

Reception Uncovered: Rejection Is Not
The Exception But The Rule

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What's Happening at Good Shepherd

UNCOVERED

Epiphany 3

January 22 and 23, 2022

Theme of the Day: *Reception Uncovered: Rejection is not the exception but the rule.* When one proclaims God's Word, typically the intentions are good. We want others to know the joy of salvation and the love of Christ. Therefore, it can be surprising to us when God's Word is met with apathy or rejection by those who hear it. It's easy to conclude that when the Word of God offends human minds and hearts (including our own), something has gone wrong. The truth that is uncovered this week is that rejection of Jesus' words is not the exception but the rule. Jesus' words will always offend. However, we will see that God can use even the rejection of his Word for good.

Guest pastor: Pastor Colin Rieke, Palos Lutheran Church (*Palos Heights, IL*)

Series Theme: UNCOVERED

We are in the season of the Church called Epiphany, a Greek word that means "to appear." Salvation has appeared in the person of Jesus Christ. In Epiphany, the Church explores everything that Christ makes apparent about God. You see, we need God to appear to us and make himself known to us. For not only is God beyond our understanding, his works and his ways are contrary to mankind's natural assumptions about him. In other words, the truth about God cannot possibly be discovered by us. Rather, it needs to be uncovered for us. That's what the Spirit is doing for us during this season of Epiphany. Week after week, surprising truths about Jesus our King and life in his kingdom will be uncovered.

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| January 15/16 | Delight Uncovered: God delivers more than we ask, not less |
| January 22/23 | <i>Reception Uncovered: Rejection is not the exception but the rule</i> |
| January 29/30 | Agenda Uncovered: What must be said, not what others want to hear |

Good Shepherd Members

✚ Shepherding Committee would like to make sure **ALL** members who would like to receive our weekly "What's Happening at Good Shepherd" email, inclusive of the weekly service folder, are. If you are not receiving these weekly emails on Fridays, please contact Jen Reynolds in our office at office@gsdg.org.

✚ **Mask guidelines during worship.**

Due to the current CDC recommendation, we ask that everyone wear masks while indoors.

The Offering Envelopes have been delivered and are in the Church Office.

Again this year there are no numbers on them, if you are in need of your offering envelope number please let Jen know, and she will set aside a box for you with your name and number written on it. For the members that do know your Offering envelope numbers please just pick up an unlabeled box from the counter for your use during 2022 the next time you are in church. office@gsdg.org

I will place a box of 2022 Envelopes in the Narthex as well for people that may have difficulty making it to the church office.

Please when you make your Offerings include your name and offering number on your envelope or check.

Please remember you can also make online offering payments, access this method via our website www.gsdg.org

Stamps for the Wounded

Please don't stop bringing in your stamps, many Wounded veterans find great enjoyment in stamp collecting. Thanks to the Lions' Club and many devoted volunteers, this postage stamp program gives these hospital or wheelchair-bound veterans something to do, and something to look forward to. Trading duplicates also connects them with other collectors. A thank you note is posted on the Military board in the hallway.

Leave about ½ inch border or envelope around the perforations of the stamp. Do not remove the stamp from the envelope it is glued to. The veterans prefer to do that themselves, it's part of their fun.

Pregnancy & Life Resources

The board and staff of Pregnancy & Life Resources thanks you for your continued support and wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas! It has been another challenging year for all of us with social distancing and limits on how many can attend church together. Yet BLESSINGS from our Lord have still been given to us. We continue to help those in need. We see so many thankful women and children who depend upon us. We have not been able to visit any churches again this year, but continue to see donation from different sources than our normal Fundraiser events. We hope to be able to do these again in the coming year. Please consider a Christmas donation to our center during this joyful time of year! Please send your donations to WELS Lutherans for Life, 359 Cambridge Dr, Grayslake, IL 60030.

Rummage Sale

Coming in the spring.....

Planning has begun for a church wide rummage sale next spring. Details will follow but for now, find a corner and start saving those clothes that don't fit anymore, toys/games/etc. that you have outgrown and those "what was I thinking when I bought that" items. We are hoping to reach out to the community and provide information on Good Shepherd Church and Academy during the event. Proceeds from the sale will probably be given to a local food bank. Until details are finalized, do not bring items to church. But thinking about spring will help us get through the winter ahead.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy

News and Notes

Jan 19, 2022

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord Always!!

Please note Calendar dates/updates

Jan 20 YMCA, Basketball Practice

MAP testing

Jan 21 Band Lessons and Practice

MAP testing

Jan 22 Worship 5:30pm

Jan 23 Worship 8:00am

Adult Bible Study / BLAST 9:15am

Worship 10:30am PreK -2nd Grade sing in church

Jan 24 - 28 Christian Education Week

Jan 25 YMCA, Basketball Practice

MAP testing

Our theme this year is "Rejoice in the Lord always" from Philippians 4:4.

We are rejoicing for the blessing of Christian education.

Every day at GSLA, we learn that Jesus loves us.

