





The First Sunday In Lent

March 9 and 10, 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: Each of us battles with temptation every day, and the results are too obvious to mention. Christ was no stranger to temptation, either. He battled, yet was without sin...for us and for our eternal life. This message of victory gives us confidence as we journey through the wilderness of sin in true repentance.

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

Instruction for the Beginning of Lent

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.

The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

A Lenten Litany of Confession and Absolution

Minister: As we begin the season of Lent – a season for reflection and repentance, let us examine our own personal lives according to God's Ten Commandments.

Congregation: It is God who made us, who redeemed us, who calls us to be holy, and who has given us his holy Word.

M: "You shall have no other gods." *Exodus 20:3*

C: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

- M: "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." *Exodus 20:7*
- C: **We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**
- M: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy." *Exodus 20:8*
- C: **We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.**
- M: "Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." *Exodus 20:12*
- C: **We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.**
- M: "You shall not murder." *Exodus 20:13*
- C: **We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.**
- M: "You shall not commit adultery." *Exodus 20:14*
- C: **We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.**
- M: "You shall not steal." *Exodus 20:15*
- C: **We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.**

M: "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."
Exodus 20:16

C: **We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.**

M: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house." *Exodus 20:17a*

C: **We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by false claims, but do all we can to help him keep it.**

M: "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." *Exodus 20:17b*

C: **We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**

M: What does God say about all these commandments?

C: **He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments." *Exodus 20:5,6***

M: What does God tell us about ourselves in his holy Word?

C: **He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.**

M: Let us, then, confess our sins to God and plead for his mercy.

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 does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. He sent his one and only Son to keep the Law perfectly for you, and to pay for all your transgressions with his innocent suffering and death. 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.

Opening Hymn: #103, verses 1-3 “Glory Be to Jesus”



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream



Poured for me the life - blood From his sa - cred veins.
Blest be his com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind.
Which from end - less tor - ments Did the world re - deem.

Text: Italian hymn, 18th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.
Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN (65 65) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76.

We Listen

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:5-10

⁵ Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the first-fruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him.

Psalms 91 (*spoken responsively; no musical accompaniment*)

M: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
C: **will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**

M: I will say of the LORD,
C: **"He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

M: You will not fear the terror of the night,
C: **nor the arrow that flies by day.**

M: If you make the Most High your dwelling,
C: **then no harm will befall you,
no disaster will come near your tent.**

M: For he will command his angels concerning you
C: **to guard you in all your ways;**

M: they will lift you up in their hands,
C: **so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.**

M: Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye.
C: **Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

The Apostles Creed

C: 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.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted^[a] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'^[c]"

⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here.

¹⁰ For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'^[d]"

¹² Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #200 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.
 He holds the field for - ev - er.
 One lit - tle word can fell him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

Sermon

We Respond

Hymn: #103, verses 4-6 “Glory Be to Jesus”

**Abel’s blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies,
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.**

**Oft as earth exulting Lifts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**

**Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!**

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.

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: #455 "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em - ploy you,
2 Je - sus, all your chil - dren cher - ish,

O Chris-tians, lest the foe de-stroy you, For Sa - tan
And keep them that they nev - er per - ish Whom you have

has de - signed your fall. Wield God's Word, a weap-on
pur-chased with your blood. Let new life to us be

glo - rious; A - gainst each foe you'll be vic -
giv - en That we may look to you in

to - rious; Our God will set you o'er them all.
heav - en When - ev - er fear - ful is our mood.

Fear not the prince of hell— Here is Im - man - u - el!
Your Spir - it on us pour That we may love you more,

Sing ho - san - na! The strong ones yield To Christ, our shield,
Hearts o'er - flow - ing; And then shall we, From sin set free,

And we as con - qu'rors hold the field.
Sing praise through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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 13	Is It I? Pastor Schupmann	Matthew 26:20-25 Resurrection, Aurora
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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Pastor: Jon Bergemann

Organist: Karen D'Aversa

USHER/S

03/09	5:30 pm	Ken Hull
03/10	8:00 am	Dan & Erik Schindler
	10:30 am	Scott Wolfrum & Joseph Abegg
03/13	7:00 pm	Daniel John & Ed Boron
03/16	5:30 pm	Dave Morgan
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

Greeters

03/10	8:00 am	Diane Buchholz
	10:30 am	Inge Wegner
03/17	8:00 am	Steve Danekas
	10:30 am	Doris Holcomb

Altar Care

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

Coffee Schedule

03/10	Sue Mecklenberg & Inge Wegner
03/17	Kathy Paradis & Carol Miller

Folding Schedule

03/10	Chris Herrmann
03/13	Christina Kurtz
03/17	Jan & Gary Henriksen

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

What's New At Good Shepherd?

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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 April 1st. 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

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.

LWMS Spring Rally

The spring rally for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will be at Amazing Love, Frankfort, Illinois on Saturday, April 6, with registration beginning at 8:45 a.m. and the closing devotion at 1:30 p.m. Men, women, and children are invited to hear Pastor Paul and Aneela Paul, who are from South Asia, tell of their journey to America where they minister to South Asians in the United States. Trinity Puppet Ministry will also present a show. Lunch will be provided. Our theme is "Saving Souls" so we are saving soles.

Please bring clean, new or gently worn, shoes of any size or shape to the rally to donate to missions.

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.

CALENDAR

TODAY

Daylight Saving Time starts Turn clocks back 1 hour

8:00 am Worship Service

9:20 am Adult Bible Class /

BLAST Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service

11:30 am OWLS Meeting

MONDAY 03/11

3:30 om Roller Skating Party

TUESDAY 03/12

9:30 am Woman's Bible Study

6:00 pm Catechism

7:15 pm Adult Choir

WEDNESDAY 03/13

8:10 am Kids Connection

3:30 pm Faculty Meeting

5:30 pm Lenten Supper

7:00 pm Lenten Worship

THURSDAY 03/14

12:00 pm PiDay Celebration (5th – 8th Grade)

6:00 pm WELSSA Work night

7:00 pm Worship Meeting

FRIDAY 03/15

SATURDAY 03/16

SUNDAY 03/17

5:30 pm Worship

8:00 am Worship Service /communion

9:20 am Adult Bible Class /

BLAST Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service /communion

Girl and Boy Pioneers

SAVE THE DATE

March 18-22

No School SPRING BREAK PreK -8th Grade

March 21

OWLS at school to help out teachers

7:00 pm MCC Meeting

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

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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.

