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GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL, AND PRESCHOOL

Downers Grove, Illinois

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

MAY 19TH AND 20TH, 2018

Welcome to Good Shepherd!

We are glad to have you with us in worship today! We exist to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18) and to “go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.” (Mark 16:15)

We love to have children in worship with us! The pews in the back of the church are reserved especially for families with young children. At times we understand that children can become overly restless or start crying loudly. For times like these, we offer a special room called “The Shepherd’s Nook” where you will find comfortable furniture and a closed-circuit television monitor so that you can still follow our worship service. It’s a great place for children to regain their composure and then rejoin us for worship. “The Shepherd’s Nook” is located just to the left of the picture at the end of the hallway. If you need directions, please ask an usher. Additional restrooms and a drinking fountain are at the end of the hallway. Our restroom off the narthex does provide parents with a changing table and nursing mother’s privacy if desired.

For your comfort and convenience we have large print worship folders, hearing devices, crutches, and wheelchairs. If the previously mentioned items would be helpful to you or if you desire any other assistance please contact an usher, they will be happy to help you.

For those unable to join us in person, our Sunday morning worship services are streamed live at www.gsdg.org. We also make audio recordings of our worship for our shut-ins and anyone else who might wish to make use of them or pass them along to others. Please ask an usher for details. So that we may have a record of your visit, we ask you to sign the Friendship Register which is a small maroon book located at the end of each pew.

Our Practice of Holy Communion

Believing that Holy Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is intended for those who are truly one in faith, this congregation practices Close Communion. This means that Holy Communion is reserved for those who are members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church or other WELS and ELS churches. If you wish to join us in the future, please speak with one of our pastors after worship.

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The Savior's Message:

Though the Son of God has withdrawn his visible presence, he is as close as ever, leading, inspiring and empowering the Church by the Spirit of God, working through Word and Sacrament.

my *sheep* listen *to
my voice
I *know *them *and *they
follow me

PRESERVICE MUSIC – Karen D'Aversa

PERSONAL PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Hymn 229, Verse 3

This day the Holy Spirit came With fiery
Tongues of cloven flame: O Spirit, fill our
hearts this day With grace to hear and grace to pray. Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

We worship our Savior God by expressing humble repentance for our sins, hearing his Word, singing our thankful praise, and offering our fervent prayers.

OPENING HYMN

Holy Spirit, God of Love | 180

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

In place of the “Glory to God/*Gloria in Excelsis*” we will join in singing the following hymn verses...

HYMN

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us | 753

Vss 1-3

Father, God of grace, you knew us, Chose us, named us as your own,
Through eternal ages planning To redeem us in your Son.
Praise the Father, God who loved us Ere creation was begun!

We, your creatures, sinned against you, And our guilt was crimson red.
Son of God, you came incarnate, Crushed the crafty serpent's head,
Died our death, now live triumphant: Praise the firstborn from the dead!

Counselor, you bring as promised From the Father and the Son
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished, Free forgiveness, heaven won.
Praise the Spirit! He assures us Our salvation's work is done!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.



C: A - men.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14

By the work of God's Spirit, what is essentially dead is made alive.

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath^[a] enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'"

¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"



O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

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.

Refrain

ADULT CHOIR (SUNDAY) There Is a Balm in Gilead

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The words and music of this spiritual sung by our choir today are more than a century old. Balm (soothing/healing) from spices and aromatic spices in an area known as Gilead is advertised and sold today, but Gilead balm goes back to earliest Bible times. The ancient Egyptians also used it for embalming bodies. When Old Testament Israel repeatedly abandoned his Word, God said they would be beaten down by another nation. His Prophet Jeremiah lamented (8:22) that no balm or healing for Israel would come from Gilead or anywhere else. The song says there is a balm (healing) for sin-sick souls in Gilead (and everywhere else). It is God's Son Jesus and his Word.

Accompanist: Jan Henriksen

REFRAIN:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

REFRAIN

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
Just tell the love of Jesus and say He died for all.

REFRAIN

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2: 1 – 21

A great and sudden increase in the membership of a congregation takes place, not because of miracles or learned and polished preaching skills, but simply by the Word of God, clearly proclaimed by a former fisherman.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[b] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”
Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ “‘In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

VERSE OF THE DAY

P:(♩) Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and
kindle in them the fire of your love.

STAND

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL

John 3: 5 –8

The Spirit of God is the one responsible for anyone becoming a member of the Kingdom of God.

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit^[a] gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You^[b] must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: (♩) Praise be to you O Christ.

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.

Be seated

HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest | 177

For nearly 1,000 years this Pentecost hymn been a favorite for the ordination of pastors.

