

# LOVE

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## LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND

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It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but  
• *rejoices with the truth* •

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**IT ALWAYS PROTECTS,**  
*always trusts, always hopes,*  
**ALWAYS PERSEVERES.**

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I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7



*Alleluia*

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

May 18 and 19, 2019

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway and down the hall to the left.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the narthex or room ("Shepherds Nook") located down the hall from the narthex. This room has a television showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

**Today's theme:** Having come from God and now preparing to return to God, Jesus gives his disciples the command to love one another. Disciples of Jesus are marked by their love for each other. For it is a reflection of the same love our now glorified Savior has for us.

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## An Explanation of Our Communion Practice

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper, or Holy Communion. This is marked as "The Sacrament" in the worship folder. While some churches invite all who are present to receive the Sacrament ("open communion"), we follow the Biblical and historic Christian practice of "close communion".

What does this mean? We invite all who are members of our congregation (Good Shepherd Lutheran) or visitors who belong to our WELS fellowship to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you have no church membership or belong to a different fellowship, faith, or even a different Lutheran church body (e.g. ELCA, LCMS, etc.), we ask that you please refrain from communing with us for now.

In asking this, we in no way mean to judge your faith or imply that you are not a Christian or "not good enough for us"! Rather, it is because God's Word teaches us to regard Communion as an outward expression of unity in *all* areas of the faith (*see 1 Corinthians 10:17*). In other words, when we commune together, we are confessing publicly that we are all one in what we believe and profess (*all* the teachings of God's Word, not just a few basics).

For those who haven't had a chance to check out all that we teach and believe and declare their unity with us by joining our congregation, we look forward to informing you about what we believe and teach before you enjoy the Lord's Supper with us. We want you to feel comfortable with what we confess, and want you to enjoy the beauty of a deep unity in the faith.

There are other reasons for "close communion" as well:

- While God's Word promises that in the Lord's Supper we receive the beautiful gifts of Jesus' body and blood and forgiveness, it also warns that any communicant who does not recognize that the body and blood of Christ really are present in the Sacrament may bring spiritual harm on himself or herself (*see 1 Corinthians 11:27-29*). It wouldn't be loving for us to let that happen — as it might if we offered the Sacrament to all, even to those who may not understand what is involved.
- Scripture also requires that each communicant examine himself or herself spiritually (*1 Corinthians 11:28*) before receiving the Lord's body and blood together with the bread and wine. There are many who are not able to do that due to their youth, lack of instruction, or other reasons.

We believe that it is out of obedience to our Lord and his Word and out of loving concern for everyone present that we practice "close communion." We hope that you understand and we trust that you will respect our practice. We look forward to any opportunity we may have in the future to share with you the Bible's teachings about Communion, our beliefs as a church, and to establish unity together and to commune together. We are grateful to have you worship with us, and long to grow in the Word together!

# We Come into God's Presence

**Prelude:** "Alleluia! Jesus Lives" (*by L.M. Lindeman, arranged by Valerie Floeter*)

Flute: Erin Arndt

Accompanist: Heidi Rusch

## Confession of Sins

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.


**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.


**C: Amen.**

## Prayer and Praise


M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C:   
C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C:   
C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C:   
C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C:   
C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

M: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:

C: A - men.



# We Listen to Easter Joy

**First Reading:** Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup>He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

**"Connecting Through Christ" Small Group Choir:** #369 "Beautiful Savior"  
*(Choir sings verses 1-2, Congregation sings verses 3-4)*

*Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.*

*Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.*

**C: Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be thine!**

## **Second Reading:** John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup>"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup>"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

### **Small Group Choir:** "If You Love Me"

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Director: Casey Kippes

Accompanist: Jan Henriksen

*If you love me,  
keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another Comforter,  
that he may bide with you forever;  
Ev'n the spirit of truth.*

### **Children's Message**

## Hymn of the Day: #141 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
 2 Might - y Vic - tim from the sky,  
 3 Now no more can death ap - pall,  
 4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy!  
 5 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give,



Praise to our vic - to - rious King,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs be - neath you lie.  
 Now no more the grave en - thrall;  
 This a - lone can sin de - stroy;  
 Sav - ior, by whose death we live,



Who has washed us in the tide Flow - ing  
 You have con - quered in the fight; You have  
 You have o - pened par - a - dise, And your  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, New - born  
 Spir - it, guide through all our days, Three in



from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 brought us life and light. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th century, abr.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.  
 Tune: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT (77 77 4) *Kirchengeseng*, Ivancice, 1566.

