



"I lay down my life for the sheep...
only to take it up again."

*Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd & Confirmation
May 7, 2017*



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WELCOME

God welcomes you no matter who you are – and so do we. Thank you for joining us in God’s house today. Whether you are a first-time guest, a friend or relative of a member, or a curious observer from a different religious background, we are delighted to be with you in worship.

A NOTE ABOUT WORSHIP

We believe that Jesus is the Savior of all. By his life, death, and resurrection Jesus saves all sinners simply because he loves us. That is called the gospel, and it’s the good news on every page of God’s Word. Therefore, the Bible is not just information about God or rules from God, but the saving power God uses to create and strengthen faith in our hearts and restore our lives. Lutheran worship places this good news at the center of the worship service with an order called *liturgy*. In both the Word and sacrament (Means of Grace), in specifically selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted and often ancient songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news of Jesus from start to finish.

Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out entirely. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red hymnal located in front of you. Parts marked **L** are spoken or sung by the worship leader, and the parts marked **C** and printed in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- **Quiet Bags** are for any parents with small children. They are on a stand in the back of church.
- **Weekly News & Notes** are printed in the back of this worship folder.
- **Restrooms** are to the left as you walk out the back of church or in the basement.
- **Website:** oursaviourwels.org

OUR CHURCH BODY

Our Saviour’s proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (wels.net). We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod, as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS).





THE SEASON OF EASTER

After forty days, the Church bursts out in excited praise at the Resurrection of our Lord. The alleluias and Glorias, which were absent from Lent, now ring out again as the Bride of Christ welcomes her Bridegroom back from the dead. Easter is as the pinnacle of the Church Year, the oldest festival and season observed by the worshipping Church. The celebration of Easter victory lasts 49 days culminating on the 50th day, Pentecost.

WORSHIP SERIES



April 23 – Forgiveness through faith

April 30 – Hope from promises kept

May 7 – Full life through the gate (Confirmation)

May 14 – The only way to the Father

May 21 – The fruit of the Spirit

May 28 – A hidden but heavenly reality (Ascension)

June 4 – One lasting gift (Pentecost)

For forty days during Lent, we followed our Savior in his battle against sin. Easter is the celebration of his victory over death, the devil, and hell for us. This triumph lasts a lot longer than one day; it lasts for eternity. We spend fifty days rejoicing on the victory parade that Jesus leads, showing the spoils of his war that are ours through faith in him. **Today, Jesus shows us that his victory gives us hope. When hope is in the wrong person or thing, promises end up broken or worse. That's where earthly hopes lead us. But when God gives you the hope of Easter, then you will never be left alone. His promise of life through Christ is unbreakable because Christ broke the power of death. Our hope is living no matter what because it is based, not on our lives or our dreams, but on Jesus' victory that lasts forever.**

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding & Preaching

Pastor Tom Moldenhauer

Organist

Deb Selland

Ushers

Dick Gimbel, Don Lang, Cole Gross, Larry Zacher

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PASTOR'S WELCOME

Please stand.

God's flock longs to be together for strength from the Bible and for mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning for worship reminds us of the blessings we have listening to our Shepherd's voice through his Word.

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD

- L** In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- L** Christ is risen.
- C** He is risen, indeed!

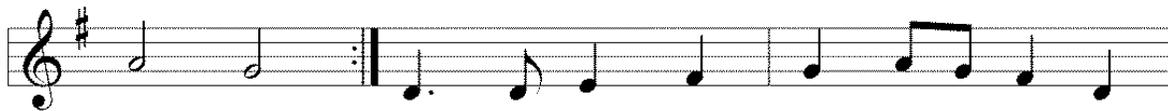
Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and
hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,
Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

Psalm 119:
97-99,103

- L** Oh, how I love your law!
- C** I meditate on it all day long.
- L** Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
- C** for they are ever with me.
- L** I have more insight than all my teachers,
- C** for I meditate on your statutes.
- L** How sweet are your words to my taste,
- C** sweeter than honey to my mouth!



