

**THE DAY OF PENTECOST**  
**May 15<sup>th</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 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.

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

**The First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9**

*God confused the language of the people in order to bring about his will to fill the earth.*

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

**The Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-21**

*The Christ-promised coming of the Holy Spirit reverses the confusion of Babel as the disciples are given the gift of speaking in tongues. The timidity of the Twelve dissolves in fiery witnessing to the Truth. What began in the streets of Jerusalem, is even now carried to the ends of the earth.*

**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 15:26-27**

*The Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son to testify to the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*

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

**Text: John 15:26-27**

**Theme: A Pentecost in Your Heart**

1. The Spirit bears witness to Christ
2. We must do the same.

**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, April 10<sup>th</sup> was 40. 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 \$2244.00 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 22nd — 3

May 29th — 1

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Today's Theme** The Holy Spirit strengthens the disciples and us.

**Midweek Bible Class** meets Wednesday at 10am.

**New Sunday Bible Class** We'll be shifting gears with Bible Class for the summer months. Starting today we will be using a topical study of the Lutheran Catechism called "19 minutes with Luther." Beginning Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday School will break for the summer.

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

**OUR PATH OF WORSHIP**

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**PREPARATION p.10**

**Opening Hymn: #176**

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**THE WORD**

Genesis 11:1-9

**Psalm 51b, page 87**

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27

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**Hymn of the Day: #184**

The Sermon

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The Offering

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