

Good Shepherd Sunday



May 11 and 12, 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.

Acknowledgements

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The Season of Easter: Many people think of Easter as a day. But it is really a season – a season in which God’s people celebrate and soak in what Jesus’ resurrection means for their lives now and forever. Therefore we will continue our Easter celebration this morning.

Today’s theme: *Good Shepherd Sunday*. The image of shepherd and sheep are certainly familiar to modern Christians, but do those concepts resonate as deeply for us as they did for the people of God 2,000 years ago?

This is what author George Smith says: “In such a landscape as Judea, where a day’s pasture is thinly scattered over an unfenced tract of country, covered with delusive paths, frequented by wild beasts, and rolling off into the desert, the shepherd and his character are indispensable. On some high moor, across which at night the hyenas howl, when you meet him, sleepless, far-sighted, weather-beaten, armed, leaning on his staff, and looking out over his scattered sheep, every one of them on his heart, you understand why the shepherd of Judea sprang to the front in his people’s history; why they gave his name to their kings; why Christ took him as the type of self-sacrifice.”

On Good Shepherd Sunday we see the selfless love of our Good Shepherd, our Savior Jesus. He is risen indeed!



We Come into God's Presence

Prelude: "There Is A Higher Throne" (by Keith & Kristyn Getty, arr. by Lloyd Larson)

Piano: Paula Danekas

Children and Adult Choir: "He Shall Feed His Flock"

(Words and music by Joseph Martin. © 2001, 2009 Malcom Music. CCLI #11281297)

Director Casey Kippes

Accompanist: Heidi Rusch

*He shall feed His flock. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
and He shall hold them in His arms, close to His heart.*

Refrain: In His arms He will hold them close to His heart.

*All we like sheep have gone astray.
All we like sheep, all we like sheep have turned to our own way.
We have turned to our own way, turned to our own way.*

*He shall feed, shall feed His flock like a shepherd;
shall hold them in His arms, His loving arms,
and He shall hold them close to his heart.*

Confession and Absolution

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and
 serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and
 deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our
 sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In
 countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to
 be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have
 mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from
 my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: #436 "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep"

1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, Who your
 2 In your prom - ise firm we stand; None can
 3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your
 4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with
 5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as -

Fa - ther's flock does keep, Safe we wake and
 take us from your hand. Speak— we hear— at
 life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our
 joy will fol - low on Till the work of
 sem - bly of the blest, Gath - ered to e -

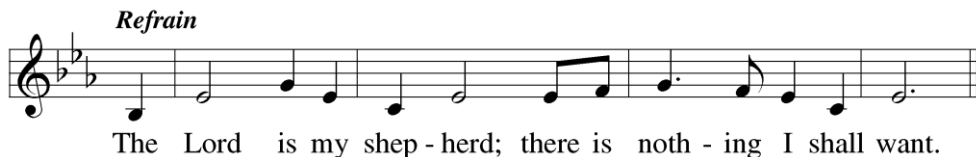
safe we sleep, Guard - ed still by you.
 your com - mand, We will fol - low you.
 feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
 grace is done, There to live with you.
 ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

We Listen to Easter Joy

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:25-31

²⁵“ I will make a covenant of peace with them and rid the land of savage beasts so that they may live in the wilderness and sleep in the forests in safety. ²⁶I will make them and the places surrounding my hill a blessing. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing. ²⁷The trees will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the Lord, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them. ²⁸They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety, and no one will make them afraid. ²⁹I will provide for them a land renowned for its crops, and they will no longer be victims of famine in the land or bear the scorn of the nations. ³⁰Then they will know that I, the Lord their God, am with them and that they, the Israelites, are my people, declares the Sovereign Lord. ³¹You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign Lord.’ ”

Psalms 23 (Sung responsively by verse: Pastor sings the first verse, the congregation sings the second verse, etc. All sing the Refrain and Glory be to the Father.)



M: The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

All: Glory be to the Father and
to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

M: He restores my soul,*
he guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Refrain

C: Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,*
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

M: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

C: Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

"Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will spread his tent over them.

¹⁶Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat upon them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

he will lead them to springs of living water.

And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #375 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Your goodness fails me never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
 Within your house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

Tune: ST. COLUMBA (87 87 Iambic) Irish melody, c. 18th century, alt.

Sermon: John 10:1-10

¹ “I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. ³ The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”



We Respond

The Apostles Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" *(Arranged by Brian Henkelmann)*

