THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 5th, 2018

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 worshiping 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: Exodus 16:2-15

"Know that the Lord is God." That is always the point of God's invisible hand giving visible blessings, that we may see behind them nothing but the power of God and the grace of the Savior.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 145, on page 119 in your Hymnal

The Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:17-24

With Christ and in Christ there is new life sustained outwardly and inwardly by Christ. Or don't you notice the difference? It's never a waste of time or effort to ask ourselves about that. Is your attitude different? Do you see a new life in Christ? Does anyone else see it in you? To what extent is the nurture of that new life a priority? To what extent are you eager that others see that it is new in you and your first priority?

Verse of the day: Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia. (John 14:23)

The Gospel Reading: John 6:24-35

Jesus' miracle was a sign pointing to the truth that he is the Son of God and the Savior. As such he has power to satisfy the needs of the body; but he always does it to remind us that the greater satisfaction is the food for the soul that gives eternal refreshment.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon: John 6:24-35

Theme: Are you here for food that spoils or food that lasts?

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, July 29th was 31. 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 \$1535.00 for the work of his church.

"Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God!"

GOD'S PEOPLE GROWING AND SERVING

<u>Usher/Altar Guild Schedule</u>

August 12th — 2

August 19th — 3

August 26th — 1

Cleaning Crew for this week (2/2): Sharon Borchers, Pat Seelow, Bert Sweet

NEWS AND NOTES

<u>Today's Theme</u> God's generosity in material blessings reminds us of his greater generosity in spiritual blessings.

Council Meeting The council will meet next Sunday after the service.

<u>Church Picnic Sign up</u> Please see the sign up sheet in the entry way to indicate your plans to attend the church picnic on Sunday, August 19th.

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

OUR PATH OF WORSHIP

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