

God's "Let us" Plan



for a
Happy & Healthy 2019



SEEKING THE LOST...FEEDING THE FOUND...WITH GOD'S WORD AND SACRAMENTS

WELCOME!

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! We are honored that you are with us. We pray that the word of God you hear will strengthen your faith and increase your love for the Lord!

If you are a guest today, know that we are thankful you have joined us, and hope that you will join us again soon. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about us, please speak to an Usher after today's service.

ABOUT OUR SERVICE

The gospel (or good news) is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts and transform our lives. Therefore, Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in our order of service. In the sermon, in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers and creeds, our order of service proclaims the good news about 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 in the following pages. If a song is not found in the service folder, it can be found in the red hymnal. Parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and parts marked **C** and printed in bold are spoken or sung by the congregation.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

- If you are in need of **restrooms**, they are located on the left as you exit the worship area. There are also restrooms on the right side of the Fellowship Hall.
- If your child needs a moment to be quieted, a **children's room** is available in the Fellowship Hall (exit the worship area and turn to your right down the hallway) in the first room on the right. A television in that room has a live audio/video feed of the service.
- **Children's activity sheets**, which include activities and lessons pertaining to today's Bible readings, are available from the ushers in the entryway.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory
Christian Worship 80
stanzas 1,3

STAND

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

M Let us approach the throne of our gracious King and confess our sins.

C Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that, by my very nature, I am sinful and corrupt. Even though I did not lift the hammer to drive the nails into Jesus' hands and feet, I am ultimately responsible for his death because of my sins. I often fail to join the Magi in worshipping the Christ-child with all of my heart. At times I grow tired and weary in my faith race and don't always want to persevere. I am sorry from my sins. I believe that, for the sake of my living Lord Jesus Christ you will have mercy on me.

M Do not be afraid! A Savior has been born for you! The filled manger, along with the vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Therefore, I announce to you the good news that you stand in God's forgiveness; you are an heir of eternal life; with you God is well pleased.

C Amen. Thanks be to our gracious God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Joy to the World
Christian Worship 62
stanzas 1,3

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 10:32-36

³²Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. ³³Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. ³⁴You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. ³⁵So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

³⁶You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ ““But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

As with Gladness Men of Old

Christian Worship 83

stanzas 1-4

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*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And **let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.***

OFFERING

In response to God's love, we bring him our offerings. The members of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

*We ask that everyone, both guests and members, sign the **worship register** during the collection of the offering so that we might thank our guests who have joined us today.*

STAND**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Prayers and petitions are offered on behalf of the Church, nation, and world.

LORD'S PRAYER

☐ 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

M Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M 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.”

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



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.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

- ✓ *Shepherd of the Hills practices the Christian Church's historic and Bible-based practice of close communion.*

We ask that only our church members come forward to receive the Sacrament.

Guests are respectfully asked to not come forward to receive the Lord's Supper today.

If you desire to learn more about The Lord's Supper and receive it with us here at Shepherd of the Hills, please speak to the pastor after the service.

During the distribution is a fitting time to pray. Silently speak to God in your own words and thoughts. Remember people in need of help. Think of both spiritual needs and physical needs. These prayers may also be helpful:

Before Receiving Communion - *Lord, I am not entitled to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior. Amen.*

After Receiving Communion - *Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.*

Note also the prayers on pages 134-139 in the front section of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Behold, a Branch Is Growing *Christian Worship 47*

STAND

- M** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C** His mercy endures forever.
- M** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup.
- C** we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- M** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

THE 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.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
Christian Worship 56

*Please join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall
(take the hallway to the right) following the service!*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor Kevin Klug, *Vacancy Pastor*

Elizabeth Hohenstein, *Pianist*

Justin Nelson & Jim Stuht, *Ushers*

Ron Ehrlich, *Elder*

Linda Kennedy, *Altar Care*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today	9:30 a.m.	Worship with the Lord's Supper
	10:45 a.m.	Bible Study & S.S.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Pastor Klug Office Hours (9am-4pm)
Saturday		Church Cleaners: McKenna & Cox/Huggans
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:45 a.m.	Bible Study & S.S.
	1:00 p.m.	Youth Catechism Class
	3:00 p.m.	Church Council

Next Sunday Ushers: Sedaghat & Wilson

Next Sunday Snacks: Hohenstein

Next Sunday Elder: Odegard & Prellwitz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Class

Join us this morning at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Adult Bible Class.

Sunday School

Classes for children age 3 through Grade 8 will meet in the Bible Study Room in the Education Wing at 10:45 a.m.

Christmas Decorations

Join us this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. to help take down the Christmas decorations. If you have any questions, talk with Arlys Debban.

Book Club Group

This month our Book Club Group will be meeting on Saturday, January 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Teen Room. Even if you haven't read the book, come and join us for coffee, treats and great fellowship. The book we will be discussing this month is Sarah's Quilt by Nancy E. Turner. Come and join us and see what our next read will be!

ABOUT US

OUR MISSION

Shepherd of the Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church began public worship in 1975, so that with the gospel of Jesus Christ, we might strengthen the faith of our members and reach out into our community and the world. Shepherd of the Hills has Jesus', the Good Shepherd's mission, to SEEK THE LOST and FEED THE FOUND with God's Word and Sacraments.

OUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR CHURCH BODY

Shepherd of the Hills proclaims the truth about Jesus throughout the world as a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). The WELS—so-named because it began in Wisconsin—has about 400,000 members, congregations in all 50 states, and missions throughout the world. For more information about WELS go to www.wels.net.