

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 16th, 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: 1 Kings 19:3-8

The flight of Elijah takes place just after his greatest success on the mountain of sacrifice. As usual the visible demonstration of God's power had only a temporary and limited affect on those who saw it. Even Elijah soon forgot the proof of God's presence with him in that demonstration of power. What can restore his confidence? Only the Word!

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 34, p. 80 in your Hymnal

The Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

It is when we fail to grasp that the living Bread from heaven is everything and are deceived into thinking that the temporal is more important, it is then that we become bitter, frustrated, angry, greedy and grasping. For we never have enough of the visible and always see someone else who has more and deserves it less. But when we have everything because we have Christ and his grace, Christ and his forgiveness, Christ and his providential care, then we can afford and will eagerly strive to imitate him.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (Hebrews 11:1)

The Gospel Reading: John 6:41-51

The Jews rejected the ultimate bread from heaven whose person, whose coming, whose dying, whose rising again is the only nourishment that matters.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon: Ephesians 4:30-32

Theme: A forgiving heart

1. Is filled with the Holy Spirit
2. Is motivated by Christ.

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, August 9th was 62. 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 \$1825.00 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

August 23 — 3

August 30 — 1 *denotes Communion Sunday

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme The importance to respond to God's generosity with gratitude to him especially for his spiritual blessings

Midweek Bible Class Our midweek Bible Class Continues this Wednesday at 10am We are continuing the book of 2 Samuel.

Church Picnic Our church picnic is being held this afternoon at Wallace Park on the Au Sable River in the Village of Roscommon.

New members Today we welcome into our membership Katie Florios. We pray that God would bless her fellowship with us today and always! Welcome Katie!

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

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WORSHIP

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THE WORD

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Closing Hymn: #358

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