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark - ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -



shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;



You must work all good with - in us.

L “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2 Timothy 3:16,17

C so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

L Yet so often we have despised God’s Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask for his forgiveness.

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.



Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro -
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it’s



ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;



Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

John 20:31

L God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

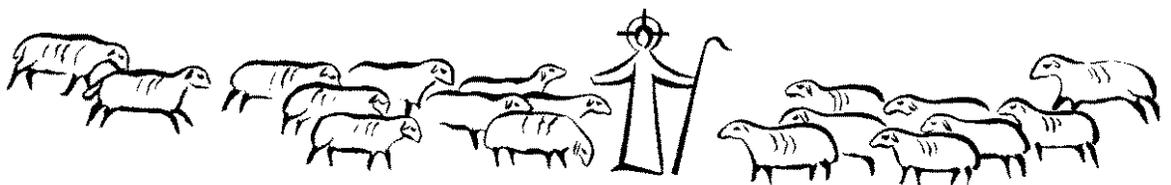
C And also with you.

L The Let us pray.

Pastor says the prayer printed on page 3, after which the congregation responds:

C Amen.

Please be seated.



THE WORD

I AM THE GATE



FIRST READING

1 Samuel 17:32-37

³² David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

³³ Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

³⁴ But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you.”

David shows what God can do through a shepherd.

PSALM HYMN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need | # 374

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:20, 21

²⁰ Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Only one gate leads to life.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 10:14

C Refrain



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

L *I am the shepherd of the sheep; I know them all and they know me. They'll be with me eternally. Alleluia!*

C Refrain

The Verse of the Day emphasizes the theme of the day and introduces the Gospel reading with shouts of “alleluia,” which means in Hebrew, “Praise the Lord.”



Jesus is the only gate for the sheep.

Please stand.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

¹“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is | # 375

SERMON

Acts 24:10-21

My Defense Is Jesus’ Resurrection.

Please stand.

This is Martin Luther’s Explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, clearly explaining from a Scriptural basis the person and work of Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as He has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

THANK OFFERING

1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The members of Our Saviour's Lutheran join together to do the Lord's work in Bismarck and throughout the world in our church body, the WELS. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

*Please help us be a friendly church by taking a moment to fill out the **Friendship Register** located at the end of the pew.*

Remain seated.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Emmy Miller

Psalm 50:15 "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

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.**



THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pastor speaks these words as the Lord Jesus did for his holy supper. This is the Lord's miraculous meal for our spiritual nourishment.

L Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



John the Baptist saw Jesus and said, "Look the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

God tells us in the Bible that his Supper is for sinners who are accurately instructed in his word, who examine themselves by living in repentance, and who recognize the miraculous real presence of Jesus' body and blood. It is our joy and honor to trust God's Holy Word. Therefore, we ask that only current WELS/ELS members come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor before taking part in the sacrament. He welcomes the chance to study what God says with you. And thanks so much for honoring God's Word in this manner.



✓ One option for preparation is available in the red hymnal on page 156.

During the distribution the congregation is invited to sing the following hymns:

HYMN **Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep** | #436

HYMN **Have No Fear, Little Flock** | #442

After distribution, Pastor invites the congregation to stand and sing:

Closing Hymn **I am Jesus Little Lamb** | # 432

L We give all thanks and praise to you, Good Shepherd, for the forgiveness, life, and salvation you have given in your body and blood. Strengthen our faith and increase our love. We pray in your holy name, for with the Father and Spirit you are one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

L 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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

NEWS & NOTES

THIS WEEK

Today – Choir Practice 8:15am
Worship @ 9am
Congregational Meeting @ 10:15
Sunday School @ 10:15

Monday – Examination at Redeemer @ 7pm

Wednesday – Bible Night @ 6pm
(An adult and women's study, Catechism class, and childcare at the Redeemer campus in Mandan)

Sunday – Choir practice @ 8:15am
Worship @ 9am (Lord's Supper)
Bible Hour @ 10:15

CONFIRMATION

Emmy Miller is being confirmed as a communicant member today. We thank the Lord for the gift of baptism that brought her into his family and the Word that has kept her strong and growing in faith. We pray that Word and Sacrament will continue to be her shield for the rest of her life.

