m. Billy & Ellie Gustin, Alice Hockenberry

Feb. 5th Greeters:

8:00 a.m. Gunny & Carolyn Gigg, Diane Soenen

10:30 a.m. Bill & Debe Hinterman, Barb Kleimola

THE KINGDOM HEIRS will be coming to our church on Feb the 12th 3:00PM tickets are \$13.00. As you know we have had great success with the Kingdom Heirs. Get your tickets, but also help promote this event to your friends and neighbors. If you need tickets see me or any Growth committee member. Tom Towers

VOTER REGISTRATION AND PHOTO ID – If you still require assistance for voting registration, photo ID or transportation to vote, please contact Pat Wiedemann, Linda Caldwell or Barbara Kleimola.

Voting registration for the March election **closes February 6.**

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTER'S MEETING - The Council decided that we should hold a special congregational meeting on **Saturday, Feb. 4 beginning at 9:00 am** to decide our future direction on the major projects presented at the meeting on January 7. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this very important meeting. At the meeting we will review presentations on each project and will vote whether or not to proceed with any of them. Specifically we will vote whether to proceed with the **Sanctuary Renovation Project** and will vote whether to proceed with an **Expansion Project** and, if so, which expansion project option will be chosen. This is an extremely important meeting for the future of SOTH and we encourage all voting members to attend and vote your choices. In the meantime, we encourage you to discuss the presentations made on January 7 and to provide any questions or input to any member of the Renovation/Expansion Committee chaired by Jan Simko.

"MISSIONS AT WORK - See the news letters on the bulletin board - Our mission to China and our mission to The Dominican Republic - as reported by the action team led by Pastor Ted Krey in the Dominican Republic and Pastor Stephen Wiesenauer in China.

These wonderful people have an inspirational story to tell, and we should praise God that we can participate through them."

(across the parking lot as you leave the Narthex).
It is good to gather together in the joy of the Lord.

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**ADULT SUNDAY MORNING
BIBLE CLASSES**

“All About Angels”

Rev. David Lampman Fellowship Hall

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR

Sunday February 5th Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Is. 40:21-31 +++ Psalm 147:1-11 +++ 1 Cor. 9:16-27 +++ Mark 1:29-39

+ WEEKLY SCHEDULE +

Sunday	Potluck/New Members	
Monday	Men's Golf	9:00 a.m.
	Bridge	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Property Maintenance	8:00 a.m.
	Growth	10:00 a.m.
	Girl Scouts @ Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	KICK Youth Ministry	4:00 p.m.
	Handbells	4:30 p.m.
	Adult Choir	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Renovation Committee	8:30 a.m.
	1st Place	9:30 a.m.
	FFG Bible Study @ Kay Woodruff's	7:00 p.m.
Friday	Neff Bible Study	1:00 p.m.
Saturday	Special Congregational Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	Holy Communion	

**“Worship Attendance Sunday, January 22, 2012”
Church: Early 72 Late 95= 167**

SERMON..... “Me? ... a Prophet?” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20)

OFFERING

*The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills Church,
moved by God's love, to support this ministry.*

Guests should not feel obligated, but we thank you for your gifts as well.

**However, we do ask at this time that each member and guest kindly complete
the attendance folder that is found at the end of each pew. Thank you.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Cathy Seither

(Please rise as you are able.)

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Praise and Thanksgiving” LSB #789



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blos - som and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(pause)* For the Church of Jesus Christ, established by His authority, that it may be bold in its witness, faithful in its confession,

compassionate in its concern for all people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the nations, that conflicts may be resolved and peace may prevail among people, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all those in any need, that the lonely may be comforted, the homeless may have shelter, the hungry and thirsty may have food and drink, the troubled in mind and spirit may know peace, the frightened may know assurance, and the rejected may know the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our congregation, that we may know the presence of God in our midst, that our Sunday school and Bible classes may be a source of strength and growth for many, and that we may be a light in our community to draw people to the love of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those among us who are ill, suffering, mourning, or troubled in any way, (*especially . . .*) that they may know the power of God to heal and comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who have gone before us in the faith, whose lives have touched us in many ways, and whose example of Christian belief and life is a comfort to us, (*especially . . .*), let us praise our God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Receive the words of Jesus from the Gospel of St. Matthew, chapter 28:

"All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore go and

make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon with favor and † give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"On What Has Now Been Sown" *LSB #921*



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

Pause for silent reflection and prayer.

(Please be seated.)

**Announcements and Welcome of Guests
Postlude**

Following the service, all are invited for coffee and treats in our Fellowship Hall