

The Festival of the Holy Trinity



June 15 and 16, 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.

The Holy Trinity

In the church year, this Sunday is known as "Trinity Sunday". But what does the term "Trinity" or "Triune" really mean? And how does the truth of the Trinity affect our lives? God will give us answers to those questions today. We will see that the Triune God is greater than we can comprehend in terms of both His power and His love. Come and celebrate the truths of the Trinity!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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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 world-wide 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.

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!

Acknowledgements

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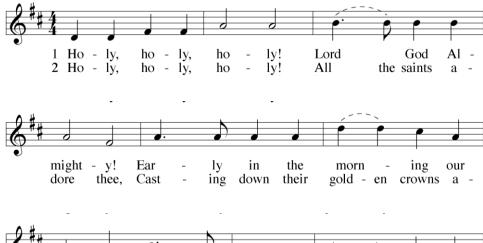
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We Come into God's Presence

Preservice Music: "Toccata in D Minor" (by J.S. Bach)

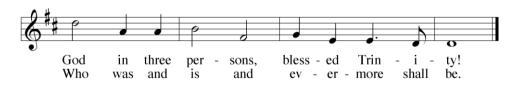
Piano: Ella Bergemann

Opening Hymn: #195, verses 1-2 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"









Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823-76.

Litany of 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.
- M: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
- C: Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
- M: Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.
- C: Your faithfulness continues forever.
- M: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
- C: Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Hymn: #195, verses 3-4 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" 1

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber was born into an ancient Yorkshire family and was Oxford educated. He lived in the time when English Romantic poetry was blossoming. He wrote this while he was vicar of Hodnet (1807-1823).

Heber could read the Bible fluently at the age of five; his command of it astonished his parents. Heber loved Christian missions, as expressed in his hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." After ministering as a pastor for many years at a local parish, at the age of forty he pursued his love for missions by moving to India. Only two years later, he died there after preaching to a large crowd one afternoon in the hot sun. After his death, his widow discovered his hymns in a trunk and compiled them in a book she entitled "Hymns Written and Adapted to the Weekly Service of the Church Year." Among them was "Holy, Holy, Holy."

The tune was written by John B. Dykes. He named it "Nicaea" after the Nicene Creed, which affirms the doctrine of the Trinity.

¹The poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson called this the world's greatest hymn. Erik Routley called it a complete theology of the Trinity.

We Listen

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

 22 The LORD said to Moses, 23 "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: 24 " $^{\prime}$ "The LORD bless you and been you.

and keep you;
²⁵ the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

²⁷ "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

Solo: #591 "O Trinity, Most Blessed Light" 1

O Trinity, most blessed light, O Unity of sov'reign might, As now the fiery sun departs, oh, shine your light into our hearts.

To you our morning song of praise, to you our evening prayer we raise; May we your glory evermore in lowly reverence adore.

All praise to God the Father be and to the Son eternally, Whom with the Spirit we adore forever and forevermore.

¹The text of this hymn was written by a pastor and theologian named Ambrose in Milan, Italy in the 300s AD. It has been commonly sung by Christians on Trinity Sunday for over 1,300 years.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

Solo: "I Will Bless Thee"

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Soloist: Casey Kippes Piano: Paula Danekas

Thou did'st love me, O my Savior, when my heart was far from Thee; Thou did'st give Thyself a ransom to atone for one like me. I will praise Thee, I will bless Thee, for the peace thy love bestows, And the fountain Thou hast opened that to all so freely flows.

I will praise Thee, O my Savior, for the message I have heard, And the lessons Thou has taught me by the Spirit through Thy word. I will praise Thee, I will bless Thee, for the peace thy love bestows, And the fountain Thou hast opened that to all so freely flows.

I will praise Thee, O my Savior, for Thy tender patient care, And the promise that assures me thou wilt hear and answer prayer. I will praise Thee, I will bless Thee, for the peace thy love bestows, And the fountain Thou hast opened that to all so freely flows.

Portions of the Athanasian Creed¹

 We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.
 Each person is distinct but the deity is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit. Each is uncreated, infinite, eternal, and almighty. Each is Lord.

Yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord. The Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord. The true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

Within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

This is the true Christian faith.

¹This creed is named after Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith. The entire text of the Athanasian Creed may be found on pages 132-133 in the red pew hymnals.

Gospel: John 16:12-15

¹²"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. 15All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you."

