

Christian Humility



September 21 and 22, 2019

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway and down the hall to the left.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the narthex or room ("Shepherds Nook") located down the hall from the narthex. This room has a television showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

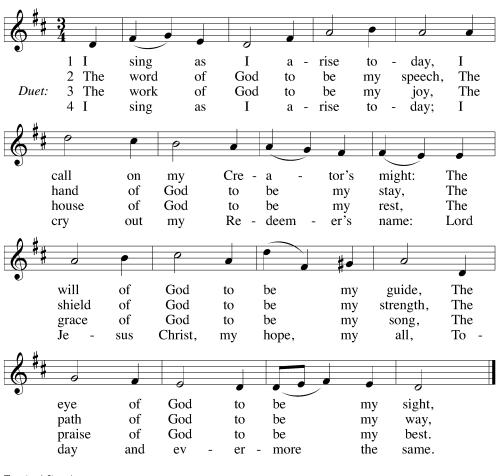
Today's Focus: *The first will be last . . . humble yourselves.* The life of faith is one of true humility. But it is humility rendered by faith in the promise of God that those who exalt themselves on earth will be humiliated for eternity, but those who humble themselves now will be exalted.

Pre-service Music: "I Sing as I Arise Today" (Arr. By Valerie Floeter) Piano: Casey Kippes

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church 525 63rd Street, Downers Grove 630-852-1519 www.gsdg.org

We Come into God's Presence

Opening Hymn: #779 "I Sing as I Arise Today" (Sunday morning: A duet will sing verse 3)



Duet: Nathan Krug, Kristina Krug

Text (st. 1,2): Anon.

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ROCKINGHAM OLD (88 88) Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, London, 1778, adapt.

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Invocation (*Please stand. This order of worship is also found on pages 38-39 in the front of the Hymnal, labeled as "Service of the Word."*)

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.

Confession of Sins

- 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.



Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



We Listen

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6,7

⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men;

⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.

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(Sunday morning) Quartet Choral Piece: "A Servant's Heart"

Vocalists:Cheryl, John & Nathan Krug and Kristina Krug JohnAccompanist:Nathan Krug

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

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

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

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

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Second Reading: James 2:1-13

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. ² Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. ³ If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴ have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

⁸ If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. ⁹ But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

¹² Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, ¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.



Verse of the Day

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Gospel Response



Children's Message

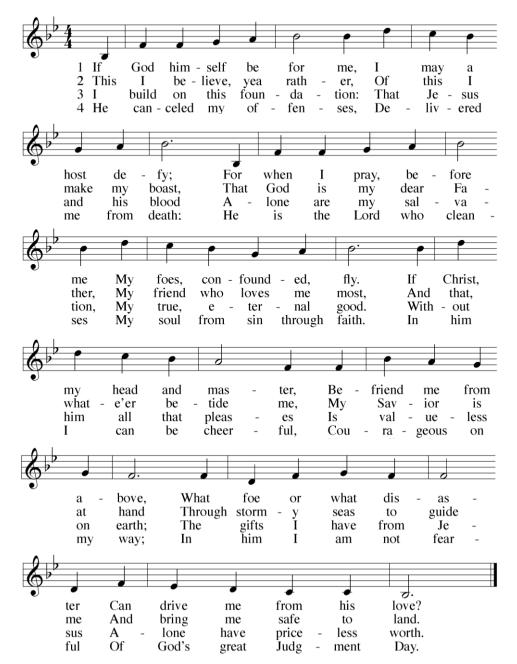
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Text:Philip Doddridge, 1702–51; altered by Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.Tune:ST. FLAVIAN (CM) The Whole Booke of Psalmes, London, 1562, alt.

Sermon

We Respond

Hymn: #419, verses 1-4 "If God Himself Be for Me"



Offering (If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)

Offertory: "O God, Forsake Me Not" (Arr. by Valerie Floeter)

Flute: Erin Arndt Accompanist: Karen D'aversa

Prayer of the Church

The 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

Blessing

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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: #419, verses 5-7 "If God Himself Be for Me"

No sin can now condemn me Or set my hope aside. Now hell no more can claim me; Its fury I deride. No sentence now reproves me; No guilt destroys my peace, For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with his grace.