**Sermon:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup>Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup>For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup>And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

# We Respond

## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offering** *(If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)*

## **Offertory: "In Christ Alone"**

Guitar: Clint Daehnke

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Prayer of Gratitude for 35 years of Ministry for Ellen Zank**

M: Lord Jesus, Shepherd of our souls, we come before you as those who have been called to be the sheep and lambs of your flock.

**C: We give you thanks that as our Good Shepherd you were willing to lay down your life for your sheep.**

M: How loving you are, Lord Jesus, not only did you give your life for us, but to this very day you nourish our souls with the life-giving message of your Word.

**C: We thank you for the Holy Scriptures which make us wise to salvation.**

M: Again, we see your love, Lord Jesus, that you not only provide us with your Holy Word, but also with teachers who share your word with our children, teaching them to understand it and apply it to their lives.

**C: Good Shepherd, thank you for your gift of Christian teachers who are called to feed your lambs.**

M: This day we especially thank you for the gift of our teacher, Ellen Zank. How blessed we are by her ministry.

**C: Dear Jesus, thank you for our teacher who cares about our children and prays for them.**

M: Thank you for the Christian service our congregation receives from her as our Lutheran Elementary School teacher.

**C: Thank you for all the gifts and talents you have given her.**

M: Lord, thank you for the patience you have given her and thank you for the joys that have filled her thirty-five years of ministry.

C: **Continue to bless her as you have in the past. Help us to be a blessing to her.**

M: Let each of us encourage her and, Lord, help us to give her the honor and respect she deserves as your servant; in Jesus name.

C: **Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

M: Hear us, O Father, for the sake of him who is the firstborn of the dead and is now alive forevermore, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. It is in his name that we bring this and every prayer to you, just as he taught:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### The Sacrament *(also found on page 33 in the red pew hymnal)*

M: The Lord be with you.



C: **And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts



C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



## Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

## Distribution Hymn: #391 “God Loved the World So that He Gave”



1 God loved the world so that he gave His on - ly  
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die— His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives the  
5 When you are sick, when death draws near, This truth your



Son the lost to save That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in  
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by  
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus saves my



him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word does teach How we the bless - ed goal may reach.  
Je - sus' blood; Bap - tized, you are a child of God.  
soul from death— This is the an - chor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

Text: *Heiliges Lippen . . . Gesangbuch*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
Tune: ST. CRISPIN (LM) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

## The Lord's Blessing

M: Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may he preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God's people say, "Amen!"

C: **Amen!**

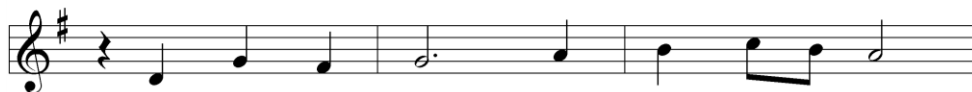
M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

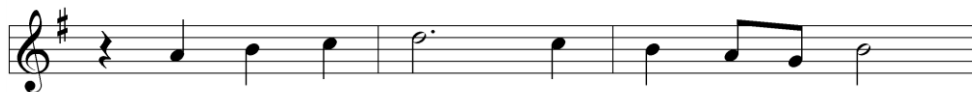
## Closing Hymn: #498 "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"



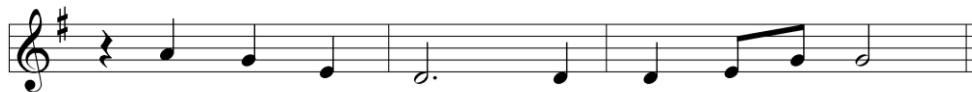
1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire  
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess  
3 Come, Spir - it, come; our hearts con - trol.



And have the gift to all in - spire  
And, striv - ing so, my love pro - fess  
Our spir - its long to be made whole.



