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GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL, AND PRESCHOOL

Downers Grove, Illinois

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

AUGUST 13TH AND 14TH, 2017

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 <u>www.gsdg.org</u>. 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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Savior's Message:

Have you ever made a wish upon a star or blowing out the candles on your birthday cake? What did you wish for? God once offered Solomon an opportunity to ask him for whatever he wanted! Do you remember what Solomon asked for? He asked for a discerning heart. A heart that would listen to God's Word and walk in His ways. May God grant us such hearts! Hearts that seek to listen to God's Word and walk in His ways!



PRESERVICE MUSIC - Joan Richmond

PERSONAL PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Hymn 421, Verse 1 All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing, Though all earthly wealth depart.

They who trust with faith unshaken In their God are not forsaken And e'er keep a dauntless heart. 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

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word | **221**

INVOCATION

Please stand.

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

CONFESSION

We confess to God that we have failed to live up to the perfect standard of his law and we ask for his mercy.

- 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.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

The pastor announces the message of forgiveness won for us by the perfect life and innocent suffering and death of our Savior, Jesus.

- 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: (spoken) Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **M:** The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

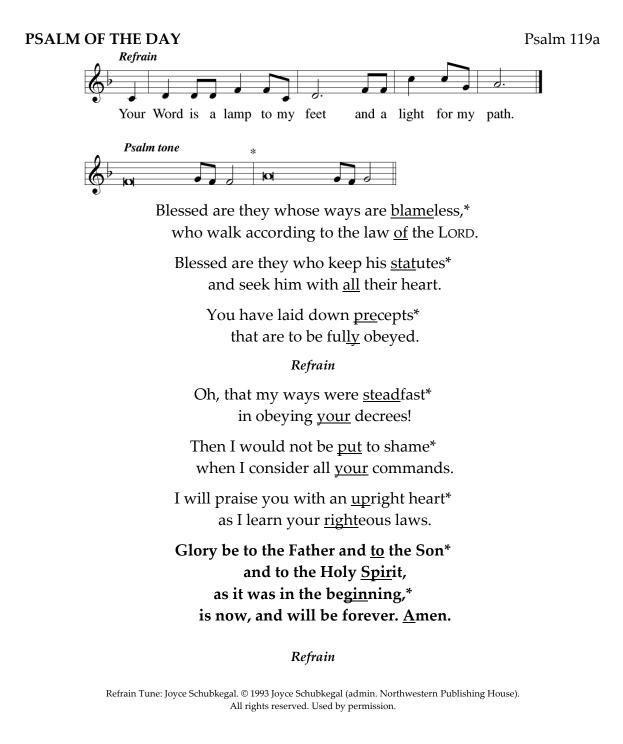
C: (spoken) Amen.

Be seated.

The Word

FIRST LESSON I Kings 3: 5 – 14 *King Solomon asked for a heart that would listen to God's Word and walk in His ways.*

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. Now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both riches and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."



SECOND LESSON

I Timothy 6: 6 – 10, 7 – 21

Paul encourages us to focus on spiritual and eternal riches over earthly riches.

But 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. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

VERSE OF THE DAY

WORD OF GOD



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Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, Geistliche Lieder zu Wittemberg, Wittenberg 1543, alt.

Please stand.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 44 – 52

True riches are found in the message of God's Word. May we continue to see it as our greatest treasure!

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."



APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Children's Message – Jesus tells us to, "let the little children come to me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14). This weekend's Children's Message will focus on the importance of living life according to God's Word.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart | 434

Sermon Text – I Kings 3: 5 – 14 **Sermon Theme** – What Would You Wish For?



Be seated.

OFFERING

The offering is an expression of faith and gratitude of the members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Our guests should not feel compelled to give an offering unless moved to do so in response to God's grace.

Please 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.

Be seated.

HYMN

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright | 412

Please stand.

- M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: (spoken) Amen.
- 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.
- C: (spoken) Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways | **462**

SILENT PRAYER AS THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

Hymn 421, Verse 5 If on earth my days he lengthen, He my weary soul will strengthen; All my trust in him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding, Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in his grace. Amen.

