

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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.

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**God speaks to us from the Scriptures:**

**The First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

*Do you think it an impossible thing that God could make much of what appears to be nothing? He set the paradigm in his own Son. There is that baby in Bethlehem. There is that dying criminal on the cross. Nothing in the eyes of the world and less than nothing, he reigns from the tree. Yet all who have real life and life eternal find their refuge, their nourishment, their beauty, their life, their all, in none other.*

**The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 92**, p. 101 in your Hymnal

**The Second Reading: Colossians 1:3-8**

*The power of the Word is hidden, mysterious, secret. But its fruits should not be. It is only because of that hope hidden and given in the gospel that we see all things visible, not as ends in themselves, but as means, as tools for expressing outwardly the faith that is hidden within.*

**The Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)

**The Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34**

*Where are you in this barren field, and where are you as a parched acre on that field? Has the seed taken root? Has it triumphed over obstacles and sprouted? Is it still very young and tender? Is it finally useful in service? Every time you see a plant growing, be reminded of questions like these.*

**Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:**

**Sermon: Mark 4:26-34**

Theme: The Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of Power and Comfort

**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, June 10<sup>th</sup> was 41. 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 \$1095.32 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**

June 24<sup>th</sup> — 1

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Today's Theme** The work of the gospel is invisible, but real.

**Meditations** The new *Meditations* are in. You'll find them on the table in the entry way.

**Ladies Meeting** The Ladies are scheduled to meet next Sunday after the Worship service.

**Buccilli's** Join us at Buccilli's this Tuesday evening at 4:30pm. Tuesday is Buccilli's pizza and salad buffet, but you can also order off the menu.

**Next Sunday** Worship – 9am/Ladies' Meeting – 10:15am

**OUR PATH OF  
WORSHIP**

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**THE WORD**

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