No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty, No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me. Though earth should break asunder, You are my Savior true; No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever me from you.

My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad, 'Tis full of joy and singing, Sees only sunshine glad. The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King; The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, st. 1-3, 6-7, alt.; unknown, st. 4-5, alt.

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.

Serving in Worship

Pastor:	Jon Bergemann
Organist:	Karen D'Aversa

Ushers

09/21	. 5:30 pm	Ken Hull
09/22	8:00 am	Dan & Erik Schindler
	10:30 am	Scott Wolfrum & Joseph Abegg
09/28	5:30 pm	Dave Morgan
09/29	8:00 am	Andy Rush & Dave Bowen
	10:30 am	Bob Vicker & John Roland
Altar Care	!	
10/06		Jennifer Tyrrel & Doris Holcomb
10/20		Kathy Oedzes & Fran Piepenbrink
Coffee Sch	nedule	
09/22		Roxanne Zikis & Lindsey Daehnke
09/29		Sue Mecklenburg
Folding Sc	hedule	
09/22		Chris Herrmann
09/29		Sherrie & Jay Norco
Communi	on Assistant Schedule	
10/06	8:00 am	Rick Brands & Todd Paradis
	10:30 am	Doug Semenske & Ken Jordan
10/20	8:00 am	David Roekle & Dave Rardin
	10:30 am	Ken Jordan & John Roland
Watering	Crew	
09/23	Karen	09/25 Debi V
09/27	Laurie	09/29 Deb O
Live Strea	m 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 <u>www.gsdg.org</u>

Open Positions for Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC) 2019

Good Shepherd has seven positions open for election to the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC) at the voters meeting in November. The position descriptions are listed below. Please contact Dean L. Gerdes (708-807-5649), another member of the MCC or Pastor Bergemann (331-238-2378) if you are interested in election to one of these positions or interested in discussing further the open positions. Our congregation depends on our members filling these important roles.

Dean L. Gerdes President / Treasurer

OPEN POSITIONS FOR MINISTRY COORDINATING COUNCIL (MCC) 2019

President

The President presides as chairman at all meetings of the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC), Voters' Meetings and informal meetings of the congregation. The President serves as liaison between members of the congregation and called workers as well as various boards and committees. The President is an advisory member of all committees.

Elementary School Coordinator

The Elementary School Coordinator is responsible, together with the other elected members of the Elementary School Committee, for assuring that the mission statement of Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy is being carried out. This position is elected by the voters and serves on the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC).

The responsibilities of the Elementary School Coordinator include the following:

- · Establish school policy
- · Evaluate staffing needs and make staffing recommendations to the congregation
- · Communicate with parents of school children
- · Report actions of the committee to the MCC and congregation
- · Serve as chairman of the Elementary School Committee

School Committee Member

The School Coordinator, along with the other elected members of the School Committee, is responsible for assuring that the mission statement of Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy is being carried out. The positions in the School Committee are elected by the voters and are a two-year term.

The responsibilities of the School Committee include the following:

- · Establish school policy
- Evaluate staffing needs and make staffing recommendations to the congregation
- · Communicate with parents of school children

Group Life Coordinator

He is responsible for providing opportunities and promoting fellowship among and between various groups in the congregation such as youth, teens, singles, seniors, couples, men, women, etc. The **15**

activities under the direction of the Group Life Coordinator shall strive to sustain each of our members in the faith by working together for the spiritual growth and health of the congregation.

The areas of responsibility for the Group Life Coordinator include, but are not limited to: the Pioneer Council, teen program, Servae Christi (women's group), and fellowship groups such as singles, couples, seniors, and men. The nature and dimension of the responsibility includes leadership and staffing. The Group Life Coordinator shall report to the MCC and the congregation meetings concerning the activities under his direction.

