### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 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.

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

The First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

The Lord has nourished and comforted the faithful with his message of peace. It is our privilege to witness this kingdom work and rejoice with all Israel in the comfort that has come to our hearts.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 66, on page 90 in your hymnal

The Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:10-20

Christians supporting the work of the Gospel offer a fragrant offering and an acceptable sacrifice to God. Paul acknowledges with joy the generosity of the Philippian congregation.

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. (Luke 8:15) Alleluia

#### The Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

Jesus sends out the seventy-two to proclaim peace to the people. But they go empty handed. In this way, God's people are given the opportunity to respond to God's goodness by sharing all good things with his messengers

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

Sermon: Isaiah 66:10-14

Theme: A Message of Comfort and Peace!

#### **OUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US**

Worship service attendance for Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 37; 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 \$2161.00 for the work of his church.

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.

#### GOD'S PEOPLE GROWING AND SERVING

#### **Usher/Altar Guild Schedule**

July 10<sup>th</sup> — 1 July 17<sup>th</sup> — 2\*

July 24<sup>th</sup> — 3 July 31<sup>st</sup> — 1

\* denotes Communion Sunday

#### **NEWS AND NOTES**

<u>Today's Theme</u> Supporting the gospel ministry is a joy and privilege.

<u>Council Meeting</u> The council will meet next Sunday following Bible Class.

Anniversary service We will have a special service celebrating God's many blessings to us over the last 25 years on August 14th, at 4pm. More details are in the works.

Midweek Bible Class Our MBC will meet this Wednesday at 10 a.m..

Next Sunday Worship – 9am; Bible Class 10:15; Council Meeting 11:00

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