Sermon Text – John 14: 25 – 27

1. He is your Counselor from God
2. He keeps you focused on Jesus

Sermon Theme – You and the Holy Spirit – A Real Winning Combination

Stand



The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the fifth staff is a double bar line.

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

Be seated

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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



Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

In keeping with the teachings of Scripture, our congregation practices "Close Communion." This means that our celebration of Holy Communion is reserved for those who are members of Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church or other Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) / Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) churches. If you wish to learn more about the teachings of Scripture and our celebration of Holy Communion in order to join us in the future, please speak with one of our pastors.

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

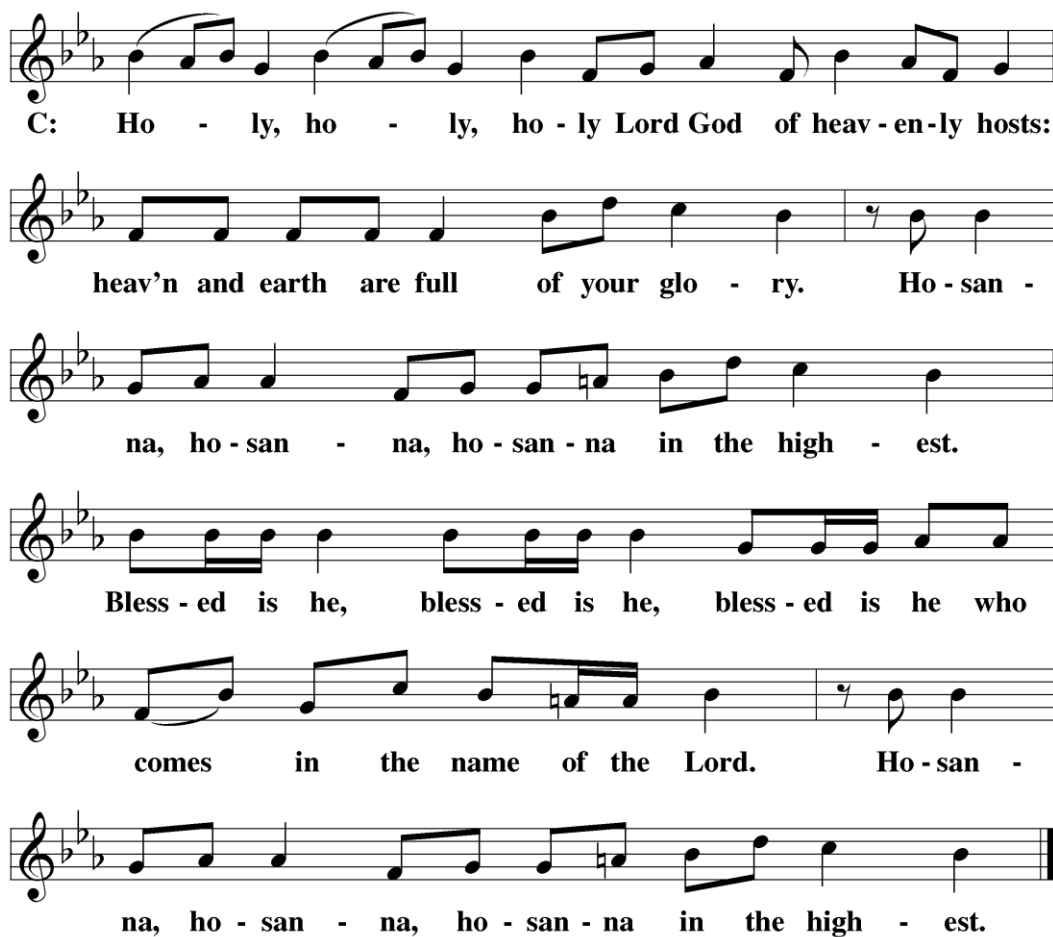
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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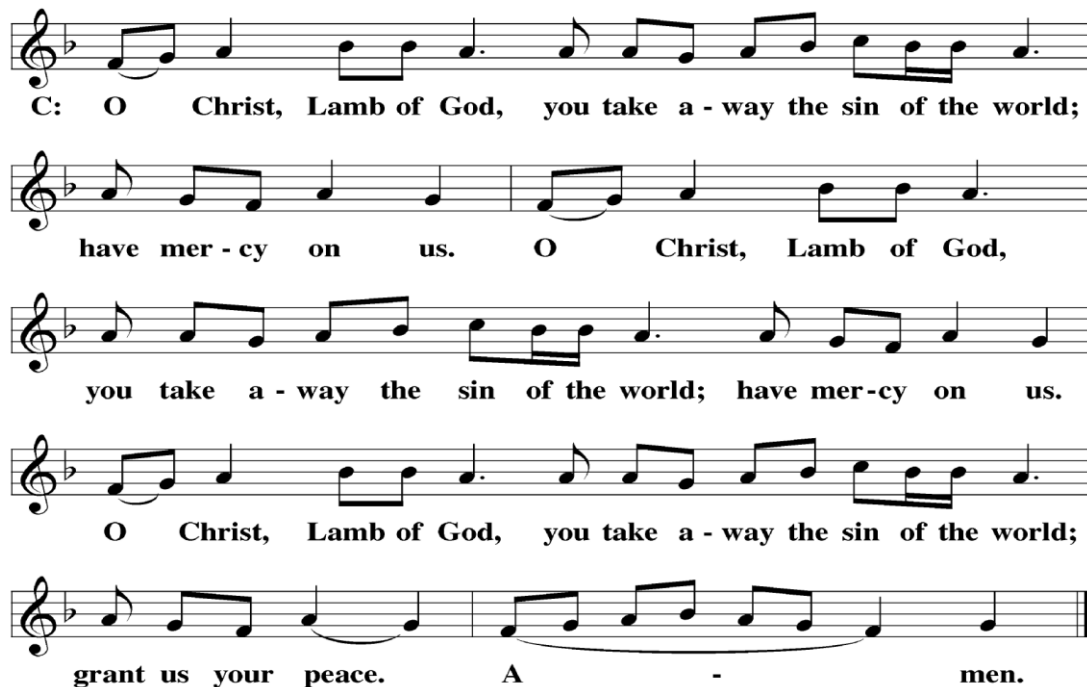
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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



PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.

Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest. Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good! Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | 315

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace | 185

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

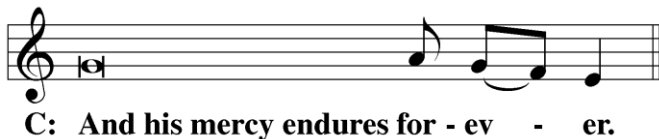
What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Lord, may your
body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good! Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy
supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and
increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.



M: 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 (SATURDAY)

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace | 185
Vss 1 & 2

SILENT PRAYER AS THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

Hymn 753, Verse 5

Forward lead us; Christ, we follow,
 Drawn by Word and promise true:
 "To all nations preach the gospel;
 I am evermore with you."
 Keep us faithful! Then Lord Jesus,
 Quickly come! Make all things new! Amen.

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SERVING THE LORD AND US

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Karen D'Aversa

USHER/S

05/19	5:30 pm	Ken Hull
05/20	8:00 am	Dan & Erik Schindler
	10:30 am	Chuck Rhodes & Greg Busse
05/27	8:00 am	Paul Schoenbeck & Dean Gerdes
	10:30 am	Randy Weaver & Dale Graefnitz
06/02	5:30 pm	Ken Hull

GREETERS

05/20	8:00 am	Lindsey Daehnke
	10:30 am	Greg Busse
05/27	8:00 am	Steve Danekas
	10:30 am	Cindy Grunze

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05/19-20	Kathy Oedzes & Chris Herrmann
06/2-3	Debbie OMalley & Roxanne Zikis

COFFEE SCHEDULE

05/20	Kathy Paradis & Inge Wegner
05/27	Pam Junkunc & Doris Holcomb

Caring and Sharing

"Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24)

What's New at Good Shepherd?

SCHWARTZ FAMILY CELEBRATION

The Good Shepherd family will celebrate with a reception and program on Sunday, June 10 for the Schwartz family to honor them and wish them well as they move to a new home church in Wisconsin.

In order to help with planning, please RSVP via electronic response through the church website at www.gsdg.org or paper signup in the Narthex as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday, May 27.

- Luncheon Reception following 10:30 a.m. service
- Celebration Program of Pastor & Katie's faithful years of service held in the church at 1:30 p.m.

During the month of May, a special donation is being collected for the Schwartz family. 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 the Schwartz family as one gift. The special collection will continue through May 27.

Call Meetings June 3 and June 5

Good Shepherd's request to the WELS for the assignment of a kindergarten teacher from this year's graduating class was not filled when graduates were assigned last week. The next step in filling the open kindergarten position is a scheduled call meeting, which will be held immediately after second church service on Sunday, June 3. All voters are invited to attend. WELS will provide another call list for consideration at that meeting.