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SERVING THE LORD AND US

Presidin	G MINIST	ER Rev. Matthew Schwartz				
ORGANIST		Joan Richmond				
USHER/S						
08/13	8:00 am	Paul Schoenbeck &	& Dean Ge	rdes		
	10:30 am	Dale Graefnitz & John Roland				
08/14	7:00 pm	Bob Tyrrel				
08/20	8:00 am	Steve Danekas & Bob Reichert				
	10:30 am	Todd & Jacob Oar	d			
08/21	7:00 pm	Ken Hull				
GREETE	RS					
08/13	8:00 am	Steve Danekas	10:30 am	Greg Busse		
08/20	8:00 am	Andy Rush	10:30 am	Cindy Oard		
ALTAR	CARE					
08/20	Debbie O'Malley & Lindsey Daehnke					
09/03	Inge Wegner & Koby Loszach					
COFFEE SCHEDULE						
08/13	Pam Junkunc & Doris Holcomb					
08/20	Barb Koch					
WATERING SCHEDULE						
08/15 Ma	ark F		08/17	Debbie O		
08/19 Ka	ren B		08/21	Debi V		
08/23 La	urie B		08/25	Sherrie/Jay N		
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08/29 Ma	ark F		08/31	Debi V		

Our Annual Church and School Picnic is Sunday September 10th

Outside service at 10:30am with Koine followed by Food, Fun and Games

We're using SignUp.com to coordinate the food for the annual Good Shepherd picnic. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: http://signup.com/go/pzsTQsN

2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address or if do not wish to use this online tool, a sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patty Warner at <u>630-701-8139</u>. We hope to see you there.

50th Anniversary

Pastor and Pauline Rutschow just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past week As a way of giving thanks to God for all the years they have both given to the ministry, the MCC was asked and approved a way that the members of Good Shepherd can honor them, should they so choose. Over the next three weeks, a gift of money can be given using the envelopes provided in the narthex and then placed in the drop box. A portion of this money will be used to buy the Rutschows a gift, however the majority of the funds collected will be given to a charity in their names. One idea for a charity would be Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to be used to help men studying for the ministry. A final determination of a charity will be made after consulting with Pastor and Pauline.

Please join us in praising God for Pastor and Pauline and for all the other men and women who work in His kingdom.

God's Blessings, Mark Warner President – Good Shepherd

Hot Lunch Volunteers Needed - <u>Hot Lunch</u> Students generally carry a bag lunch to school. On Fridays, however, we would like to offer a hot lunch program for our students. Being able to offer this program is dependent on volunteers. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please e-mail the office at <u>office@gsdg.org</u>.

Payer Chain for those on the list and those not on the list

Good Shepherd has a prayer chain were members request prayers for themselves, family, relatives, friends, or acquaintances. These can be prayers for praising God, asking for His help, whatever is needed.

When you have a prayer request you can send it to Joyce Masa via email <u>jmasa22369@aol.com</u>, phone, <u>630-898-4897</u> or in person.

Thank You for Change for Life Donations

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to New Beginnings - a Home for Mothers. God has generously blessed this offering! We collected \$2,454.16 for Change for Life for New Beginnings. Your donations make a big difference in the lives of the moms and children at New Beginnings.

2nd Annual Golf Outing & BBQ Dinner Wrap-up

What a beautiful day for our 2nd Annual Good Shepherd Golf Outing! Thanks to everyone who came out to play. Thank you to River Bend Golf Course for hosting our event and dinner. Congratulations to our contest winners: Shawn Pipes, Bill Lagos and Rick Brands.



Camp Bird

Several girls from church and school attended Camp Bird - Crivitz, WI last week and enjoyed activities such as morning Bible study, silly songs and skits, low rope obstacle course, canoeing, and making new friends. While many camps offer the same activities Camp Bird is special providing a Christ-centered atmosphere. Mrs. Koch and her family were also at camp volunteering.



New T-Shirts

Hello Good Shepherd families! Our new spirit wear shirt is available for orders! We have a new design for the new school year. The shirt is dark gray and comes in child through adult sizes. There is also a ladies v-neck option.

Follow the link below to place your order. All the shirts will be delivered to Good Shepherd and you will be notified when they are ready for pick up. The order form will only be available until **SUNDAY**, **AUGUST 13th**.

This is a great opportunity to help spread the word about our church and school. Wear your shirt to church and school, or events, such as the church and school picnic (Sept 10th) and out in the community!

Thanks for your continued support! https://www.customink.com/g/hpg0-00b3-jsqf



Welcome to our New Faculty Members

We welcome our new faculty members David Roekle and Kathryn Blumer.

