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GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, SCHOOL, AND PRESCHOOL

Downers Grove, Illinois

A member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

OCTOBER 21ST AND 22ND, 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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Savior's Message:

It's harvest time in the fields around us. Farmers are harvesting the fruits of their labors. God also seeks to harvest good fruit from his children. He is the one who has planted the seed of the gospel in our hearts and causes it to grow and bear fruit. May God keep us growing in His Word and producing abundant fruit!

Altar Flowers – The Altar flowers have been placed by the Eiting family in remembrance of Chad and in thankfulness to God for his many blessings to and through Chad.

MU*Sheep*LISTEN*TO my voice 1*know * chem * and * chey Follow me

PRESERVICE MUSIC - Joan Richmond

PERSONAL PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Hymn 385, Verse 1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me, Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine! 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

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying | 573

INVOCATION

- **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.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5: 1 – 7 The Lord gives the people of his vineyard every advantage to produce fruits of faith.

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

PSALM OF THE DAY

(SUNDAY) First Refrain sung by Children's choir sings first, repeat with congregation vss. 1,2,5,6 sung by Children's choir, vs. 3 Women only vs. 4 Men only, "Glory Be" sung by all

Psalm 118





The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

- "The LORD'S right hand is <u>lift</u>ed high; the LORD'S right hand has done <u>mighty</u> things!"
- I will not <u>die</u> but live, and will proclaim what the <u>LORD</u> has done.

Refrain

- I will give you thanks, for you <u>an</u>swered me; you have become my sal<u>va</u>tion.
- The stone the builders rejected has become the <u>cap</u>stone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous <u>in</u> our eyes.
- This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be <u>glad</u> in it.
- Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it,
- as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning, is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13

God's grace motivates us to produce good fruits of faith out of love for him.

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange-I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

(Children's Choir) – (Sunday)

VERSE OF THE DAY "Be Thou My Vision"

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Accompanist: Jan Henriksen

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise My inheritance, now and always Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever be fall, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 33 – 43

Jesus promises to give the vineyard of his kingdom to those who produce good fruit.

"Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."



Be seated.

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 making time for God's Word.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Sermon Text: 2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13 **Sermon Theme** – Do Whatever It Takes!

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.

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.

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.

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak | 561

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.



CLOSING HYMN

May the Peace of God |745

SILENT PRAYER AS THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

Hymn 385, Verse 5

Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, By your Spirit and your word.

When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;

Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die. Amen.

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SERVING THE LORD AND US

PRESIDING MINISTER	Rev. Matthew Schwartz	

ORGANIST

Joan Richmond

USHER/S

10/21	5:30 pm	Ken Hull
10/22	8:00 am	Paul Kippes & Ed Boron
	10:30 am	Chuck Rhodes & Greg Busse
10/28	5:30 pm	Daniel John
10/29	8:00 am	Erik Guldberg
	10:30 am	Chris & Ryan Kruegel

GREETERS

10/22	8:00 am	Laurie Bowen	10:30 am Greg Busse
10/29	8:00 am	Dean Gerdes	10:30 am Cindy Oard

ALTAR CARE

11/4Sandy Paradis & Deb O'Malley11/18Karen Basler & Inge Wegner

COFFEE SCHEDULE

- 10/22 Valerie Adegunleye & Carol Miller
- 10/29 Sandy Paradis

WATERING SCHEDULE



Because of several requests, we're including a brief introduction of our new Music Minister Heidi Rusch:

My name is Heidi Rusch. I was born and raised in the Capital District region of New York. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in music from the State University at Fredonia, and attended graduate school at The College of Saint Rose in Albany. I moved to Illinois in 2002, and have been teaching at The Bloomingdale School of Music ever since. I have been a member of Good Shepherd church for about 8 years. I'm currently the children's choir director, and one of the piano teachers for our grade school. Married 10 years, Jonathan and I have one son Clayton (C.J.) who is in 2nd grade. Jon's parent's Clay and Barbara are long time members of Good Shepherd as well.

Some of my duties as minister of music include:

-Hymn research and copyright reporting.

-Organizing special music for worship services. Encouraging ways to enhance congregational singing.

-Encouraging members of Good Shepherd to use their musical gifts during worship.

-Fulfilling any grade school, church, or Sunday school musical needs.

-Corresponding and coordinating with various WELS Pastors, ministries, and worship leaders as needed for special services.