An application for assignment of a graduating pastor to serve as full-time pastor at Good Shepherd has been submitted to District President Pastor Kolander and the WELS Assignment Committee for consideration. That decision will be made on May 24. If the pastor position at Good Shepherd is not filled by a graduate, a call meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 5. Pastor Kolander will attend and all voters are invited to attend.

SCHWARTZ MOVING PARTY

Pastor Schwartz Moving "Party!" - Can "U-Haul" yourself over to help Pastor Schwartz and his family load their moving truck on Tuesday, June 12th? In order to help save St. Luke's a substantial amount of money for carrying out the Lord's work in Oakfield, Pastor Schwartz is hoping to use some of the moving skills he picked up during his summer job with a moving company back in college to load and drive a "U-Haul" truck up to Oakfield. Members of St.

Luke's will help him unload the truck on that end. If you might be able to help load it on this end, or if you have a teen that might be able to help, it would be much appreciated! Text or call him at 331.318.9769 or email at pastormschwartz@juno.com to let him know so that he can plan on food for the "party!" Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this request!

WATERING CREW SIGN-UP

Enjoy the out of doors while you serve! Members take turns watering the beautiful flowers and garden areas on our church and school grounds. All equipment is supplied...including the water! We will be starting very soon. Please indicate your interest on the sheet in the narthex or contact Debbie O'Malley (630-309-2526 or e-mail: derby330@yahoo.com).

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Looking for a sweet way to support our troops? Now through May 31, we'll donate \$1 to Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) for every order placed on our website.

Place your AlbaneseCandy.com order today to help support HFOT's mission to build and donate specially adapted custom homes for America's most severely injured Veterans. Get involved and join our annual cause.

Questions? Please contact Vicki Smith or Bob Reichert.

THANK YOU!

I wanted to thank the members of Good Shepherd for being so welcoming to me and making me feel like I had a family while I was completing my internship. You really made my time in Illinois very positive and memorable. What you have done means so much to me and I cannot put into words how blessed I am to have been a part of such a great community of believers that have encouraged me and have strengthened my faith! I really enjoyed my time with you and am grateful that I had the opportunity to meet so many great people that were so generous and kind.
- Tara Scott

(A special thank you also to Bob and Lucy Vicker for being gracious hosts and providing Tara with a home while here in our area! Well done good and faithful servants of our Good Shepherd, God's people, to one and to all! - Pastor Schwartz)

2018 CONFIRMATION

On June 3rd, our confirmands will make a public profession of their Christian faith. The Apostle Paul, writing to the Romans says: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved ... For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Please keep our Confirmands in your prayers asking that they continue to grow in the Word.

- Olivia Lee Abegg
- Isabel Victoria Bowditch

- Mia Claire Cittadine
- Kendrell Samuel Jordan
- Lexia Ohanna Kennedy
- Ryan Todd Paradis
- Erik Danial Schindler

Sunday, May 27th

Confirmation Examination during both early and late services and in between services. Servae Christi will host a cake reception between services in honor of our Confirmands.

Sunday, June 3rd

Confirmation in the 10:30 am service.

LWMS NATIONAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ballots and information on candidates for the LWMS National election of officers are available in the narthex. Please see the display and cast your vote by May 20th. As an LWMS member congregation all women are invited to vote. You may also vote online via the link below.

[LWMS Candidates for Board of Directors](#)

[LWMS Missions Offering Projects](#)

[LWMS Online Ballot](#)

If you have any questions, please contact LWMS Reporters, Kristina John or Valerie Adegunleye.

PERSONAL MEMBER MINISTRY PROGRAM

Have you heard? Good Shepherd is in the process of launching a new Personal Member Ministry program! This program is designed to help encourage member involvement in congregational ministry as it encourages members to grow in their knowledge of God's Word so that they are better equipped to serve God and share His Word with others!

Using a spiritual gift discovery tool, this program seeks to help God's people identify their spiritual gifts and how they might use them to serve God and others. Trained program facilitators will not only help in the discovery process but also in the implementation process as they will help God's people match the gifts they have been given to the areas of need at Good Shepherd. We have been blessed to partner with Faith Unleashed Consulting, a ministry of our WELS sister church of Trinity in Crete. This program has proven to be a huge blessing to their congregation and to several other congregations and we pray that God would cause it to be a huge blessing to Good Shepherd as well! Nearly 30 Good Shepherd members attended an all-day workshop in January to learn more about this program. Currently the men of our Ministry Coordinating Council are working with the ladies of Servae Christi to implement this program at Good Shepherd and we are hoping for your support, approval, and participation. By the grace of God, we see it being a tremendous opportunity to better carry out the work God has given us as a congregation to "seek the lost, feed the flock, and serve our Savior."

