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GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL, AND PRESCHOOL

Downers Grove, Illinois

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

JUNE 25TH AND 26TH, 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 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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Savior's Message: God is very much about mercy. He very much wants to show it, and he does that, especially in the people he calls into the membership and ministry of the church here on earth. God also desires that we realize we need his mercy no less than others do, and that we rejoice when he shows mercy to us and to others in Jesus.

Amen

ALTAR FLOWERS have been placed by Jeff & Vicki Smith in thankfulness to God for 27 years of marriage and the Lord's blessings.

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 303, Verse 1 & 4

With broken heart and contrite sigh, A trembling sinner, Lord, I cry.

Your pard'ning grace is rich and free—O God, be merciful to me!

No gifts, no deeds that I have done Can for a single sin atone.

To Calvary alone I flee—O God, be merciful to me!

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

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult | 463

INVOCATION

Please stand.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.



Be seated.

The Word

FIRST LESSON

Hosea 5:15-6:6

God will let people flounder when they don't listen to and love him at all times. When they repent, not merely from the mouth, but the heart, he will be merciful to them.

¹⁵ Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face—in their misery they will earnestly seek me."

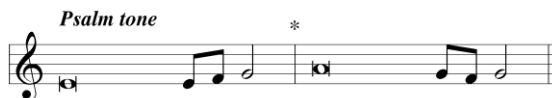
¹"Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us that we may live in his presence. ³Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." ⁴"What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. ⁵Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth—then my judgments go forth like the sun.^{la} ⁶For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings.

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone



I am always with you, O LORD;
you hold me by my right hand.

I am always with you, O LORD;*
you hold me by my right hand.

You guide me with your counsel,*
and afterward you will take me into glory.

Whom have I in heaven but you?*

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,*
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

**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

SECOND LESSON

Romans 4: 18 – 25

We are justified and linked to God by faith in God, in his mercy and promises, impossible though they may seem.

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”¹⁹ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰ Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²² This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(♪) – “Alleluia. God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.” (2 Corinthians 5:19)

HYMN



The musical notation is a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of three measures. The first measure contains four quarter notes: F#4, A4, B4, and C5. The second measure contains a quarter note F#4, followed by a quarter note G4 with a slur over it, then a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The third measure contains a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4.

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

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13

Jesus shows his mission was to show mercy and save sinners. He warns that the inability to rejoice in his mercy to sinners stems from the proud assumption that we really aren't in need of his mercy.

⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'^[a] For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You | 380

Sermon Text – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Sermon Theme – "How Can God Do It?"

Please stand.

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.**

Be seated

THANKSGIVING

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

Silent prayer

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

How Can I Thank You, Lord | 460

Please stand.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



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CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound | 379
verses 1 & 3

SILENT PRAYER AS THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

Hymn 546, Verse 4

The servants you have called And to your Church are giving

Preserve in doctrine pure And holiness of living.

Your Spirit fill their hearts And charge their words with pow'r;

What they should boldly speak, Oh, give them in that hour!

Amen.

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SERVING THE LORD AND US

PRESIDING MINISTER

Rev. David Rutschow

ORGANIST

Karen D'Aversa

USHER/S

06/25	8:00 am	Paul Schoenbeck & Dean Gerdes
	10:30 am	Dale Graefnifnitz & John Roland
6/26	7:00 pm	Daniel John

GREETERS

06/25	8:00 am	Andy Rush	10:30 am	Mark Warner
07/02	8:00 am	Laurie Bowen	10:30 am	Joan Richmond

ALTAR CARE

07/02	Kathy Oedzes & Laura Swiatnicki
07/16	Cindy Oard & Marie Buetow

COFFEE SCHEDULE

06/25	Pam Junkunc & Cindy Oard
07/02	Kathy Paradis & Vicki Smith

WATERING SCHEDULE

06/25	Karen B	06/27	Mark F
06/29	Debi V	07/01	Sherrie/Jay N
07/03	Debbie O	07/05	Laurie B
07/07	Karen B	07/09	Debi V

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?

Pastor Installation Palos Lutheran invites us to rejoice with them as they install Colin Rieke as their pastor. He had been serving as an associate pastor at a church in Tucson, AZ. He will be installed in a special service at 3:00 PM on July 2. A meal will follow. The people at Palos would appreciate knowing if you will be staying for the meal. You may inform Pastor Rutschow of that.

Extended Due Date – Change for Life Program

The final date for the Change for Life Program has been extended to this weekend, June 25-26! This will be the very last time this year you can give to the Change for Life program for New Beginnings. Fill the baby bottle with the change you accumulate daily. Bills and checks are also welcome. If you are writing a check, make it out to Good Shepherd, put "New Beginnings" on the memo line, and put the check in your baby bottle.

All bottles must be returned to church no later than this weekend, June 25-26, 2015. (All bottles must be returned even if you choose not to contribute, as the bottles are on loan to us.) if you cannot return your bottle this weekend, please make arrangements with Doris Holcomb ([630-355-2487](tel:630-355-2487)) or one of the pastors, to return the bottle ASAP. Your donation will make a big difference in the lives of moms and children at New Beginnings!

Installation of Mr. Roekle & Mrs. Blumer – On Sunday, July 16 8:00 am David Roekle (Principal Apprentice/7th and 8th grade teacher) and Kathryn Blumer (Preschool Director) will be installed. Please plan to attend and welcome them to our school and church. We will also be having a welcoming reception with light refreshments after each service.

Minister of Music Announced - Welcome & praise God for Heidi Rusch who just recently accepted the newly created "Minister of Music" position. This position was created to enhance our worship in the areas of music and song to praise and glorify God. Jan Henriksen will be helping Heidi create & develop this new, exciting role for Worship. Thank you in advance to Jan for giving of her time, talent & treasures always to Good Shepherd.

