

PENTECOST
May 20th, 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.

God speaks to us from the Scriptures:

The First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The breath of God is active and life-giving. How and where is he active in giving life? Where the Word is proclaimed exactly as he gave it. Ezekiel preaches only what God told him to preach, even when preaching to dry bones. The whole of humanity is nothing but dry bones until God breathes his Word on them. He does it still when and where his Word is proclaimed and not apart from it.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 51b, printed on page 87 in your hymnal.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

The promised Holy Spirit of God is poured out on the people at Pentecost. Faith is created. The people believe.

The Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia

The Gospel Reading: John 14:25-27

The Spirit comes forth from the Father and the Son. He is the Paraclete, the one called to be at our side. He is the breath of God whose holy work makes us holy by teaching us his Word and thus bringing Christ to us and us to Christ.

Applying God's Word to our Lives this Week:

Text: John 14:25-27

Theme: The Holy Spirit teaches us and gives us peace.

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, May 13th was 38. 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 \$1464.00 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

May 27 — 3

Cleaning Crew this Week 1/2: Sharon Krumnauer and Kerry Schultz

NEWS AND NOTES

Today's Theme The Holy Spirit is poured out on Pentecost.

Midweek Bible Class will continue this Wednesday at 10am.

Council Meeting The Council will meet following Bible Class today.

Next Sunday Worship – 9am;

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WORSHIP**

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