Mission Resources Coordinator

He is responsible for identifying, marshaling and coordinating the congregation's resources for its funding. He shall also endeavor to build a strong, informed congregation, mindful of its Christian privileges and responsibilities.

- Report to the MCC and congregation all actions and activities of the Mission Resources Committee
- Chair the Mission Resources Committee, which includes appointed members and ex-officio members Secretary-Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Loan Program Administrator of the congregation
- Report and coordinate the activities of the Endowment Fund committee to the MCC and the congregation
- · Develop and initiate programs and instruction on all stewardship activities
- · Recruit volunteers for stewardship activities as necessary
- · Participate in the preparation of the congregational budget

Spiritual Growth Coordinator

The Spiritual Growth Coordinator is responsible for making provisions for the operation of the Sunday School, Catechism instruction, memory course, Bible classes and other programs which may enhance and promote spiritual growth of congregation members and prospective members.

The scope of responsibility includes:

- Appoint members of the Spiritual Growth Committee and such sub-committees as may be required
- · Establish policies regarding various programs for which the committee is responsible
- · Appoint a Sunday School Administrator and other volunteer staff as needed
- · Report to and make recommendations to the MCC regarding areas of spiritual growth
- · In consultation with the pastor(s), evaluate spiritual growth needs and opportunities

Worship Coordinator

He is responsible for assuring and enhancing proper conduct of our public worship services by working closely with our pastors and members of the Worship Committee, within the guidelines of our congregation's Constitution, Articles of Faith, and mission statement.

The responsibilities of this position include:

- Arranging for ushers, usher training, scheduling, backups, list of duties, etc.
- Coordinate scheduling (usher support/backup)

- In conjunction with the pastor, assure that musical accompaniment for worship services is scheduled and provided
- Evaluate and make recommendations to the MCC regarding worship service enhancements as well as special services, assuring strict adherence to our congregation's Articles of Faith, as well as considerations of worship improvements
- · Report regularly to the MCC and congregation

Forensics Coaches Needed

Starting Monday, September 23rd our preparation for the Forensics Meet will begin. Our 5-8th grade students are working hard to get ready for this upcoming meet and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Students practice their pieces at the end of the school day from 2-3 PM. We are looking for coaches during that time to assist in creating intros, reading through pieces and offering improvements. Please find the Google Sheets sign-up <u>here</u>. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Roekle or Ms. Rosenbaum.

Trunks Needed

On October 20th from 1.00pm-3.30pm we will be replacing Fall Festival with a Trunk or Treat event.

What is Trunk or Treat?

Church and Academy families will festively decorate their trunks in the parking lot so children can "trick or treat" from the back of the vehicles. This event has been very successful at many churches and we hope to have lots of participation from our Good Shepherd community. We'll have a bounce house, food, and costume parade for the children. The best decorated trunk will win a prize!

Please sign up in the narthex to participate in the fun!

CTC Groups Starting Up

IT'S BACK!!...ConnectingThroughChrist (CTC) small group sermon-based bible study in a home near you!

Another round of CTC groups will begin after soon. This is our small group program to better connect members to each other and to Christ - **C**onnecting**T**hrough**C**hrist (**CTC**).

We have had over 100 congregation members enjoy at least one group over the past several years - and many of those people have been in multiple groups. This program is modeled after successes at many other WELS churches and is based on a book named *Sticky Church*. It is a group of 8-12 adults who gather outside of the church to enjoy fellowship and grow in Christ by discussing a recent sermon. A trained facilitator from Good Shepherd will facilitate the discussion, and a coordinator gets the groups organized and scheduled. CTC will help people discuss and apply the sermon in a more personal way. CTC is not another church meeting, but a gathering of Christian friends developing a deeper relationship with each other and Christ. CTC groups will generally meet around twice per month and will continue for 3-4 months.

Additional details will be provided after an upcoming service, and signup sheets will be in the narthex starting Sunday 9/15/19.