-Serving the Lord and the church with the musical gifts God has blessed me with.

I look forward to serving and getting to know you. Any questions or concerns, or if you have a musical gift you'd like me to know about or share in service to our Lord, please feel free to contact me at heidi-ackermann@hotmail.com

Becoming a Voting Member - All male communicant members over the age of 18 are eligible to become voting members. If you would like to become a voting member, please contact one of the Pastors or church President Mark Warner, with your intention. Your intention must be made 30 days prior to the Voters Assembly. The Voters Assembly is scheduled for November 20th and the Open Forum is scheduled for November 12th. The Open Forum is a preview of the Voters Assembly. At the Voters Assembly, you will sign the church constitution.

Benefit Days at Cozzi Corner Restaurant - Cozzi Corner Hotdogs & Beef is hosting Good Shepherd church and school families November 1-5. Present the special flyer and 20% of your lunch, dinner, carryout, or gift certificate purchases will be donated to Good Shepherd Lutheran School. Proceeds will go towards a water fountain with bottle filling station. You may pick up a flyer from the table in the narthex. Visit as often as you like during the time period noted.

Cozzi Corner 1201 75th Street, Downers Grove

Homeless Veteran Coat Drive - Our congregation Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is sponsoring a Homeless Veteran Coat Drive from now until Wednesday, November 15th. If you have any used winter coats to donate, men or women's, please place them in the large cardboard box in the Narthex. Bob Reichert, our LMSG liaison will deliver them to the National Guard Amory, 1515 N. Kedzie Avenue on Thursday, November 16th for a Homeless Veteran Stand Down sponsored by the Veterans Administration (VA). Contact Bob at reichert2700@gmail.com with any questions.

Reformation Service Bus - There will be a coach bus from our area going to the district Reformation 500 service in Milwaukee the afternoon of November 5. As of last Saturday, there were 34 seats available. The bus will leave Christ the King Church in Palatine at 12:45 and return after the service, stopping for people from our sister congregations in Lake Zurich and Libertyville. Cost is \$15/adult (\$10/seniors and children). We would need to leave for Palatine right after our 10:30 service (ca. 11:30). If you are interested in going or have questions, contact me as soon as possible, as seats are filled on a first come, first served basis. Cars can be left in the Christ the King parking lot. We might also do some carpooling from here to Palatine and back.

The worship service venue is an old theater in downtown Milwaukee, which seats something like 4,000. The service will include special choral and instrumental music. WELS First Vice President Huebner will preach the sermon. -Pastor Rutschow

What's Your Passion? - Servae Christi will be holding its general membership meeting and annual elections on Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00 PM. Carol Miller and Lindsey Daehnke will give an update on the Faith Unleashed workshop and current Good Shepherd efforts to initiate an All Member Ministries Program in our congregation. All women are encouraged to attend.

Sign-up for Blood Drive – November 5th - Mark your calendar! Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, November 5th in Fellowship Hall, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Please help fill the low blood supply currently experienced. Your pint can save up to 3 people's lives. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Questions: Please contact Laurie Bowen at 630-852-5490. **GROUP LIFE EVENT – MISKATONIC BREWING CO. -** On October 23rd, 7-9pm, Group Life is hosting an event (for all adult members, non-members and guests) at Miskatonic Brewing Company in Darien.

UDPATE Great news for those adults who don't drink alcohol, alternative beverages will be available in lieu of the beer...same opportunity \$10 per person for glass, pour and tour.

Sign up is on the table in the narthex. Come join in conversation and try a microbrew! Any questions, contact Group Life Coordinator, Dan Schindler dschindler6422@gmail.com

School Fundraiser - Home Run Inn of Darien is donating 50% of dine-in or carry-out orders to Good Shepherd Lutheran School on Tuesday, October 24th from 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Bring in a paper copy of this <u>flyer</u> or display it on a mobile device for our school to receive credit for your order. Feel free to share with friends and family. Let's raise some dough for our school!

Seeking Childcare – We are looking for childcare for our newborn son starting in either January or February 2018. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested, please contact Dave or Hannah Roekle via email or phone. Details and contact information are listed below. Thank you!

