

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 30th, 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: Joshua 24:1,2a, 14-18

We want to answer with Peter in the gospel lesson. We want to answer as well with Joshua and with the children of Israel at Joshua's farewell. Those answers were right answers. But both the history of Peter and the history of Israel demonstrate that such an answer once given isn't necessarily an answer given once and for all. Peter forgot the answer and denied his Lord. Many of the children of Israel soon turned their back on the Lord and forgot his grace in favor of the gods of this world. What is your answer today?

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 71, page 92 in your Hymnal

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Here is a doctrine that moves many in our day to forget the goodness and grace of the Lord and to go away. But notice the context in which the distinction in the roles of husband and wife is placed; it is rooted in a far greater mystery and doctrine, the doctrine of the mystical body of Christ.

Seasonal Response: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire for your love. Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69

The stumbling block thrown in his path by the rationalism of many in the crowd does not move Jesus to soften the message. Instead he repeats it with emphasis. Through their own fault many of the hearers, yes, even one of the Twelve, refuse to bend their thinking to his Word.

Applying God's Word in our lives this week:

Sermon: John 6:60-69

Theme: This is a hard teaching.

Who can accept it?

Where else can we go?

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Worship service attendance for Sunday, August 23rd 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 \$1594.00 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

September 6th — 2

September 13th — 3

September 20th — 1

September 27th — 2

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme To go against what our human intellect tells us is right and true is something we must do in every stage of life.

Circuit Meeting Pastor will be attending the monthly Circuit meeting on Tuesday. This month the meeting is in Lincoln.

Circuit Pastors Meeting Pastor will be attending the meeting of all our Michigan District circuit pastors this Thursday in Livonia.

Constituion and Bylaws The revised Constitution and bylaws are available on the table in the entryway. Voting members are asked to please sign on the sheet next to the box.

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

**OUR PATH OF
WORSHIP**

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THE WORD

Joshua 24:1,2a, 14-18

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Ephesian 5:15-20

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