CONFIRMATION RECEPTION

There are light refreshments in the basement following the service in celebration of the youth confirmation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Hear updates about the last few months of ministry and listen to a few upcoming plans. With the help of our voters, we will also begin the process of mission and vision planning. Rather than missing opportunities God presents for our ministry, our congregation should be ready to take advantage of the ministry he places before us. These meetings and a clear vision for the future help us do that in an organized and committed way.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

We will pick it up in 1 Peter chapter 1 next week.

MOVIE NIGHT

Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy.
Carmike 8 Theater (AMC Classic 8)
Wednesday, May 31 @ 6:30pm
This new film follows the great adventure of Luther's life and the legacy of Christ's gospel that he proclaimed. It's a must-see for anyone interested in our Lutheran heritage or if you want to introduce friends to our church.
IMPORTANT: All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$9 each and can be purchased at a special website set up for the screening:
www.tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-srm7

LUTHER MOVIE TICKETS DONATED

A kind gift has been offered by one of our members. 20 tickets have been purchased to be given out on a first come, first served basis. There is a sign up sheet for those who may not be able to afford the tickets or if you want to invite a friend to come with you for free.

CHURCH LEAGUE VOLLEYBALL

Registration had to be in this past Friday. When we have more information it will be shared.

BIRTHDAYS

Curt Striegel – May 2

WELS DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT MISSION WORK IN WILLISTON

Your District Mission Board (DMB) has put in a request to our WELS Board for Home Missions (BHM) to start a mission in Williston, ND. While the BHM has approved this request in the past, there have never been enough synodical funds available. (For example, this year there were 16 requests sent in to the BHM but enough funds for only 7.)

What your DMB, working with the group at Williston, submitted this year could be called “The Six Month Plan.” This plan involves calling a semi-retired pastor to work with them for six months (summer through Christmas). After Christmas, we would sit down together to decide whether it is time to ask for a fulltime home missionary.

The 21 WELS members in Williston still think this is a good plan, as does your District Mission Board and the WELS Board for Home Missions. But this kind of plan, called an exploratory mission, does not fall under the BHM’s umbrella.

So, the 21 WELS members in Williston, through our DMB and with our District President and BHM’s blessing, are asking for your help—both with your prayers and with your gifts.

The total cost of The Six Month Plan is \$35,568. The group in Williston is able to promise \$16,100 for this effort. This leaves a gap of \$19,468. We are asking the congregations and individuals of our district to help fill the gap.

If you would like to help, please send your check to Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, 4800 Southeastern Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Make it payable to Good Shepherd. *Please write on the memo line, “For Williston.”* Gifts will be received from now until Reformation Day.

May our Lord richly bless his work among us!

Pastor Jonathan Werre, Dakota-Montana DMB chairman

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FAQ

What if the special gifts that are sent in for Williston fall short of the \$19,468 needed?
Or substantially exceed it?

If gifts are less than the goal, we will first try to adjust the budget to fit with the funds available. If that is not realistic, then we are asking those who sent in gifts to let the funds support some other mission effort in our district. Likewise, if gifts exceed the goal, we are asking those who sent them in to let the funds be used for some other mission effort in our district.

How will these funds be administered?

They will be received and acknowledged by Good Shepherd Lutheran, Sioux Falls, SD. They will be deposited into our district’s checking account. They will be distributed to Lamb of God, Williston, when the Six Month Plan is enacted.

Can individuals or church groups also give gifts?

Yes. Not only can congregations support this effort, but individuals and church groups (for example, a Sunday School might designate its offering for this effort) can as well. Simply send a check to Good Shepherd, Sioux Falls, being sure to note that the gift is for Williston.