And have not love, my words are vain—  
But not be giv'n by love with - in,  
Let in - ward love guide ev - 'ry deed;



As sound - ing brass— and hope - less gain.  
The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
By this we wor - ship and are freed.

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## Serving at Worship

**Pastor:** Jon Bergemann  
**Organist:** Joan Richmond  
**Pianist:** Paula Danekas

### Ushers

05/18	5:30 pm	Dave Morgan
05/19	8:00 am	Rick & Luke Bauman
	10:30 am	Randy Weaver & Dale Graefnitz
05/26	8:00 am	Paul Kippes & Ed Boron
	10:30 am	Bill Merchantz & Daniel John

### Greeters

05/19	8:00 am	Steve Danekas
	10:30 am	Rick Brands
05/26	8:00 am	Andy Rush
	10:30 am	Greg Busse

### Altar Care

05/19	Aggie Rardin & Joan Richmond
06/03	Debbie O'Malley & Michal Meek

### Coffee Schedule

05/19	Kathy Paradis & Carol Miller
05/26	Pam Junkunc & Doris Holcomb

### Folding Schedule

05/19	Joan Richmond
05/26	Sherrie & Jay Norco

### Communion Assistant Schedule

05/19	8:00 am	Todd Paradis & Dave Roekle
	10:30 am	Ken Jordan & Doug Semenske
06/02	8:00 am	Rick Brands & Dave Rardin
	10:30 am	Doug Semenske & John Roland

### Live Stream Team

Sun	8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Greg Busse

## Announcements

### Welcome!

We give a warm welcome to everyone at worship. We are glad that you are here and invite you to return again to celebrate our living Lord. Visit us at 525 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Downers Grove, contact us at 630-852-1519 or check us out on the web at [www.gsdg.org](http://www.gsdg.org)

### Celebrating 35 Years of Service – Miss Ellen Zank

Miss Ellen Zank graduated from Dr. Martin Luther College in 1984. She was assigned to teach at Salem in Loretto, MN where she served for six years. She then took a call and served St. John's in Baraboo, WI for nine years before accepting the call to teach Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Good Shepherd in 1999. Miss Zank has now served faithfully at Good Shepherd for 20 years! During her time with us she has served as athletic director and continues to coordinate the Peewee/Junior Soccer Tournament in the fall and Field Day in the spring and assist with Vacation Bible School.

A few quotes from Miss Zank:

*"My favorite memories are just remembering the many people, both young and old, that I have been blessed to know, teach, serve with and worship with throughout the years!"*

*"My favorite part about teaching is getting to share the great love of Jesus our Savior every day during Christ Light and throughout the day in all different subject areas. Christ centered teaching and learning is a wonderful blessing!"*

*"I will never forget my very first day of teaching 1st and 2nd grade at Salem, Loretto, MN. a rural school surrounded by farmers' fields about 25 miles west of Minneapolis. There I was sitting on a chair and all the children were sitting on the carpeted area right in front of me so we could get better acquainted. They are all staring at me waiting patiently and even though they didn't say a word, I knew their big, bright, questioning eyes were asking, "What are we going to do now?" I remember smiling as I'm looking at all these little faces and thinking, "Wow, now I really have to do this!" I quickly prayed to the Lord for help and guidance and I survived my first day, that has now become 35 years. I am thankful, the Lord is faithful."*

We thank Ms. Zank for her faithful service to the Lord for 35 years! We ask for God's continued blessings as she serves the lambs of Good Shepherd.

### Celebration of Ellen Zank's 35 Years in the Teaching Ministry

Please join us on Sunday, May 19th as we celebrate Ellen Zank's 35 years in the teaching ministry! In between services there will be cake and coffee in the Narthex. Thank you to Ellen for her continued service to our Lord and school!

### Appreciation for Continued Beautification of Property

Thank you to Karen Bassler, Laurie and David Bowen, Beth DuFore, and Debbie O'Malley for coordination and planting of flowers and Canna Lily bulbs this month and tree pruning work.

In thankfulness for the Christian education received, the 8th graders of Good Shepherd Lutheran School planted a Norway Spruce tree. Planting a tree or shrub is an annual tradition that takes place on Arbor Day in which the entire school and volunteer parents help clean up and spread mulch around the property.