Oboe: Anne Boron Piano: Heidi Rusch

Prayer of the Church

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 Lord's Blessing

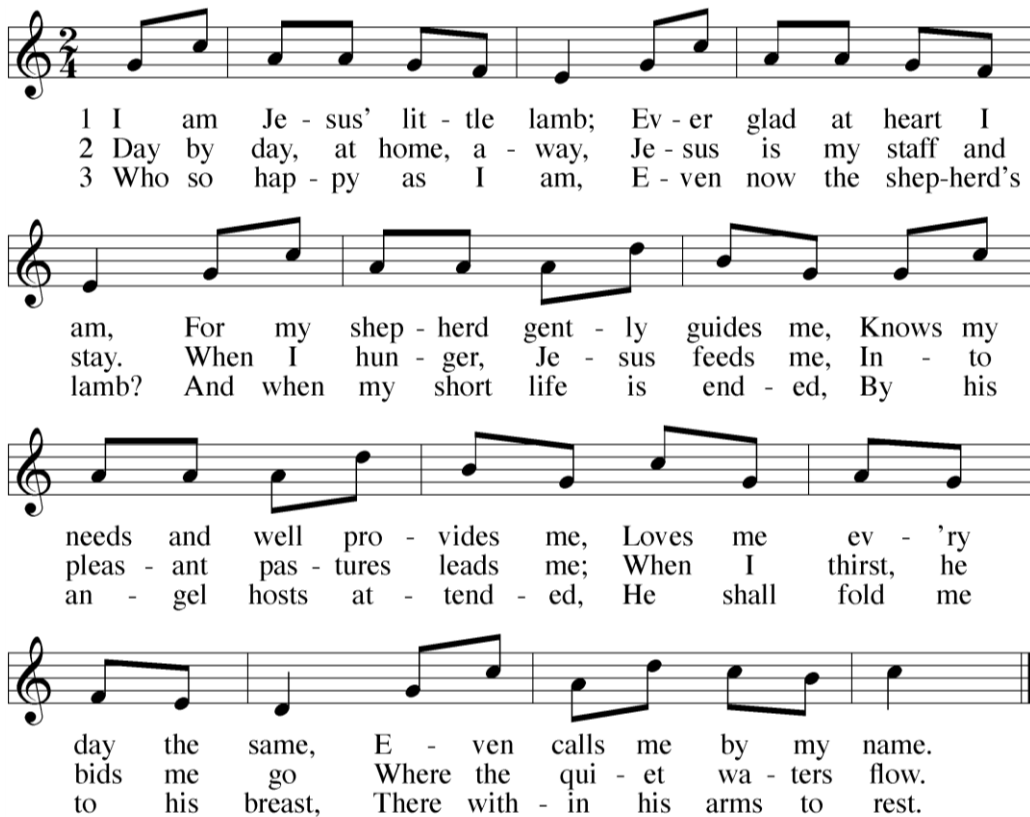
M: Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may he preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus. Let all God's people say, "Amen!"

C: **Amen!**

M: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

Closing Hymn: #432 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep-herd's

am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my
 stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to
 lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his

needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he
 an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) *Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen*, Leipzig, 1784.

Serving at Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann
Organist: Karen D'Aversa

Ushers

05/11	5:30 pm	Ken Hull
05/12	8:00 am	Steve Danekas & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Bob Vicker & Joe Abegg
05/18	5:30 pm	Dave Morgan
05/19	8:00 am	Rick & Luke Bauman
	10:30 am	Randy Weaver & Dale Graefnitz

Greeters

05/12	8:00 am	Diane Buchholz
	10:30 am	Cindy Oard
05/19	8:00 am	Steve Danekas
	10:30 am	Rick Brands

Altar Care

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

Coffee Schedule

05/12	Roxanne Zikis & Lindsey Daehnke
05/19	Kathy Paradis & Carol Miller

Folding Schedule

05/12	Karen Bassler
05/19	Joan Richmond

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 63rd Street, Downers Grove, contact us at 630-852-1519 or check us out on the web at www.gsdcg.org

The Change for Life Program Starts Mother's Day

Our congregation is participating in the Change for Life program to support New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers. Since 1993, New Beginnings has literally been a new beginning for hundreds of mothers and their children. The ministry provides a place for a single mother to live with her child, learn to care for her child, and, most importantly, learn about God and the salvation He provides in Jesus.

On Mother's Day, on the way out of church you will be given a baby bottle from New Beginnings. Put your donation inside the bottle. Coins, bills, and checks are all welcome. If you are writing a check, make it out to Good Shepherd, put "New Beginnings" on the memo line, and put the check in the baby bottle. At the end of the program, Father's Day, June 16, return your bottle to church, where the money will be collected and sent to New Beginnings. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of moms and children at New Beginnings!

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!

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 OMalley. 630-309-2526.

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.

****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.****

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.

Voters' Meeting

All male communicant members over the age of 18 are eligible to become a voting member. If you would like to become a voting member, please contact the Pastor, church President Dean Gerdes or Recording Secretary, Diane Buchholz (dbuchholz1210@gmail.com) with your intention. Your intention must be made prior to the Voters Assembly.

FISH Pantry

The Downers Grove Area FISH pantry is a Christian organization that began 50 years ago providing many all volunteer services to those community members in need of assistance. FISH provides a food and clothing pantry (Mon & Fri 9 to 11am); financial aid towards rent, car repair; and transportation for medical care. No government aid of any sort is accepted, but through the generosity of others. Good Shepherd has a collection box available in the Narthex year round for any canned goods, dry goods and hygiene products.