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #747 "There is a Redeemer" (Verse 1: Soloist; Verses 2-3: All)



Sermon

We Respond

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: "There is a Redeemer" (by Melody Green; Arr. by Phillip Keveren)

Piano: Karen D'aversa

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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 (page 33 in the red pew Hymnal)

Distribution Hymns: #194"Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"

Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

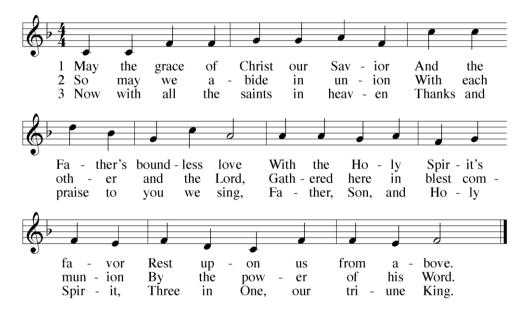
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen. 12

Closing Hymn: #326 "May the Grace of Christ our Savior"



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Serving at Worship

Pastor:	Jon Bergemann
Organist:	Karen D'Aversa

Ushers

06/15 5:30 pm Ken Hull

06/16 8:00 am Dan & Erik Schindler

10:30 am Scott Wolfrum & Joseph Abegg

06/22 5:30 pm Dave Morgan

06/23 8:00 am Paul Schoenbeck & Dean Gerdes

10:30 am Bob Vicker & John Roland

Greeters

06/23

06/16 8:00 am Dave Rardin

10:30 am Inge Wegner 8:00 am Debi Vose

10:30 am Doris Holcomb

Altar Care

06/17 Ellen Zank & Vicki Smith

07/08 Sarah Rardin & Laura Swiatnicki

Coffee Schedule

06/16 Pam Junkunc & Inge Wegner 06/23 Kathy Paradis & Doris Holcomb

Folding Schedule

06/16 Mary Moore 06/23 Debbie O'Malley

Communion Assistant Schedule

06/16 8:00 am Dave Roekle & Todd Paradis
10:30 am John Roland & Ken Jordan

07/07 8:00 am Rick Brands & Dave Rardin

10:30 am Doug Semenske & Ken Jordan

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.gsdg.org

Special Voters Meeting

A special voters meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 23 at 11:45 a.m. to consider the cost of refreshing the parsonage interior, prior to occupancy by the grade school's new teacher. The parsonage work will be the only agenda item.

Dean 708-807-5649

Work Day Scheduled at Parsonage

This is a reminder that we will continue to have work days to paint interior parsonage rooms, on Saturdays. Please consider spending some time to help prepare the parsonage for our new teacher.

We look forward to a day of fellowship and service. If anyone has any questions, please contact me

Also, look for more information to come about the need for several helping hands to clean once the painting is completed and the carpet installed.

Thank you,

Steve Danekas Property Coordinator 630-270-9482 (cell) sdanekas@comcast.net

Change for Life for New Beginnings

Next Sunday, Father's Day, June 16, all baby bottles for Change for Life for New Beginnings, A Home for Mother's, must be returned. It is necessary that all bottles be returned next Sunday, as they are on loan to us. There is a box in the narthex for this purpose. If you wish to make a contribution on Father's Day and do not have a bottle, there will be a few bottles on the table you may use for your contribution. Any checks should be made out to Good Shepherd with "Change for Life" or "New Beginnings" on the memo line. If you have any questions, contact Doris Holcomb at 630-355-2487.

Don't Miss the 56th Annual LWMS Convention

This year's LWMS Convention will be held on June 27-30, 2019 in Des Moines, Iowa. The theme is "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus." Registration after May 1st is \$225 and includes two lunches and a banquet dinner. Visit www.lwms.org for more information or to register. Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

WELS Taste of Missions

We have a unique opportunity to learn about missions home and abroad. Good Shepherd would like to gather a group to join WELS Missions on July 13, 2019, at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI, for the first annual Taste of Missions event.

- Sample ethnic cuisine from our missions
- Enjoy fellowship and presentations from our missionaries
- Meet former missionaries and committee members
- View Displays
- Participate in family friendly activities

July 13, 2019 Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon, WI

12p - 5p Cost: \$5 / person (children under age 5 are free)

Registration Deadline: June 30 - https://gf.wels.net/taste-of-missions/

For full details regarding Taste of Missions, please visit wels.net/tasteofmissions2019

Carpool

We would like to coordinate a carpool to this event. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex to indicate if you can be a carpool driver **OR** if you would like a ride to the event.

Ouestions? Contact Carol Miller at 630-207-1310

Flower Sale Thank You

On behalf of the OWLs and Good Shepherd Lutheran School, we thank all who ordered plants and flowers during the Spring fundraiser. God's grace and your support allowed us to raise \$1,054.25 for the school! Special thanks to the following who brought sunshine to the rainy, gray delivery day:

Joan Richmond Sue Mecklenberg Mary Moore Marian Masa Pam Junkunc Hillary Brands

Special Collection for Mrs. Vicki Smith

For the next few weeks, a special donation is being collected for Mrs. Vicki Smith in thankfulness for her many years of service to our church and school as 5th and 6th grade teacher. Donations of cash or checks made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church can be dropped into the donation box in the Narthex or the collection plate. The donations collected will be presented to Mrs. Smith as one check.

The special collection will continue through June 16.