Where:	Your home or our home	
When:	Tuesdays & Thursday s 7:00am – 7:00pm (we're flexible on time)	
Dates:	Hannah is due November 17 th . The start date depends on when she has the baby	
	and when her maternity leave ends. The tentative plan would be to start	
	January/February 2018 until the end of the school year.	
Requirements:	s: We are looking for someone who has experience/is comfortable with newborns.	
	We would not need childcare over vacation days or holidays. Interested persons	
	must have a valid driver's license.	
Pay:	When you contact us we can discuss this!	

Contact information:

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DISTRICT REFORMATION 500 FESTIVAL SERVICE - Save the date as we celebrate the blessings God has given us through the Lutheran Reformation. Our district Reformation 500 Festival Service will be held at the Miller High Life Theatre on Sunday, November 5th at 3:30 p.m. Hear God's word preached, special choirs singing, and thousands of fellow believers giving glory to our gracious God. A freewill offering will be gathered to support mission work in our district. Those who are unable to attend the service but still wish to make a special thank offering can do so by going to <u>www.sew-wels.net/ref500offering</u>. More information about the Reformation 500 Festival Service can be found by visiting the Facebook

page: <u>facebook.com/pg/MKEReformation500/events</u>. We hope you can join us for this special service of praise to our God!

FORENSICS COACHES NEEDED - Our 5th-8th grade students are working hard preparing for the upcoming Forensics Meet and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Students practice their pieces at the end of the school day from 2-3 PM starting Thursday, September 28. We are looking for coaches during that time to assist in creating intros, reading through pieces and offering improvements. Below you will find a Google Doc sign-up sheet with dates and those that have already volunteered. After looking it over, please enter your name in the dates where you can coach. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Roekle. Thank you for your consideration.

DEVOTION BOOK FAIR - The devotion book fair will be running the whole month of October. Stop by the display in the narthex. There are many new books to choose from. Please complete an order form provided on the table. If you have any other books you would like to order from Northwestern Publishing House, please indicate on the form the book name, item #, and cost. Place your completed order form and cash or check made payable to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in an envelope. Then place your envelope in the lock box on the wall near the coffee table. The last day for ordering will be October 31st. Any questions, please contact Joyce Masa.

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18

Don't Forget About These

SCRIP (SUBSTITUTE CASH REBATE INCENTIVE PROGRAM)

Look for a SCRIP announcement from the 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).

Order Schedule: Orders and payments due by 12pm

• Monday, October 16th; delivered by October 20th

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 provide for the training of future pastors and teachers and support 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 (10/14-10/15)

Saturday (5:30) – 34 Sunday (8:00) – 62 Sunday (10:30) – 125 Weekend Total – 221

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

	Week	Weekly	YTD	YTD	% of
	Ending	Offering	Offering	Budget	Budget
Week 16	10/15/17	\$12,632.30	\$209,156.59	\$204,000	102.5%

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

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

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Class and Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		Devotion Book Fair
MONDAY 10/23	7:00 pm	Miskatonic Brewing Company
TUESDAY 10/24	11am-9:30p	om Home Run Inn Fundraiser
	6:00 pm	Catechism Class
	7:15 pm	Choir
WEDNESDAY 10/25	-	Bible Study
	11:30 am	Early Release K-8 th Aftercare Available to 1pm
	12:00 pm	Early Release PreK
	6 & 8 pm	Interactive Faith Online Study
THURSDAY 10/26	1	No School WI Teachers Conference
FRIDAY 10/27		No School WI Teachers Conference
SATURDAY 10/28	5:30 pm	Worship Service
SUNDAY 10/29	8:00 am	Worship Service
	9:20 am	Adult Bible Class and Sunday school
	10:30 am	Worship Service
SAVE THE DATE		
Monday 10/30	1:00 & 6:30pm	Forensics Preview
Wednesday 11/01	8:10 am	Chapel
	8:30 am	Picture Makeup Day/Retake Day
	3:30 pm Facult	· · ·
Thursday 11/02	11:30 am	School Benefit Night (must show flyer) Early Release K-8 th Parent Teacher Conferences
111013000y 11/02	11.50 am	Aftercare available until 4pm
	7:00 pm	School Committee Meeting
Friday 11/03	Ĩ	No School Pre-K – 8th Grade Parent Teacher Conference
Saturday 11/03	9:30 am	Forensics @ Crete (Gr 5-8)
Sunday 11/05	8:00 am	Heartland Blood Drive @ GS
	5	zzi Corner Fundraiser(must show flyer)
Thursday 11/09	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	District Reformation 500 Festival Service @ Milwaukee FrOGS Meeting
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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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