FISH is located in the Downers Grove Township building at 4340 Prince St 630.964.7776 (24 hr phone line) www.downersgrovefish.org.

Thank you,
Laurie Bowen FISH church representative

Thank You – Easter Flowers

Thanks to the members of Good Shepherd who brought their offering of Easter Flowers to surround the altar on Easter Sunday. The joy of Easter Morning was reflected by your donations.

Fran Piepenbrink

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

The Buy One Get One Book Fair is upon us.

Hours (hosted in Fellowship Hall)

May 10 - 3-3:30 pm

May 12 - Between Services

May 13 -16 7:30-8 am, and 3:00-3:30 pm

May 17 - 7:30-8 am

We are looking for volunteers if you are willing to help before or after school. The 7th and 8th grade students will run the register. We just need adult bodies to help. Contact Rebecca Stiglitz at rstiglitz@gsdg.org.

Spring Band Concert

The school Spring Band Concert will take place on Tuesday, May 28th at 2:30 PM in the church! All are welcome to attend.

Women's Ministry Conference Highlights Being Living Stones

As you come to him, the living Stone-rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him- You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:4-5

The focal point of the upcoming **2019 WELS Women's Ministry Conference**, being held at Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis., July 18-20, is "living stones" and how Christian women are called to be a part of something bigger.

At the end of the conference, Dawn Schulz (conference presenter) hopes women walk away feeling more confident in their purpose as a part of God's spiritual house. She says, "This conference is going to nurture women in God's Word, encourage them by bringing them together with other Christian sisters, and equip them with resources."

For more information on the Women's Ministry Conference and to register, visit wels.net/wmconference.

Questions? Call or Text Lonnie Weaver at 209-617-2416 or email lonnie_weaver@yahoo.com

Spring Choir Concert

Voices of Peace, a ministry partner with Zion Lutheran Church in Crete and chamber choir, is holding its Spring Concert on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 7:00pm.

"Voices of Peace is holding its Spring Concert, "A Light in the Dark," on Friday, May 17, 2019 at 7:00pm. It will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 1610 Main Street, Crete, IL. The concert will feature music exploring the themes of light and dark, featuring pieces by Johannes Brahms, Daniel Elder, and William Byrd, as well as the premieres of "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," by Artistic Director Clayton J Horath, and "God Be in My Head," by Joshua Zaher. Voices of Peace is a 10-voice chamber choir made up of adults and high school students from within WELS and WELS-fellowship congregations, and is a ministry partner of Zion Lutheran Church in Crete, IL."

Clayton J Horath Artistic Director, Voices of Peace

DuPage OWLS (this is now our official name) will be hosting an afternoon tea at Tea Canal at Yorktown Center on Friday May 17 at 2:30 pm. The cost is \$8.99 which includes a pot of tea and a plate of assorted goodies. If you would like to join us, please respond to Doug Semenske at dougsemenske@ameritech.net or 708-899-9059. As with all our events the only requirement is that you are 55 and older, you do not need to be a member of DuPage OWLS or Good Shepherd to participate. Feel free to bring your friends or neighbors with you.

Thanks, Doug

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!

Visit our website at www.gsdg.org

Accepting New Student Admission Applications

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is now accepting new student applications for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, please contact the school office at office@gsdg.org or by calling 630-852-5081.

SCRIP

Order Release Schedule

Orders and payment must be received by noon on the following days:

- Monday, 5/20 @ noon; delivered by Friday, 5/24

Plan using SCRIP for gift giving for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, weddings, and also make use for summer travel--gas, hotel, and food cards! The possibilities are endless with so many choices to choose from.

On-Hand Inventory (\$25 denomination cards) - In addition to being able to order from over 750 retailers from SCRIP online, we have a limited supply of the cards listed below. We accept cash or check payment made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. If you are interested in purchasing any of these cards, please contact Carlene Derickson or Clint Daehnke.

- Kohl's
- Target
- Jewel
- Home Depot

[SCRIP-to-GO Order Form](#) - Use this form if you do not have an online shopwithscrip account.

Payment is due with your order. A SCRIP Agreement is still required to be on file.

CALENDAR

TODAY

8:00 am Worship
9:20 am Adult Bible Study /
 BLAST Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

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MONDAY 05/13

TUESDAY 05/14

9:30 am Women's Bible Study

6:00 pm Catechism

7:15 pm Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY 05/15

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

THURSDAY 05/16

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

FRIDAY 05/17

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

12:00 pm Field Day

SATURDAY 05/18

5:30 pm Worship

SUNDAY 05/19

8:00 am Worship Service 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

SAVE THE DATE

Monday May 20

7:00 pm Core Team Meeting

7:00 pm Voter's Meeting

Friday May 24

Preschool Graduation and Last Day

Monday May 27

No School K-8th

Thursday May 30

10:30 am Class of 2019 Will & Prophecy

11:30 am Early Dismissal

7:00 pm Graduation

Friday May 31

10:00 am PreK – 8th Grade Picnic

It is the mission of



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to

Seek the Lost
Feed the Flock and
Serve our Savior



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a worldwide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.