Andy Rush CTC Coordinator

Public School Catechism Introductory Meeting

Good Shepherd facilitates Catechism class for children and families who do not attend our congregation's school. Sometimes referred to as "Public School Catechism Class", this group is intended for public school, homeschool, and other private school families. If you have a child entering 7th or 8th grade this year, please join us for an introductory meeting on Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm. This meeting will provide more information on this wonderful opportunity to grow in the Word as a family!

OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

For the past several years the upper grades at GSLA have been working with Operation Support Our Troops to collect items to send to our troops abroad for Christmas. This is a great way for the students to show Christian love and joy to those who serve in the armed forces. Below is a list of items we are currently collecting. Collection boxes will be located outside the office and in the church narthex. We will be collecting items until October 16th. Thank you for your help in showing our support for our military servicemen and women.

Products Must be Individually Wrapped or Individual Packs

Gum Chocolate Candy Bars Candy (M&M's, Skittles etc.) Pop Tarts Microwave Popcorn Bag Starlight Mints Bag Tootsie Rolls Bag Holiday Candy Bag Tootsie Pops, Dum Dums Candy Canes Hand Wipes Slim Jims or Beef Jerky Snack Cookies Snack Crackers Snack Nuts Rice Krispie Treats Granola Bars Twizzlers

ChapStick Dental Floss Toothbrushes (Individual) Toothpaste (1oz. or less) New CD's and DVD's Ziploc Snack Bags Ziploc Sandwich Bags Ziploc Quart Bags Ziploc Gallon Bags Large Jars or Cans of Nuts (16 oz. or less, no glass) Unbreakable Ornaments (Homemade or Flat) Trail Mix Oatmeal Hot Chocolate Life Savers Fruit Snacks or Rollups Cow Tails (Long) Dried Fruit, Cranberry, Raisins

AA Batteries Hand Warmers Beanie Babies Pens, Mechanical Pencils iTunes or Amazon Gift Cards (\$10 Increments) New Playing Cards, Dice Sudoko Books Crossword Books Puzzle Books Letters and Cards to Service Members

Advent by Candlelight

It's never too early to mark your calendar for an important event! Good Shepherd will hold an Advent by Candlelight for ladies of the congregation, their family members, friends and neighbors, on Friday December 6 at 7 PM. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful evening of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing!

SCRIP (Substitute Cash Rebate Incentive Program) Order Release Schedule

• Monday, September 23 by noon; delivered by Friday, September 27

CALEN	DAR		
TODAY		8:00 am	Worship Service
		9:20 am	Adult Bible Study / BLAST Sunday school
		10:30 am	Worship Service
М	ONDAY 09/23		Forensics Prep Begins (Gr 5-8)
		8:30 am	Hearing & Vision Screening
		12:00 pm	SCRIP Orders Due
		7:00 pm	PMM Core Team Meeting
τι	JESDAY 09/24	7:10 pm	Adult Choir
w	EDNESDAY 09/25	8:30 am	Picture Day
		2:30 pm	Jr. Soccer Tournament
TH	IURSDAY 09/26	-	
FF	RIDAY 09/27		SCRIP Delivered
SA	TURDAY 09/28	9:00 am	LWMS Fall Rally Lord & Savior
		5:30 pm	Worship Service
SL	JNDAY 09/29	8:00 am	Worship Service
		9:20 am	Adult Bible Study / BLAST Sunday school
		10:30 am	Worship Service
			PreK -4 th Sing in Church
		11:30 am	Girl Pioneers Fellowship Hall
		12:00 pm	Boy Pioneers 7 th /8 th Grade Room
SA	VE THE DATE		
00	ct 5		Soccer Tournament Aurora
00	ct 8	8:30 am	Hearing & Vision PreK – 8 th
		7:00 pm	School Committee Meeting
00	ct 11		Little/Big Buddy Outing
00	ct 13	11:30 am	OWLS Meeting
00	ct 14		No School – Columbus Day
00	ct 17	7:00 pm	MCC Meeting
00	ct 18		Grandparents morning