Please keep Heidi and this ministry in your prayers.

Todd Oard - Worship Coordinator

Introducing our First Female Usher - The formation and implementation of men and women ushers was recently resolved and adopted by the MCC of Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church. The resolution is to be carried out to God's glory for the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people and provide more opportunities for both men and women to serve our Lord and His

people at Good Shepherd. This past weekend, we welcomed Grace Rush as our first female usher. Grace is the daughter of Andy and Michelle Rush and she had the privilege of ushering with her dad.

Women communicant members are encouraged to contact Todd Oard or Andy Rush if they are interested in becoming an usher. Training will be provided.



Thank You – Confirmation Stichery - I would like to thank the following people for their help with the confirmation verses. Without their help these verses could not have been completed.

Pastor Schwartz for getting the verses to me on such a timely basis.

Pauline Rutschow for editing the graphs and stitched verses for spacing and spelling errors.

Jackie Hull for framing the finished product.

God's Blessings, Joyce Masa

Blood Donors Thank You - Our sincere appreciation to the 22 blood donors who took the time on Sunday, June 11th to offer a pint to those in need of surgery or transfusion. Twenty pints were collected and will provide medical assistance to as many as 70 people. On behalf of those you aid, enjoy your pint of ice cream.

Our next blood drive will be held on Sunday, November 5th at Good Shepherd - 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Please mark your calendar. Our goal will be 35 pints. Friend and neighbors are welcome.

Thank you for your enthusiastic response. Laurie Bowen

[Don't Forget About These!](#)

Invitation to Partner with St. Andrew (Chicago) for Community Outreach –

Dear Chicago-area WELS brothers and sisters.

In April, the LWMS Chicago Area Circuit heard from St. Andrew Lutheran Church's new pastor, Adam Gawel, about outreach opportunities in St. Andrew's community. The church's immediate neighborhood (McKinley Park) has a majority Hispanic population and significant numbers of Chinese and Caucasians. Together with some members from Trinity in Crete, St. Andrew is planning for some coordinated outreach to its community on July 15th (Saturday). Any WELS members are welcome to partner in this effort. Volunteers will pass out invitations to St.

Andrew's summer Sunday school as well as informational flyers about the church, and we also hope to be able to have conversations about the gospel with any member of the community who is willing. Don't worry if you haven't had special evangelism training; we will partner you with someone who has, and you can learn as you go!

If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor Adam Gawel on his cell phone (by call or text) at [773-383-2395](tel:773-383-2395). On July 15 we plan to meet at 1pm at St. Andrew's Ministry Center (3650 S. Honore St., Chicago, 60609 -- the house next door to the church). If you can't join us on that day, please keep these outreach efforts in your prayers, and consider joining us in the future!

Thank you!

The "Walking Tour of McKinley Park" article linked below gives a good picture of the neighborhood.

<https://chicago.curbed.com/2016/4/12/11411496/a-tour-of-mckinley-park>

2nd Annual Golf Outing & BBQ!

Date: Saturday, July 29th

Time: 1:30pm - Check-in/Putting Practice starting
2:00pm - Golf Begins
BBQ Dinner immediately following

Where: River Bend Golf Course & Wheatstack Restaurant
5900 S. Rt. 53, Lisle

Cost (per person): \$50 - Golf (9 holes) & Dinner
\$30 - Golf only (w/cart)
\$20 - Dinner only

Registration Required: Sign-up in narthex, e-mail dschindle46422@gmail.com, or register at www.gsdg.org

Payment: Cash or check (made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran) noting "Golf Outing" in memo line and on envelope: put in either narthex or school office lock boxes.

Any questions please see Group Life Coordinator Dan Schindler, or contact at 630-853-1669. Thank you!

PART-TIME SCHOOL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Good Shepherd Lutheran School and Precious Lambs Preschool are now accepting applications for part-time work in the school. We are looking for:

- Aide in the 3rd/4th grade room
- Preschool Teacher - Tuesdays/Thursdays
- Aide in the preschool

Below you will find links to the job descriptions and the application.

Preschool Teacher - Tues/Thurs

Teacher's Aide

Employment Application

If you are interested in any of the positions, please submit a completed application with your resume and forward to the office in an envelope addressed to "School Committee". Applications and resumes will be accepted through June 30th with interviews being conducted in early July.

Questions? Please contact:

Rick Brands, School Committee Chairman

773-655-1526 brandsrick@gmail.com

SCRIP

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

Questions? E-mail our SCRIP Coordinator, Carlene Derickson, at scrip@gsdg.org for more information.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE IN GOD'S HOUSE (06/18-19)

Sunday (8:00) – 87

Sunday (10:30) – 94

Monday (7:00) – 17

Weekend Total – 198

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week Ending	Weekly Offering	YTD Offering	YTD Budget	% of Budget
Week 51	06/18/17	\$10,331.55	\$684,829.91	\$711,000	96.3%

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 6/26	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
	7:00 pm	Worship Service with Communion
TUESDAY 6/27	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
WEDNESDAY 6/28	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
THURSDAY 6/29	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
FRIDAY 6/30	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School
SATURDAY 7/01		
SUNDAY 7/02	8:00 am	Worship Service with communion
	9:20 am	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 am	Worship Service with communion
MONDAY 7/03	7:00 pm	Worship Service with communion

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 7/8	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
Friday 7/14		Last Day to Register for Golf Outing
Sunday 7/16		Installation of David Roekle and Kathryn Blumer
Friday 7/21		Mulka Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 7/22		Mulka Wedding
Thursday 7/27		Perez Wedding Rehearsal
Friday 7/28		Perez Wedding
Saturday 7/29		2 nd Annual Golf Outing



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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