Questions? Interested in learning more? Feel free to contact Lindsey Daehnke at zikis2@icloud.com or Steve Cittadine, Mission Resources Coordinator, at scittadine@gmail.com. More information about this program will be shared at the Open Forum meeting on Sunday, May 6th with possible approval of the program at the Voters Assembly on Monday, May 14th.

VBS DATES ANNOUNCED

We are excited to announce **Vacation Bible School will be** June 18-22 for children ages 3 years-4th grade. We will meet from 9-11:30 am. The cost is free.

Online sign-up is available on our website or [click here](#) to be immediately directed to the form. We welcome your family, friends, and neighbors to sign-up with you!

VBS Volunteers Needed

Please see the sign-up table in the narthex for VBS volunteer opportunities.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE CHANGE

Due to scheduling conflicts for May, our Men's Breakfast Bible Study will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month rather than the regularly scheduled third Saturday, in the Fellowship Hall. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause anyone, and we hope you can join us for food, fellowship and continued growth in God's Word!

SCRIP

Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to learn more and see "What's New" with SCRIP and view "Specials" (increased rebates for a limited time).

What is SCRIP?

With SCRIP, families can easily earn rebates for our church and schools while they shop purchasing gift cards through nearly 400 national retailers where you already shop.

Note: Some choices allow earned rebates to be tax deductible.

We thank of all our participants. If you are not participating, we encourage you to consider joining our SCRIP Program.

[SCRIP Agreement](#) - in order to participate, a completed SCRIP agreement must be on file. Completed agreements should be placed in the SCRIP mailbox in the church/school office. Then contact the SCRIP Coordinator for our Enrollment Code that is needed when creating your SCRIP account.

Questions? E-mail our SCRIP Coordinator, Carlene Derickson (scrip@gsdg.org).

Ordering Schedule (due by 12:00pm):

- Monday, May 21st; delivered Friday, May 25th

A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

The true treasure of our church is Jesus Christ our Savior, growing in our knowledge of him, and making him known to all people. The cheerful and generous freewill offerings of God's people not only support the work God has given us as a church, school, and preschool, but also provides for the training of future pastors and teachers and supports world mission work being carried out through our synod, the WELS. The information below is a summary of how the Holy Spirit has moved the hearts of God's people to make use of their time in attending worship and make use of their treasures to support the work God has given us as a congregation.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN GOD'S HOUSE (5/5-6)

Saturday – 29

Sunday Early – 81

Sunday Late – 98

Weekend Total – 208

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 44	04/29/18	\$7,396.50	\$617,533.92	\$643,580.00	96.0%

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

I Timothy 6: 6 – 8 – Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing we will be content with that.

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service with Communion
	9:20 am	Sunday School and Bible Class & BLAST
	10:30 am	Worship Service with Communion
	12:00 pm	Boy Pioneers
MONDAY 05/21		Yearbook Orders Due
	12:00 pm	SCRIP Orders Due
TUESDAY 05/22	2:30 pm	Band Concert
	3:30 pm	Catechism Examination Practice
WEDNESDAY 05/23	10:00 am	Mid-week Bible Class
THURSDAY 05/24		Last Day of PreK Tues / Thur
	10:00 am	Assignment Day Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
	7:00 pm	Graduation Concert Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
FRIDAY 05/25		Last Day of Preschool
	9:00 am	Preschool Graduation
SATURDAY 05/26	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
	5:30 pm	Worship
SUNDAY 05/27	8:00 am	Worship Service – Examination Sunday
	9:20 am	Sunday School and Bible Class & BLAST
	10:30 am	Worship Service – Examination Sunday
	12:00 pm	Boy Pioneers

SAVE THE DATE

Monday 05/28		No School
Tuesday 05/29	8:10 am	Chapel
Thursday 5/31	8:10 am	Chapel
	10:30 am	Class of 2018 will and prophecy
	11:30 AM	Early release
	7:00 pm	Graduation (K-7th sing)
Friday 6/1	10:00 am	School Picnic
Sunday 6/10	11:30 am	Schwartz Family Celebration
Thursday 6/14		Barnas/Boese Wedding Rehearsal
Friday 6/15		Barnas/Boese Wedding
June 18-22		VBS



Welcome!

The mission of Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church is to sustain each of our members in the faith by working together in harmony for the spiritual growth and health of the congregation and reaching out to bring the gospel of Christ to others

Seek the Lost + Feed the Flock + Serve our Savior

If you are new to our area or looking for a church to call your own, please accept our invitation to meet with one of our pastors. Please feel free to return to worship with us again!

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church is part of a group of more than 1200 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church body with congregations across 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 Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod as well as churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, or ELS.

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