



March 16 and 17, 2019

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship. In our worship 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 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.

This morning's focus: Even though he was rejected by many, the Christ was resolute on his journey to redeem us. Rejoice in his uncompromising love for you!

The Season of Lent

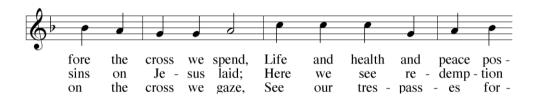
The word Lent comes from an Old English word for Spring ("lengten," the time of the year when the days grow longer). For the last 1,700 years, the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of special preparation (the Church speaks of 40 days of Lent because they do not count the Sundays, which retain their significance as "little Easters.") It is a time of repentance and renewal. The color of the season is purple, the ancient color of royalty. We remember our King Jesus, who wore a crown of thorns, and carried a cross for us.

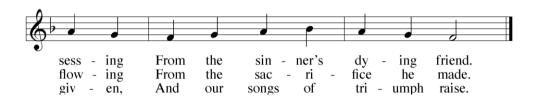
During Lent, our rejoicing is muted as we remember our Lord's suffering and death. But it is with a purpose: we know that the Lord who died took up his life again on Easter Sunday morning. So our 40 days of Lent are ones lived in the certain hope of the resurrection. Thanks be to God!

We Come into the Presence of God

Opening Hymn: #111, verses 1-3 "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"







Text: Walter Shirley, 1725-86, alt.

Tune: RINGE RECHT (87 87) Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.

Confession and Absolution

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

- M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- 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.

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: Amen.

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

- M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.
- C: Amen.

Hymn: #111, verses 4-5 "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"

Oh, that, near the cross abiding, We may to the Savior cleave, Naught with him our hearts dividing, All for him content to leave!

Lord, in loving contemplation Fix our hearts and eyes on you Till we taste your full salvation And your unveiled glory view.

We Listen

First Reading: Jeremiah 26:8-15

⁸ But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! ⁹ Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!"

12 Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. 13 Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. 14 As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. 15 Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

Psalm 42-43 (spoken responsively; no musical accompaniment)

M: As the deer pants for streams of water,

C: so my soul pants for you, O God.

M: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

C: Where can I go and meet with God?

M: Why are you downcast, 0 my soul?

C: Why so disturbed within me?

M: Put your hope in God,

C: for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

M: Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;

C: let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

M: Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.

C: I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

M: Blessed are they who hope,

C: who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

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,

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: Luke 13:31-35

³¹ At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you."

³² He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' ³³ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #434 "Lord, You I Love with All My Heart"



Sermon

We Respond

Offering (If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate. 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 (spoken responsively; no musical accompaniment)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

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: Amen.
- C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymns: (These hymns may be located in the red pew Hymnal)

Blessing

M: Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, and to take up your cross, and follow him.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #108 "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"



Serving at Worship

Pastor:	Jon Bergemann
Organist:	Jan Henriksen
Piano:	Casey Kippes

Ushers

03/17	8:00 am	Paul Schoenbeck & Dean Gerdes
	10:30 am	John Roland & Greg Busse
03/20	7:00 pm	Bill Merchantz & Erik Guldberg
03/23	5:30 pm	Ken Hull
03/24	8:30 am	Steve Danekas & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Todd & Jake Oard
03/27	7:00 pm	Greg Busse & Dave Bowen

Greeters

03/17	8:00 am	Steve Danekas
	10:30 am	Doris Holcomb
03/24	8:00 am	Andy Rush
	10:30 am	Cindy Oard

Altar Care

03/17	Kathy Oedzes & Doris Holcomb
04/07	Sarah Rardin & Michal Meek

Coffee Schedule

03/17	Kathy Paradis & Carol Miller
03/24	Pam Junkunc & Doris Holcomb

Folding Schedule

03/17	Jan & Gary Henriksei
03/20	Christina Kurtz
03/24	Joan Richmond

Communion Assistant Schedule

03/17	8:00 am	Dave Rardin & Dave Roekle
	10:30 am	Doug Semenske & Ken Jordan
04/07	8:00 am	Todd Paradis & Dave Rardin
	10:30 am	John Roland & Doug Semenske

Live Stream Team

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

Announcements

Welcome!

