

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 6th, 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.

God speaks to us from the Scriptures:

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-9

God is serious about all of his Word, both the law and the gospel. Those who only take God's gifts seriously soon lose those gifts as a consequence of despising his commands.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 119c, p. 111 in your Hymnal

The Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

There is a life-and-death struggle going on with us, as Satan strives with all his might to pull us back into sin and unbelief. The only help that avails in that life-and-death struggle is the help of God's own Word, the covering of the gospel and the confidence of faith which comes from it.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (Jeremiah 15:15)

The Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Those who refuse to take God's law seriously prove thereby that their hearts are still unclean and separated from God. The sin that begins in the heart will not agree to stay there; it will look for ways to get out and express itself. The Pharisees should have recognized that happening in their own hearts: their hearts harbored hatred for Jesus which yearned for expression in acts that ended in murder during Holy Week.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon: Ephesians 6:10-20

Theme: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty strength.

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 30th was 27. 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 \$1474.00 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 13th — 3

September 20th — 1*

September 27th — 2

*denotes Communion Sunday

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme The Christian striving to avoid what is evil is guided by God's word to salvation.

Eileen will be downstate this Sunday and next taking care of some medical issues. Please keep her in your prayers. We will be using Hymnsoft in her absence.

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

**OUR PATH OF
WORSHIP**

“The Common Service”

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Opening Hymn: #462

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THE WORD

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Ephesians 6:10-20

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THE SACRAMENT

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Closing Hymn: #455

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