

Followers of Christ find true treasure in trusting God's promises



August 31 and September 1, 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 Focus: Last week, we discovered that earthly wealth is meaningless without God. The meaning of life cannot be found in the abundance of earthly possessions but in the abundance of heavenly blessings. This week we are encouraged to see that true treasure is faith in the promises of God—no matter how difficult they seem to believe. As we ponder God's promises, anxiety is replaced with peace and fear is replaced with faith.

Pre-service Music:"Son of God Eternal Savior"(Arr. by Valerie Floeter)Piano:Ella Bergemann

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We Come into God's Presence

Opening Hymn: #492, verses 1-2 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, abr., alt. Tune: LORD, REVIVE US (87 87 D) *The Revivalist*, Troy, NY, 1868.

Invocation

(The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.)

- M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

Confession

- M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, For sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Absolution

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy ("Kyrie")

("Kyrie" is the Greek word for "Lord". The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

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

Hymn: #492, verses 3-4 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



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Prayer of the Day

- M: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

We Listen

First Reading: Haggai 1:2-9, 11-14

² This is what the LORD Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD's house."

³ Then the word of the LORD came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴ "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"

⁵ Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. ⁶ You have planted much, but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes, but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it."

⁷ This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸ Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the LORD. ⁹ "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with your own house.

¹² Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the whole remnant of the people obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the message of the prophet Haggai, because the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared the LORD.

¹³ Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: "I am with you," declares the LORD. ¹⁴ So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of the whole remnant of the people. They came and began to work on the house of the LORD Almighty, their God.
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Psalm 33 (Sung responsively by the verse: Pastor sings verse 1, the congregation sings verse 2, etc. All sing the Refrains and Glory be to the Father).



is right and true;* he is faithful in <u>all</u> he does.

M:

C:

- M: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,* their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
- For he spoke, and it came to be;* **C**: he commanded, and it stood firm.
 - Refrain

- The LORD foils the plans of the nations;* he thwarts the purposes
- But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,* the purposes of his heart through all generations.
- M: The LORD loves righteousness and justice;* the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- C: 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. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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Second Reading: Revelation 3:1-6

¹⁴ "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

²¹ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

²² Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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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.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40

³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

³⁵ "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #442 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"



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Sermon

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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:"O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"
(by Johann G.C. Storl, Arr. by Valerie Floeter)Piano: Ella Bergemann

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

M:

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)

The Lord be with you.



- C: And al so with you.
- M: Lift up your hearts



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



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

> 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.





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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.



O Christ, Lamb of God



Distribution Hymn: #395 "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"



Thanksgiving

Thank the Lord



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



Closing Hymn: #220 "O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking" (Soloist sings verse 1)



Tune: O JERUSALEM, DU SCHÖNE (87 87 447) Johann G. C. Störl, 1675–1719, alt.

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.

Serving in Worship

Pastor:	Jon Bergemann
Organist:	Karen D'Aversa
Pianist:	Amanda Bergemann

Ushers

08/31 5:30 pm	Dave Morgan			
09/01 8:00 am	Rick & Luke Bauman			
10:30 ar	n Bill Merchantz & Daniel John			
09/07 5:30 pm	Ken Hull			
09/08 8:00 am	Paul Kippes & Ed Boron			
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Altar Care				
09/01	Anne Boron & Inge Wegner			
09/15	Cindy Oard & Aggie Rardin			
Coffee Schedule				
09/01	Kathy Paradis & Carol Miller			
09/08	Pam Junkunc & Doris Holcomb			
Folding Schedule				
09/01	Debbie O'Malley			
09/08	Mary Moore			
Communion Assistant Schedule				
09/01 8:00 am	Rick Brands & Todd Paradis			
10:30 am	Doug Semenske & Ken Jordan			
09/15 8:00 am	Dave Rardin & Dave Roekle			
10:30 am	Ken Jordan & John Roland			
Watering Crew				
08/31 Deb O	09/03 Mark			
09/03 Mark	09/05 Debi V			
09/07 Laurie	09/09 Karen			
09/11 Sherrie & Jay	09/13 Deb O			
Live Stream Team				
Sun 8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reicher			

10:30 am

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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 <u>www.gsdg.org</u>

Annual Church and Academy Picnic Sign-up

Picnic sign-up sheets have been placed in the narthex. We are asking attendees to bring food items listed on the sign-up sheet and also to help with food prep, serving, and clean up.

Please consider how you may help and place your name on the appropriate sign-up sheet.

Questions? Contact Angelina Davenport, Group Life - Servae Christi

Stamps for Wounded Veterans

Just a quick reminder, we ask you to continue to recycle the stamps from your own mail to "brighten someone's day!" Leave about a 1/2 inch border of envelope around the perforations of the stamp. Do not remove the stamp from the envelope it is glued to. The veterans prefer to do that themselves. It's part of their fun. Please place your cancelled stamps in the marked container by the church and school office.

Please see the military bulletin board in the hallway where a Thank You note has been posted for stamps already donated as well as for more information about the program. Questions? Contact Laurie Bowen.

Men's Breakfast Bible Study Resumes

Good Shepherd Men's Breakfast Bible Study will be starting again on Saturday September 14. We will have our first meeting at Downers Delight Pancake House located at 401 75th Street in Downers Grove near the intersection of Fairview and 75th. We will meet at 8:00 am in the back room of the restaurant for breakfast and fellowship with the Bible Study to follow. We expect to be finished around 9:30. If you are interested in joining us, there is a signup sheet in the narthex or you can contact Doug Semenske. 708-889-9059 or <u>dougsemenske@ameritech.net</u>

OWLS Meeting

The next meeting of the DuPage OWLS will be on Sunday September 15 after the late service in Fellowship Hall. The meetings begin with a devotion and light snack. We will do some planning for outings and service projects for the coming year. OWLS is open to all seniors age 55 and over. You do not have to be a member of Good Shepherd to join us so feel free to invite friends and neighbors. If you have been thinking of becoming a part of our fun and active senior group, this would be a great time to check us out.