Portillo's Fundraiser

On Tuesday, February 10th from 5-8 p.m. Portillo's off of Route 83 in Willowbrook will donate 20% of your dine-in or takeout order to GSLA when you show a print or electronic version of the [fundraiser flier](#). Drive through orders apply, but you must give the first order-taker your fundraiser information. Not valid with online, app or phone orders. Cheer on the GSLA Rams basketball team as they play nearby against Resurrection school at St. Mark's Coptic Church in Burr Ridge. B team: 4:30-5:30 p.m. A team: 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Science Fair

The students in Grades 3-8 will participate in the GSLA Science Fair on March 18-20, 2022. Mrs. Koch and Miss Rosenbaum have handed out information packets. Entry forms are due January 21. The school has white tri-fold boards available for your child to use.

High School Recruitment

Representatives from the high schools will be visiting GSLA in the next couple of weeks. The students in Grades 5-8 will meet with recruiters from Illinois Lutheran in Crete, IL, Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI, and Michigan Lutheran High School in St. Joseph, MI.

Christian Education Week

GSLA is celebrating Christian Education from January 23-30. The students in K-Grade 2 will sing in the 10:30 service on January 23. During the week we will be sharing events on our social media sites, including a Family Reading Night. On January 30, the students in Grades 3-8 will sing in the 8:00 service.

GSLA Music Recital - Update

This event will now be a virtual event. The students will be showcasing their musical talents, individually and as a class in a video. Students, keep practicing your instrument!

Sports Schedule:

The first basketball game is away at Resurrection, Aurora on Friday, January 14 with A team playing at 4:30pm and B team playing at 5:30pm.

The game on Thursday, January 27 has been changed. The A team will be playing away at St. John's, La Grange at 4:30pm. The B team will not have practice or a game that day, but can come cheer on the A team!

Luther Prep Tournament - Hotel Information

A block or rooms is being held for Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy **and** Resurrection Lutheran School. Room block is for rooms with 2 queen beds, non-smoking, for 3/10-3/13 (arrive Thursday; checkout Sunday). The hotel is Comfort Suites in Johnson Creek. Address: 725 Paradise Lane Johnson Creek WI 53038

Comfort Suites phone: (920) 699-2800

For those planning on attending the tournament, we encourage you to contact the hotel to reserve your room--you will be required to give them your credit card number. Once the block of rooms have been released, there is no guarantee a room will be available nor at the rate of \$129/night.

Group Name: Good Shepherd Room Block

Block Released: 2/10/22

Hot Lunch - Update

Due to staffing issues at the restaurant, schools are now limited to choosing from 3 menu items total per week. Buona Beef has graciously kept our current menu in place through the end of February. Menu items are now available to order from March through the end of the school year. The new menu reflects the most popular items ordered with the hopes of providing a favorite lunch item option each week for all students.

Reminder to place your [Buona Beef order](#) by the Monday prior to hot lunch. Directions for setting up an account and placing orders are [linked here](#). If you are creating a new account use the code **GSL**. Contact Cathy Jaeger with any questions: dewey020@gmail.com



January: Usher Schedule

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| 26 S Danekas 8:00 am D Graefnitz 10:30 am | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 B Reichert 5:30 pm | 1 5:30 pm |
| 2 P Kippes 8:00 am J Oard 10:30 am | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 B Reichert 5:30 pm |
| 9 E Schindler 8:00 am T Oard 10:30 am | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 S Danekas 5:30 pm |
| 16 D Schindler 8:00 am J Abegg 10:30 am | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 E Goldberg 5:30 pm |
| 23 E Boron 8:00 am D Graefnitz 10:30 am | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 E Boron 5:30 pm |
| 30 A Rush 8:00 am J Roland 10:30 am | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 J Abegg 5:30 pm |



January: Communion Setup – Cleanup

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CALENDAR

TODAY

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| FRIDAY 01/21 | 12:00 pm | Band Lessons/Rehearsal |
| SATURDAY 01/22 | 5:30 pm | Worship |
| SUNDAY 01/23 | 8:00 am | Worship |
| | 9:15 am | Adult Bible Study/BLAST |
| | 10:30 am | Worship |
| MONDAY 01/24 | | |
| TUESDAY 01/25 | 4:00 pm | GSLA Basketball Practice |
| WEDNESDAY 01/26 | | |
| THURSDAY 01/27 | | GSLA Basketball Game St. Paul's Aurora |
| FRIDAY 01/28 | 12:00 pm | Band Lessons/Rehearsal |
| SATURDAY 01/29 | 5:30 pm | Worship |

Serving in Worship

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| Guest Pastor: | Colin Rieke |
| Organist: | Joan Richmond |
| Cantors (Saturday): | Casey Kippes & Valerie Adegunleye |
| AV Team: | Bob Reichert, Joe Garetto, Kristen Reynolds & Greg Busse |

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Worship Attendance in God's House

01/08 (5:30) – 26

01/09 (8:00) – 25

01/09 (10:30) – 26

Weekend Total – 77

WEEKLY OFFERINGS FOR GOD'S WORK

| | Week Ending | Weekly Offering | YTD Offering | YTD Budget | % of Budget |
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| Week 29 | 1/16/2022 | \$3,455.00 | \$10,023.00 | \$337,500.00 | 3.0 % |

STEWARDSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD

Psalm 24: 1 – The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.