Let's Welcome Miss Rosenbaum

Good Shepherd is organizing a collection to present to our new 5th/6th grade teacher when she arrives this summer. Downers Grove and the surrounding area are filled with great restaurants and fun things to do. We will be collecting gift cards for restaurants, shopping, or activities in the area that will help Miss Rosenbaum feel right at home here in Chicagoland.

If you would like to participate, please put your donation (gift card or cash) in an envelope marked "Welcome Gift" and place it in the locked drop box by the secretary's desk in the office. We will accept donations through June 30th.

If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Roekle at roekleh@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us welcome our newest member of the Good Shepherd team!

Furniture Needed for New Teacherage

Elise Rosenbaum will be moving into the parsonage in early July. We would like to provide some furniture for her:

2 Beds and 2 Mattresses

1 or 2 Couches

1 or 2 Dressers

Round Dinette Table (Around 36 in. diameter) If you have any of these items (in good condition) and would like to donate them to Elise, please contact the Office (630-852-1519 or office@gsdg.org). If you do not have any of these items but would still like to help, we will accept monetary donations (make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and put *Elise Rosenbaum Furniture* in the memo line) and use it to get IKEA/Target gift cards for her. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Brands (773-655-1526 or brandsrick@gmail.com) or Dave Roekle (507-217-3492 or david.roekle@gsdg.org).

Mrs. Vicki Smith's Farewell

Mark it on your calendars! We will be saying farewell to our 5th and 6th grade teacher, Vicki Smith, between services on Sunday, June 23rd. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Narthex. Thank you to Mrs. Smith for your faithful years of service to Good Shepherd!

Installation Date - July 21st

During both services on Sunday, July 21st we will have the installation of Miss Elise Rosenbaum, 5th and 6th Grade Teacher and Athletic Director. Please plan to attend to welcome her to our school and church. Light refreshments including cake will be served between services in the Narthex where you will be able to introduce yourself to the newest edition of the Good Shepherd team.

Calling all Military Supporters

In the past, we have written cards for our active military church members in support of their service to our country, as well as for their birthdays, holidays, etc. We have a reason to send cards to two of our current military members.

On July 6, Nolan Smith will be celebrating his birthday, and soon, Adam Nemeth will be retiring from the Army after many years of service to our country. Please help in making these occasions memorable for these military members. You can fill out a birthday card and a congratulations on your retirement/thank you for your service card for these men, and bring them to church on the weekend of June 29/30. A drop off box will be located in the narthex for you to drop off your cards, and then I will enclose them in one Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church Exciting Happenings and Doings of God's People envelope and send them to them with our thanks and gratitude.

Please help in making them know that we appreciate all they do and are thinking of them! Any questions, please contact me: Vicki Smith: bonusbaby1967@att.net.

Thank you, and God's blessings as you consider this important ministry!

Heartfelt Thank You

A Heartfelt thank you to all who helped to make the Confirmation of our 6 new communicants so special!

Thank you to Hillary Brands, Todd and Kathy Paradis, Carol Miller, Debbie O'Malley, Lindsey Daehnke, Dean Gerdes and everyone else behind the scenes who made the confirmation reception possible.

A special thank you to Joyce Masa for beautifully cross stitching all the verses and Jacqueline Hull for the lovely framing.

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ~ 1 Corinthians 1:4 Gratefully,

Lonnie Weaver

Servae Christi Spiritual Growth Coordinator

OWLS Outing for July 3rd

OWLS is hosting an event at White Fence Farm on July 3rd. It is open to all Good Shepherd member, their families, friends and neighbors. The cost is \$37 per person and includes a White Fence Farm chicken dinner as will as a patriot show by the Metro Star Orchestra. The doors will open at 11:30 which will give some time to look at the museum part of White Fence Farm. It has some interesting things to look at. Dinner will be served at noon and the show starts at 1:00 pm. There will also be a message from Major General John Borling who was a pilot in Vietnam. He was shot down and spent six years and eight months as a prisoner of war at what is known as the Hanoi Hilton at the same time as Senator John McCain. He wrote a book called Taps on the Wall a collection of poems that detail much of his experience. He will have books for sale that day and will also do a book signing. If you are interested in going, please contact Doug Semenske: dougsemenske@ameritech.net or (708) 899-9059.

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship with Communion
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Study /
		BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship with Communion
MONDAY 06/17	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
TUESDAY 06/18	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
WEDNESDAY 06/19	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
THURSDAY 06/20	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
	7:00 pm	MCC Meeting
FRIDAY 06/21	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
SATURDAY 06/22	5:30 pm	Worship Service
SUNDAY 06/23	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Study /

BLAST Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service

SAVE THE DATE

June 20	7:00 pm	MCC Meeting
June 23	9:00 am	Vicki Smith Farewell Reception
	11:45 am	Special Voters Meeting
June 28		Wedding Rehearsal
June 29		Hannenberg/Westfall Wedding
July 21		Elise Rosenbaum Installation