

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 15th, 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.

God speaks to us from the Scriptures:

The First Reading: Amos 17:10-15

Amos faithful proclaims an unpleasant message in an unpopular time. In faith he trusts that the God who called him to deliver such a message will be faithful whether the message is accepted or rejected.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 78, p. 95 in your Hymnal

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

What is the impetus and inspiration to do what Jesus sent his disciples to do and what Amos did? The grand impulse is in the gifts of the gospel received by those thus sent. They have been predestined in God's providence. And they will not despair as they share the message of God's Word.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. (Deuteronomy 30:14)

The Gospel Reading: Mark 6:7-13

In the forefront of those sharing the Savior by sharing his Word are those that he has specifically called into that office. What should we expect of them? We should expect that they are ready for some to receive and some to reject that word.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Sermon: Amos 7:10-17

Theme: An unpleasant message in an unpopular time

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, July 8th was 46. 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 \$1139.00 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 22 — 2
July 29 — 3

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme Those who have the Savior in his Word share him by sharing the Word.

Buccilli's Pizza We will again be meeting at Buccilli's in Houghton Lake this Tuesday evening at 4:30. Please let pastor know if you will be joining us so he can make an accurate reservation. Thank you!

Pastor out of Town Pastor Seelow will be going on a vacation to Wisconsin at the end of this week and the first half of the next week. If you should need to speak to him, feel free to call his cell - 989-324-7162.

July Newsletter The July Newsletter is in your mailbox.

Next Sunday Worship – 9am

OUR PATH OF WORSHIP

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THE WORD

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Closing Hymn: #456

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