

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 19th, 2016

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: Genesis 39:6b-12,16-23

Is faithfulness to Christ worth the trouble it brings? Under daily pressure, Joseph knew the struggle of contemplating that question. When confronted with the blatant seduction of evil, he boldly confessed his obedience to the Lord only to find himself wrongly imprisoned.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 22, on page 71 in your hymnal

The Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:24-26

Is faithfulness worth the trouble it brings? For Moses, faithfulness meant giving up power, riches, and pleasure. But he knew the Hope of Israel and regarded this disgrace for the sake of Christ to be worth more than all the treasures of Egypt.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia. (Galatians 4:6)

The Gospel Reading: Luke 9:18-24

In a private moment, Jesus offers the disciples an opportunity to confess their faith. They confess Jesus as "the Christ of God."

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Text: John 15:26-27

Theme: Be who God has made you to be in Christ!

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 12th was 31. 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 \$1560.00 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

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NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme Is faithfulness to Christ worth the trouble it brings?

Midweek Bible Class meets Wednesday at 10am.

Next Sunday Worship – 9am; Bible Class — 10:15

OUR PATH OF WORSHIP

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Opening Hymn: #469

Confession of Sins: **p. 26**

Prayer and Praise: **p. 27-29**

THE WORD

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The Sermon

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Closing Hymn: #454

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