



Unwrap Your Gifts!

Unwrap Your Ministry



January 18 and 19, 2020

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 ("Shepherd's 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: Now that the holidays are behind us, and we have unwrapped our "earthly gifts," it is time for our Good Shepherd family to take a look at unwrapping our "Spiritual Gifts," those gifts that will prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up (Ephesians 4:12).

Today we continue a six week worship, sermon, and Bible study series that will help us unwrap who God created us to be. This morning we discover that we are a chosen people, called to be royal priests and ministers in service to God.

Personal Member Ministry

Personal Member Ministry (PMM) helps us discover and develop our God given gifts and talents, empowering us for faithful and joyful service in every area of our lives, and building up the body of Christ as we serve God and others as engaged members of Good Shepherd.

Personal Member Ministry is what each of us does with our God given gifts and talents as members of Good Shepherd and the universal priesthood of all believers to serve God and others. PMM helps us by creating intentional awareness of our spiritual gifts and what God created us to do. It also creates systems so that members are both served and encouraged to serve according to how God has gifted them. Lord willing, Pastor, Staff, Council Members, Ministry Leaders, Groups, Individual Members (Everyone!) will benefit from PMM.

Unwrap God's gifts!

January 12	Unwrap God's workmanship
January 19	<i>Unwrap your ministry</i>
January 26	Unwrap your vision
February 2	Unwrap gifts of grace
February 9	Unwrap your uniqueness and need
February 16	Unwrap your opportunities



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!

It is the mission of



Good Shepherd

to

Seek the Lost
Feed the Flock and
Serve our Savior



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

We Come into the Presence of God

Musical Introduction (*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*)

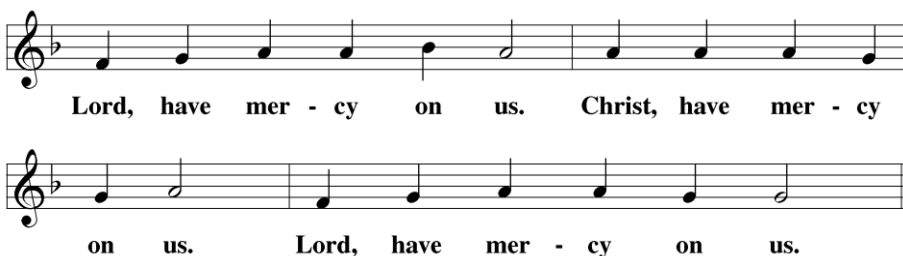
The Common Service

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

Congregation: 

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.


C: 

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: 

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

C:



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

We Listen

First Reading: Exodus 18 (*selected verses*)

¹Now Jethro, the priest of Midian and father-in-law of Moses, heard of everything God had done for Moses and for his people Israel, and how the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

⁵Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, together with Moses' sons and wife, came to him in the desert, where he was camped near the mountain of God.

⁷So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. They greeted each other and then went into the tent. ⁸Moses told his father-in-law about everything the LORD had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel's sake and about all the hardships they had met along the way and how the LORD had saved them.

⁹Jethro was delighted to hear about all the good things the LORD had done for Israel in rescuing them from the hand of the Egyptians. ¹⁰He said, "Praise be to the LORD, who rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh, and who rescued the people from the hand of the Egyptians. ¹¹Now I know that the LORD is greater than all other gods, for he did this to those who had treated Israel arrogantly."

¹³The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. ¹⁴When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?"

¹⁵Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. ¹⁶Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws."

¹⁷Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. ¹⁹Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. ²¹But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²²Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you.

²³ If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.”

²⁴ Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. ²⁵ He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²⁶ They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves.

Adult Choir: “A Servant’s Heart”

Director: Casey Kippes

Accompanist: Nathan Krug

*Let me be a splash of water falling on a thirsty land;
Let me be the touch of comfort that calms a trembling hand;
Ev’ry day, Spirit move through me.
Hear my prayer: I’m asking, Father, please.*

*A servant’s heart, a servant’s heart, give to me a servant’s heart;
Help me be Your hands and feet.
Lord, please grant a servant’s heart.*

*Let me be a word of promise to the one who cannot speak;
Let me be a friend so faithful to the lonely and the meek.
Ev’ry day, Spirit move through me.
Hear my prayer: I’m asking, Father, please.*

*A servant’s heart, a servant’s heart, give to me a servant’s heart;
Help me be Your hands and feet.
Lord, please grant a servant’s heart.
Lord, please grant a servant’s heart.
A servant’s heart.*

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Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:9

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia. (*Isaiah 49:3*)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is a single line of music on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Announcement of the Gospel:

M: A reading from the gospel of Matthew, chapter 28.



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

The musical notation is a single line of music on a five-line staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Response to the Gospel

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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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.

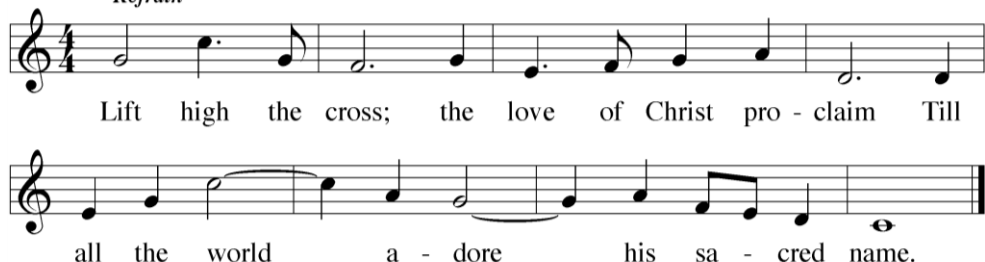
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Message


Hymn of the Day: #579 “Lift High the Cross”

Refrain



Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim Till
all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod, Our
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign, The
3 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: Praise



king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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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.)*

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

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night that 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.



C: A - men.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

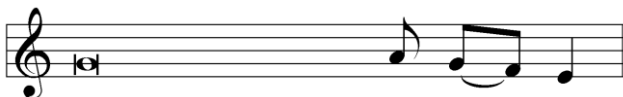
Distribution Hymn: #570 "O Christians, Haste" (found in the red pew Hymnal)

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.



C: A - men.

Blessing

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: #566 "We All Are One in Mission"



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in
2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the
name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose
heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion
is the same; To touch the lives of oth - ers
deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;



Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work
With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk gifts
We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts



to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

Serving in Worship

Pastor: Jon Bergemann

Organist: Karen D'Aversa

Ushers

01/18	5:30 pm	Dave Morgan
01/19	8:00 am	Dan & Erik Schindler
	10:30 am	Scott Wolfrum & Joseph Abegg
01/25	5:30 pm	Dave Morgan
01/26	8:00 am	Paul Schoenbeck & Dean Gerdes
	10:30 am	John Roland &

Altar Care

01/19 Patricia Kinsch & Inge Wegner

02/02 Aggie Rardin & Laura Laura Swiatnicki

Coffee Schedule

01/19 Kathy Paradis & Carol & David Miller

01/26 Pam Junkunc & Inge Wegner

Hymn Boards

Ryan Paradis & Family

Communion Assistant Schedule

01/19	8:00 am	Dave Rardin and David Roekle
	10:30 am	John Roland and Ken Jordan
02/02	8:00 am	Rick Brands and Todd Paradis
	10:30 am	Ken Jordan and Doug Semenske

Live Stream Team

Sun	8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Greg Busse