We give a warm welcome to everyone at worship. We are glad that you are here and invite you to return again to celebrate our living Lord. Visit us at 525 63rd Street, Downers Grove, contact us at 630-852-1519 or check us out on the web at www.gsdg.org

2019 Midweek Lenten Suppers & Worship

Join us for dinner at 5:30 pm and worship at 7:00 pm during the remaining Wednesdays in Lent. Our theme is "Three Words of Truth." Each week we will explore a powerful three-word phrase from the record of Jesus' suffering.

March 20	Watch and Pray Pastor Free	Matthew 26:35-41 Abiding Peace, Elgin
March 27	Love One Another Pastor Schupmann	John 13:31-35 Resurrection, Aurora
April 3	I Am He Pastor Free	John 18:3-9 Abiding Peace, Elgin
April 10	Take Him Away! Pastor Bergemann	John 19:28-30 Good Shepherd, Downers Grove

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Easter Sunday Flower Orders – Celebrating our Risen Savior

We are offering Easter Lilies and Tulips/Daffodils in 6" pots, and Kalanchoes in 4" pots to beautify our altar on Easter Sunday. The flowers will come directly from a greenhouse. The last date to order flowers will be **March 31**st.

The costs per plant are as follows: Lily - \$9.50 (6" pot), Tulip/Daffodil - \$6.50 (6" pot), Kalanchoes (4" pot) - \$4.50.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Payments should be placed in the locked box on the wall - Easter Flower Payment envelopes are available. (Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church). Questions? Contact Fran Piepenbrink @ 630-325-3058 or Frannep@netzero.net. You may take your plant(s) home following the last service on Easter Sunday.

Woman's Paint Night Hosted by Servae Cristi

Join us for dinner, fellowship and painting in the Fellowship Hall! We will also be sharing opportunities for you to learn about ways you can get involved in different ministries at Good Shepherd! Please sign up on the table in the Narthex or call or text Megan Boerema at 734-216-7872 or email at boerema.megan@gmail.com.

Opportunity to Give - to Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti served by WELS Missionary Terry Schultz who lives in Chicago. To learn more go to www.branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org.

Bring cash or write a check payable to "Good Shepherd" with "Branch Schools" in the memo line. Those who wish to donate to Haiti schools and are not able to join us on April 24, may place donations in the lockbox in the narthex prior to April 24.

We look forward to seeing you there!

VBS Volunteers Needed

Join us for dinner, fellowship and painting in the Fellowship Hall! We will also be sharing opportunities for you to learn about ways you can get involved in different ministries at Good Shepherd! Please sign up on the table in the Narthex or call or text Megan Boerema at 734-216-7872 or email at boerema.megan@gmail.com.

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Register for Bowling & Pizza Lunch

Where: Tivoli Bowl 938 Warren Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515 When: Sunday, April 14, arrive at 12:30, bowling begins at 12:45 (2 hours of bowling and shoes included) Lunch: pizzas ordered from Aurelio's next door to Tivoli, & will be served 1:00pm Who's invited: Everyone!!! Prizes: Yes! Cost: \$15 per person 2 hours bowling, shoes, pizza, prizes. If I'm not going to bowl what is the cost? \$10. Registration Sign-up: Forms are now available in the narthex. Questions: Dan Schindler Group Life Coordinator dschindler6422@gmail.com

Flower Sale Fundraiser is happening now!

Order Forms and information are available in the narthex. Orders and payments are due to the Church office no later than April1st. Plants will arrive before Mothers Day. Contact Debbie O'Malley with any questions 630-309-2526 or email derby330@yahoo.com

LWMS 2019 National Convention

All are invited to attend the 56th Annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Convention June 27-30, 2019 $^{\sim}$ Des Moines, IA

In preparation for the convention we will need to select a delegate and alternate to represent our congregation. Registration fee and travel expenses of the chosen delegate will be reimbursed. If you are planning to attend the convention and interested in becoming a delegate please join us in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday March 24th at 9:05 am. (Right after second service and before bible class. Stay for bible class!) If you have any questions, or would like to be considered but can't attend on March 24th please contact Kristina John. (Cell 630-649-3495, kmkjscp@gmail.com). You can find more information about the 2019 convention at www.lwms.org

