

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ENDTIME
November 1st, 2015

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 26:1-4,8,9,12,13,19-21

This song of Isaiah is the song of all the saints who have gone before. Trusting in his Word, living in his peace, they look forward to the life he has won for them.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 34, on page 80 in your hymnal

The Epistle Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

John sees a vision of all the saints in heaven, standing before the throne of God, about to receive the inheritance won for them by the blood of the Lamb.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia! They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia! (Philippians 2:10,11)

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

In Christ, despite our present difficulties, all God's saints are blessed. And so we too are blessed and able to be a blessing to those around us.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon: **Mark 9:38-50**

Theme: Giving thanks and praise to God for all the saints

1. For the example they gave us in the past
2. For the eternal life they are enjoying today

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, October 25th was 37. 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 \$1734.00 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

November 8th — 2

November 15th — 3*

November 22nd — 1

November 29th — 2 *denotes Communion Sunday

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme Remembering the saints who have gone before.

Voters' meeting The Voters will meet after a short Bible Class today. At this meeting the 2016 budget will be presented for adoption.

Food Drive for WLS Donations are being accepted for our annual Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary food drive. Please see the list of things needed on the bulletin board in the entry way.

Midweek Bible Class Our midweek Bible class continues this Wednesday looking at "Dealing with the sins of society."

Stewardship Letter Please don't leave to day without a letter from Pastor about our upcoming stewardship bible Class being held next Sunday and the Sunday after. It's important that as many members as possible attend these classes.

Next Sunday Worship – 9am; Council Meeting 10:15

OUR PATH OF WORSHIP

"The Common Service"
PREPARATION p.10

Opening Hymn: #552
v. 1, 22, 3

Confession of Sins: **p. 15**

Prayer and Praise: **p. 16-17**

THE WORD

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Closing Hymn: #551

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