- David Roekle is our Principal Apprentice and 7th & 8th grade teacher. Mr. Roekle's contact information is <u>david.roekle@gsdg.org</u> or <u>507-217-3492</u>.
- Kathryn Blumer is our Preschool Director and PreK teacher. Mrs. Blumer's contact information is <u>kat.blumer@gsdg.org</u> or <u>262-617-6924</u>.

Due - TADS Enrollment and Tuition & Billing Agreements

If you haven't already, please complete your TADS Enrollment and Tuition & Billing Agreements. By completing this process our faculty is able to plan for the coming school year including making sure enough materials have been ordered (such as textbooks, workbooks, etc.)

Reminders:

- Fees due at the time of completing your Tuition & Billing Agreement
- Tuition the first K-8 payment is due in August; the first preschool payment is due in September.

Don't Forget about School/church cleaning party - Saturday, August 26th, beginning at 9:00 am.

List of items to:

- 1. Paint fellowship hall bathrooms
- 2. Wash all windows inside and out
- 3. Paint/Stain pre-school playground swing set
- 4. Paint the hallway in the Fellowship Hall
- 5. Clean the brick behind the altar
- 6. Touch up walls as needed



More items will be added to this list. Lunch will be served. Sign-up sheet on the table in the church entry way.

SCRIP (SUBSTITUTE CASH REBATE INCENTIVE PROGRAM)

Look for a SCRIP announcement from School Committee in the coming weeks announcing an exciting opportunity to earn rebates for tuition accounts, the general fund, and the special needs accounts.

What is SCRIP?

With SCRIP, families can easily earn rebates for our church and schools while they shop.

Are you interested in joining us? Questions? E-mail our SCRIP Coordinator, Carlene Derickson, at scrip@gsdg.org for more information.

SCRIP is safe and secure! Many retailers participate in the SCRIP Program.

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

SCRIP Earned Rebates Summary Period 01/01/17 thru 06/30/17

Participating families have earned and designated rebates as follows:

Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Total	Description
\$25.78	\$27.58	\$53.36	General Fund
\$203.64	\$303.52	\$507.16	School Special Needs
\$0	\$0	\$0	Preschool Special Needs
\$279.38	\$590.71	\$870.09	Family Tuition Accounts
\$2.25	\$0		Future Family Tuition Accounts (rebates are banked until a child is enrolled at the school)
\$511.05	\$921.81	\$1,432.86	Total

What stores sell cards through SCRIP?

Over 750 retailers to choose from such as Walmart, Meijer, Target, Kohls, Amazon, Speedway, AMC Theatres, iTunes, Home Depot, Walgreens, CVS, Panera, Chipotle, Applebee's, Best Buy, Southwest Airlines, and many more. View retailers <u>here</u>.

Bonus Rebates

Learn about special Back-to-School bonus rebates here. These bonuses are expiring August 4th.

Order Schedule:

Monday, August 21st by 12 pm; delivered by August 25th.

ON THE WEB

Check it out: <u>www.gsdg.org</u>. You can also find us at "Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (WELS)" on Facebook.

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 (08/6-08/7)

Sunday (8:00) – 79 Sunday (10:30) – 122 Monday (7:00) – 16 Weekend Total – 217

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week	Weekly	YTD	YTD	% of
	Ending	Offering	Offering	Budget	Budget
Week 6	08/06/17	\$10,036.50	\$64,600.53	\$73,500	87.9%

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights." (James 1:17)

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
MONDAY 08/14	7:00 pm	Worship
TUESDAY 08/15		Registration Make-up Day by apt only
WEDNESDAY 08/16	,	
THURSDAY 08/17	7:00 pm	MCC Meeting
FRIDAY 08/18		
SATURDAY 08/19	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
	2:00 pm	Rutschow – Open House Fellowship Hall
SUNDAY 08/13	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service
<u>Save the Date</u>		
Friday 8/18		Eiting Wedding (Rain Date Reservation)
Saturday 8/18		Eiting Wedding (Rain Date Reservation)
Monday 8/21	12:00 pm	SCRIP Orders Due
	6:30 pm	Back-to-School Classroom Orientation
Wednesday 8/23	8:10 am	First Day of School K-8th Early Release
Saturday 8/26	9:00 am	Church & School Cleaning Party
Monday 9/4		No School
Tuesday 9/5	8:10 am	Pre-K First Day of School



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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