# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 8th, 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 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: Ezekiel 2:1-5

The rejection that Jesus experienced from his own ultimately turned into hatred and bitter hostility. That was the experience of all the apostles and prophets. In fact when there is never any hostility from a rebellious and gainsaying people, either Jesus has changed his mind about persecution or we have joined the rebels!

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 143, on page 118 in your Hymnal

#### The Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Those thorns that God wants to remove God will remove in answer to our earnest prayer and the faithful application of his Word. But some thorns will always remain so that the messenger, whether the messenger is the pastor or the congregation itself, will always have reason to ponder the truth that the success of the gospel is always due to the gospel alone.

**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. Alleluia. (Luke 8:15)

## The Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-6

It is quite bad enough when Jesus is rejected by those who do not know him. But how painful to him, so much so that in his state of humiliation he is amazed by it, when those who should have been first to recognize him instead reject him.

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

Sermon text: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

When I am weak, then am I strong.

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

Worship service attendance for Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> was 46. 36 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 \$1659.00 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**

July 15 -1\*July 22 -2July 29 -3 \*denotes Communion Sunday

### **NEWS AND NOTES**

<u>Today's Theme</u> Jesus preserves our faith in the Word by the Word.

<u>Church Picnic</u> Our church Picnic this year will be held on Sunday, August 19th. The location will likely be one of the parks around Higgins Lake. More information will follow soon. Mark your calendars and, hope to see you there!

**Installation** This afternoon Seminary Graduate Philip Loescher will be ordained and installed at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Cadillac at 4pm. While it's likely too far for anyone to attend from SotL, please keep Pastor Loescher and his congregation in your prayers!

**<u>Voters Meeting</u>** The Voters will meet after the service.

Next Sunday Worship —9am

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# WORSHIP

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#### THE WORD

Ezekiel 2:1-3:4

#### **Psalm 143, page 118**

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

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Mark 6:1-6

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