In God's name we plant. Property Committee

“,,,see how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.” Matthew 6:28

“I went down to the grove of nut trees to look at the new growth in the valley, to see if the vines had budded or the pomegranates were in bloom.” Song of Solomon 6:11

### **Change for Life for New Beginnings**

If you did not get a baby bottle on Mother's Day or if you could use another bottle, there are extra bottles available in the Narthex. Bottles are to be returned on Father's Day, June 16<sup>th</sup>. **All bottles must be returned as they are on loan to us.** If you would like to return your bottle early, there is a box in the Narthex for that purpose. Any checks should be made out to Good Shepherd with "Change for Life" or "New Beginnings" on the memo line. Ideally you should put your checks or bills in a baby bottle. However, as an alternative, you may put the check in an envelope, write "Change for Life" or New Beginnings" on the outside of envelope, and put it in the lock box in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Doris Holcomb (630) 355-2487. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of moms and children at New Beginnings!

### **LWMS National Election**

Ladies, you are invited to vote in the LWMS national board member election. Information and ballots can be found by the LWMS tri-fold display in the narthex. Ballots are due May 19th. Please make sure you get your vote in this weekend! If you have any questions please contact Kristina John 630-649-3495, [kmkjscp@gmail.com](mailto:kmkjscp@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **Watering Crew**

We are looking for several volunteers to be on the team that keeps the beautiful pots of flowers watered this season. Please contact Debbie O'Malley. 630-309-2526.

### **Marketing Experience Needed**

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is looking to expand its community presence and outreach so more families are aware that our wonderful school is an option for their kids. We are seeking an individual with a heart for marketing to help with this endeavor. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Roekle at [david.roekle@gsdg.org](mailto:david.roekle@gsdg.org).

### **Grace-Hmong outreach in Vietnam – Mission Offering Update**

WELS members have offered our Savior more than \$1 million toward the \$2 million goal to fund the land purchase, building construction, and the first two years of operational costs for the theological education center in Hanoi, Vietnam. Thank you for your support of this amazing mission opportunity! This funding will allow WELS to purchase the land and complete construction. Additional funds are still needed to furnish the facility and pay for the initial two years of operational costs. Please continue to support this opportunity with your prayers and financial gifts. Learn more at [wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach](http://wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach).

\*\*Just to note, WELS asks that we not share the dollar amount raised anywhere online- website or Facebook so as not to interfere with upcoming construction negotiations.\*\*

### **Vacation Bible School Registration is Open**

Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open. Join us June 17-21. We will be meeting each day from 9:00 am-11:30 am.

- Bible Truths, Games, Songs, Crafts, Snacks

Invite a friend to join you. We look forward to seeing you!

*CALENDAR*

**TODAY**

8:00 am      Worship w/communion  
9:20 am      Adult Bible Study /  
                    BLAST Sunday school  
10:30 am     Worship Service w/communion  
11:30 am     Boy Pioneers  
12:00 pm     Girl Pioneers

**MONDAY 05/20**

7:00 pm      Core Team Meeting  
                    Voters' Meeting

**TUESDAY 05/21**

9:30 am      Women's Bible Study  
6:00 pm      Catechism  
7:15 pm      Adult Choir

**WEDNESDAY 05/22**

**THURSDAY 05/23**

**FRIDAY 05/24**

**SATURDAY 05/25**

**SUNDAY 05/26**

Preschool Graduation & Last Day of Pre-K  
5:30 pm      Worship  
8:00 am      Worship Service  
9:20 am      Adult Bible Study /**BLAST Sunday School**  
10:30 am     Worship Service

**SAVE THE DATE**

Monday May 27

Tuesday May 28

Thursday May 30

No School K-8<sup>th</sup>  
2:30 pm      Spring Band Concert  
10:30 am     Class of 2019 Will & Prophecy  
11:30 am     Early Dismissal  
7:00 pm      Graduation

Friday May 31

Sunday June 2

June 17-21

June 20

10:00 am     PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic  
Confirmation Sunday  
Vacation Bible School  
7:00 pm      MCC Meeting

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