THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 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.

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God speaks to us from the Scriptures:

#### The First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is personified. Christ is that wisdom. Wisdom is much more than mere knowledge or skill. Wisdom is that attribute of God which is Christ and which is revealed in Christ and which Christ imparts as we eat his flesh by faith and live.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1, found on page 64 in your hymnal.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful! The days are evil. Only the wise recognize it and know how to triumph over the evil that would drag them down into hell itself. How do we triumph over the evil and rejoice while doing it? We stay close to the source of wisdom and to the power contained in the Word.

**The Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)

### The Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

How can this be? It is the natural response to every doctrine in the Bible and most importantly, with the chief doctrines of the Bible. Jesus knows that very well. He even delights in it. And so he tells us things in his Word that by ourselves we would never believe. Then, by his telling it, the mighty Word overcomes us. God made flesh for us feeds us with himself given for the life of the world! Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week: Sermon: John 6:51-58 Come and Eat!

### STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Worship service attendance for Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> was 58. 42 received the comfort of Holy Communion. 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 \$1439.00 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

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 \*denotes Communion Sunday

 NEWS AND NOTES

**Today's Theme** Only by the Holy Spirit can we grasp the truth of the Gospel.

<u>New members</u> Today we welcome into our membership Penny Krumnauer. We pray that God would bless her fellowship with us today and always! Welcome Penny!

**Wedding** Suzy Snyder and Dan Stewart will be united in marriage this afternoon at 1pm here at church. Though it will be a simple ceremony, you are invited to come and share in their joy if you so desire. We pray that God would bless their marriage today and always!

<u>Midweek Bible Class</u> Our midweek Bible class has finished the book of Samuel and will break until the end of September.

<u>**Church Website**</u> Our new website is up and running, though some of the content has not been added yet. You may find it at <u>www.sotlwels.com</u>.

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

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