THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 27th, 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Out of love for his people to save them from destruction, Jeremiah faithfully followed the Word of the Lord in his preaching of woe to those who abandoned that Word.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 31, on page 77 in your hymnal

The Epistle Reading: James 3:13-18

Gentleness and unselfish service are virtues that imitate Christ's own perfect gentleness and unselfish service to us. Where those virtues are found among God's people, there the gospel of righteousness from him is sown in peace for the everlasting peace of those who hear it.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia! My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia! 2 Corinthians 12:9

The Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

Just when Jesus wants most to shun popularity and outward success, the disciple want most to pursue it. He wants the cross for them and their salvation. They want the crown, not for him but for themselves. Oh how desperately we need our Savior!

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon: Mark 9:30-37

Theme: Who are you serving?

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

Worship service attendance for Sunday, September 20th was 36. 31 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 \$827.00 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 30 — 1 *denotes Communion Sunday

NEWS AND NOTES

<u>Today's Theme</u> We are called to reflect God's great love for us to those around us.

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

<u>Midweek Bible Class</u> Our midweek Bible class has resumes this Wednesday at 10 am. We will begin our study of "Dealing with the sins of society."

Please pick up your October calendar before you leave today. There is a fellowship potluck scheduled for Thursday October 8th beginning at 6pm.

Pastor will be out of town next Saturday — Tuesday serving as circuit pastor on Sunday in Sault Ste. Marie followed by Pastors' conference on Monday and Tuesday in Williamston.

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

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