

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

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Christian Worship 76

stanzas 1-3

STAND

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

M Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Acts 4:23-31

²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

““Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together against the Lord
and against his anointed one.

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners

and recovery of sight for the blind,

to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

The People that in Darkness Sat

Christian Worship 90

stanzas 1-4

SERMON

Hebrews 12:1a, 2-3

Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, ... ² Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ **Consider him** who endured such opposition from sinners, **so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

STAND

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.**

BE SEATED

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

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 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 A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Christian Worship 82

WELS CONNECTION

*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*

Andy Hinz & Joe Moya, *Ushers*

Phil Prellwitz, *Elder*

Linda Kennedy, *Altar Care*

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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

Next Sunday Ushers: Nelson & Stuht

Next Sunday Snacks: Sinner & Stuht

Next Sunday Elder: Ehrlich

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.

Divine Call to Pastor Jeffery Halldorson

A Divine Call was sent to *Pastor Jeffery Halldorson* to serve as our new Pastor at Shepherd of the Hills. Pastor Halldorson is currently serving at St. John's (Slades Corners) in Burlington, Wisconsin.

Pastor Halldorson was very receptive to speaking with whomever would like to call him. I would encourage all of you to consider taking a few minutes of your time to call Pastor Halldorson to introduce yourself and get to know him a little. If we show him the support and love that our congregation is so capable of and willing to provide, it will help him as he deliberates which Call the Lord guides him to take.

Most importantly, please keep Pastor Halldorson, his family and our brothers and sisters in Christ at both St. John's Lutheran and here at Shepherd of the Hills in your prayers.

If you would like to contact Pastor Halldorson, his cell phone number is (262) 661-9525 and his email is pastorhalldorson@gmail.com. Keep in mind the 1 hour time difference between here and Wisconsin.

Preschool Enrollment and Open House

If you are interested in enrolling your child into preschool or have any extended family that is interested in our preschool, please get an enrollment packet from Karen Schott.

- Priority enrollment for our current and past families began on **Tuesday, January 22**.
- Open enrollment to the public will begin **Monday, February 11**.
- ***We will have a Preschool Open House on Monday, February 11 from 4:00-6:00pm for anyone interested in finding out more about our preschool.***

Midweek Bible Study

Pastor Klug would like to invite you to join him on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month for a Bible Study. We will have a Bible Study based on the sermon. We meet in Pastor's Office. Plan to join us!

The next Bible Study will be on *Thursday, February 7* at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Book Club

The new book to read for the *Saturday, March 16, 9:30 a.m.* meeting is: ROOM by Emma Donoghue. Enjoy the good read, and see you in March. If you have any questions, please talk to Joan Ingmanson.

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 MINISTRY

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Study and Sunday School: 10:45 a.m.

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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.