GSLA New Social Media Sites and Website

New Facebook and Instagram Pages for GSLA

Are you on Facebook and Instagram? So are we! We've recently created new pages on Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/gsladg/</u> and

Instagram <u>https://www.instagram.com/gslacademy.dg/?hl=en</u> that will give regular updates on all the exciting things happening at GSLA. Please spread the word to friends and family! Go Rams!

Boy and Girl Pioneers

Boy and Girl Pioneers will be resuming soon. Lutheran Pioneers are dedicated to Christ through service, fellowship, and leadership. This is a wonderful opportunity for children in grades 1-8.

A flyer with more details about each group including highlights from last year can be found by clicking the links below. Hard copies are available on the table in the narthex.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers Lutheran Boy Pioneers

We are in the process of planning the schedule of activities and welcome any questions and ideas! Meg Busse, Girl Pioneers <u>megmichaels1@gmail.com</u> - 312-208-3293 Bill Jaeger, Boy Pioneers <u>williamjaeger7718gamil.com</u> - 630-212-3811 Cathy Jaeger, Boy Pioneers <u>dewey010@gmail.com</u> - 630-207-9514

New Website

Have you heard about our new website? Please visit <u>www.gsladg.org</u> and check out the awesome new look! Many thanks to School Committee member Mike Loszach for his fantastic work on the new website. If you have any questions or comments to share about the new website, please email Mr. Roekle (<u>david.roekle@gsdg.org</u>).

Save-the-Date Annual Picnic

The Annual Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & Academy Picnic is Sunday September 8th. All are welcome!

Outdoor worship service at 10:30am with Koine followed by Food, Fun and Games. All are invited--great opportunity to invite a friend. Please bring your lawn chairs or camp chairs, if you wish. Questions? Please contact:

Dan Schindler, Group Life Coordinator - Angelina Davenport, Group Life - Servae Christi Greg Busse, Outreach Coordinator

GSLA Apparel

We are excited to share new Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy apparel. Below you will find a link to our Fall 2019 Apparel Order form. Please feel free to share this link with any friends and family that may be interested in some new GSLA swag. **The online order form will be through Tuesday, September 3rd.** All of your ordered items will then be available at school for pick up in a few weeks following the deadline. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

https://www.kmsportsusa.com/welcome-good-shepherd-lutheran-academy/

In Christ, Mr. Roekle

LWMS SPRING MISSION OFFERING

LWMS Spring Mission Offering Deadline - Sunday September 15

These offerings benefit the following projects:

Chicago Area Circuit Projects:

World Mission (WM 2018-33) Pakistan Projects

Home Mission (HM 2018-13) Pastoral Studies Institute

LWMS International Projects:

World Mission (WM 2018-11) Philippine Projects World Mission (WM 2018-24) Mexico Project Home Mission (HM 2018-16) Hmong Evangelist Training Home Mission (HM 2018-23) Hispanic Outreach

Please place an envelope with your offering in the drop box in the church narthex. Checks can be made out to Good Shepherd with LWMS Mission Offering noted on the memo line. Thank you for your faithful support in being..."United to Serve Jesus"

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With SCRIP, families can easily earn rebates while they shop purchasing gift cards through 750+ national retails stores where you already shop.

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- for special needs funds

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Order Release Schedule

• Monday, September 9 by noon; delivered by Friday, September 13

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On-Hand Inventory (\$25 denomination cards) - In addition to being able to order from over 750 retailers from SCRIP online, we have a <u>limited supply</u> 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.

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- Target
- Jewel
- Home Depot

<u>SCRIP-to-GO Order Form</u> - 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. 22

CALENDAR TODAY

0	DAY	8:00 am 9:20 am 10:30 am	Worship Service / with Communion Adult Bible Study / BLAST Sunday school Worship Service / with Communion
	MONDAY 09/02	No School Labo	r Day
	TUESDAY 09/03	7:00 pm	School Committee Meeting
	WEDNESDAY 09/04	8:10 am	Chapel
		3:30 pm	Faculty Meeting – Staff workroom
	THURSDAY 09/05 FRIDAY 09/06		
	SATURDAY 09/07	5:30 pm	Worship Service
	SUNDAY 09/08	8:00 am	Worship Service
		9:20 am	Adult Bible Study / BLAST Sunday school
		10:30 am	Worship Service w/Koine'
		Church and Academy Picnic to follow Service	
	SAVE THE DATE		
	Sept 9	7:00 pm	CORE Team Meeting
	Sept 13		CALAC Kickball
	Sept 14	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
	Sept 15	8:00 am	Gr 5 – 8 Sings in Early Service
	Sept 16	3:30 pm	Curriculum Faculty Meeting
	Sept 18	7:00 pm	Servae Christi Leadership Board Meeting
	Sept 19	7:00 pm	MCC Meeting
	Sept 23	8:30 am	Hearing & Vision Screeing
			Forensics Prep Begins
		7:00 pm	CORE Team Meeting
	Sept 25	8:30 am	Picture Day
		2:30 pm	Jr. Soccer Tournament
	Sept 28	9:00 am	LWMS Fall Rally – Lord & Savior