

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 18th, 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: Amos 5:6,7,10-15

Already in this life God gives hints and foretastes of his judgment when he frustrates the plans of the one who lives only for this life and whose whole conduct is according to the standard of: "What's in it for me."

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 90, on page 99 in your hymnal

How foolish to live only for this life. It flies away in an instant. But eternity is forever. It is wisdom therefore to live with eternity in view, mindful of the final verdict of God over our life.

The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 3:1-6

Christ has chosen us to be members of his household. As we prepare for judgment, let us hold fast to him and his saving work as the faithful Son and builder of his house, the Church.

Verse of the Day: Alleluia! This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation! Alleluia! Isaiah 25:9

The Gospel Reading: Mark 10:17-27

Jesus crushes all self-righteousness and pride as he points out that all of us – not just the rich – fail to love God alone. Thanks be to God that he makes the impossible possible and has made us righteous in Christ!

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon: Hebrews 3:1-6

Theme: Fix your thoughts on Christ, our source of courage and hope!

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, October 11th was 39. 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 \$1541.67 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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NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme God's gift of material blessings in their proper context.

Midweek Bible Class We will continue our study of "Dealing with the sins of Society" this Wednesday at 10am.

Voters meeting The voters will meet Sunday, November 1st, after the service. The 2016 budget will be submitted for approval.

Guest Preacher Pastor Seelow will be preaching for the Mission Festival at St. Paul's, Saginaw next Sunday. Pastor William Brassow from St. Paul's will be here in his place. This is another opportunity to show our brothers in sisters who have supported us so generously where their offerings have gone and how the Lord has used them to bless us.

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

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WORSHIP**

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Closing Hymn: #438

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