Sunday, 3/17-Last Day for 2018-19 Mission Offerings

Good Shepherd members have the opportunity to touch lives around the world through mission offerings. Please place donations in the lock box in the narthex on or before March 17th. Make checks payable to "Good Shepherd" with "LWMS Missions" written on the memo line. An envelope for this purpose is provided on the lock box and may be used for cash and change also. Seventy-five percent of donations go to Chicago Area Circuit LWMS Mission Projects; twenty-five percent goes to International LWMS Mission Projects.

Chicago Area Circuit Mission Projects

Project #HM-2018-04: Tools for Outreach

Your gifts help home mission congregations communicate with their communities through fliers, newsletters, radio/TV ads, and Web sites.

Project #WM-2018-29: Apache Christian Training School (ACTS)

This program trains Apaches to be pastors, evangelists, deacons and deaconesses, and certified apache Lutheran teachers.

LWMS International Mission Projects

One home mission (HM) and one world mission (WM) project listed below is selected by ballot in the spring of 2019. Missions not selected receive the annual convention worship service offerings.

Project #HM-2018-09-College Student and Campus Pastor Conferences

Campus pastors reach and serve students when they are at college. Campus pastors grow spiritually and network ideas through staff conferences.

Project #HM-2018-25-Sudanese Leadership Training

Funding for this project will provide financial assistance for the South Sudanese Ministry Coordinator to continue mission field visits to Africa.

Project #WM-2018-01-Mission Journeys

Mission Journeys provides opportunities for all WELS members to take church or school volunteer trips to mission fields at home and around the world. Funding goes toward organizational support to match volunteer groups with mission locations and the training of volunteers.

Project #WM-2018-14-Chinese Outreach Project

This fund supports the work of church-planting in East Asia.

Run-for-the-Brave 5K

If you are looking to support a local military organization that helps Veterans throughout our local communities, Operational Welcome You Home is a great organization. Vicki and Jeff Smith have been involved with this organization over the years, and it is a GREAT organization that supports ALL of our military.

Each year, Operation Welcome You Home sponsors a 5K Run, Walk, Ruck to benefit local Veterans in need. To register for Run-for-the-Brave, visit the link below.

htttp://www.welcomeyouhome.org/run for the brave 5k run.html

GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66 - Good Shepherd OWLS is hosting an event for all Good Shepherd member as well as their family and friends. Join us on Saturday April 13th at 3:00pm to hear Route 66 historian and preservationist John Weiss take us back to a time when Route 66 was King of the Roads. Finger food and beverages will be provided. There is no cost, but a free will offering will be taken. You can sign up online at gsdg.org. (Click on Route 66 on the top of the page) or use the sign up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Mary Moore on Doug Semenske.

Accepting New Student Admission Applications

Good Shepherd Lutheran School is now accepting new student applications for the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, please contact the school office at office@gsdg.org or by calling 630-852-5081.

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TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Class /
		BLAST Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Boy & Girl Pioneers
MONDAY 03/18		Spring Break PreK – 8 th Grade
	7:00 pm	PMM Core Team Meeting
TUESDAY 03/19		Spring Break PreK – 8 th Grade
	9:30 am	Woman's Bible Study
	6:00 pm	Catechism
	7:15 pm	Adult Choir
WEDNESDAY 03/20		Spring Break PreK – 8 th Grade
	5:30 pm	Lenten Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship
THURSDAY 03/21	7:00 pm	MCC Meeting
FRIDAY 03/22		
SATURDAY 03/23	5:30 pm	Worship
SUNDAY 03/24	8:00 am	Worship Service /communion
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Class /
		NO BLAST Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service /communion

SAVE THE DATE

March 25	12:00 pm	SCRIP Orders Due
March 29-31	Science Fair – Fellowship Hall	
April 3	3:30 pm	Faculty Meeting
April 6	9:00 am	PreK Donuts with Dad
April 7	4:00 pm	WELSSA Dinner
April 8	WELSSA Visit	
April 9	WELSSA Visit	
April 10	WELSSA Visit	

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.