I Am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Revelation 22

Thoughts From Others Before Us

“To the glory of Jesus’ name let me witness that in far away lands, in loneliness, in times of downheartedness and tiredness and sadness,

Always, always, the Lord is near. Jesus does comfort. Perhaps someone as weak and good-for-nothing as even I am may read this:

Don’t be afraid! Through all circumstances, outside, inside, God’s Words keep me close.”

— Amy Carmichael

Stay confident in Jesus Christ.

Come and See!

Go and Tell!
Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. We gather to thank and praise God who forgives and give us PEACE through His gracious, saving Word.

Restrooms are located in the entryway and also in the hallway entrance between the Education Wing and the Sanctuary.

Parent-room. If you have a young child or nursing infant and are in need of a quiet-room, you will find it off of the hallway entrance. A large, one-way mirror and speaker in the room allows you to still be with the congregation as well as be in some privacy. If you need more space, each of the rooms in the education wing also has a speaker.

Connection cards You can return the card either in the offering plate or in the connection card card basket you will find at the exit of the church after worship.

Order of Service for
THE SEASON OF ENDTIMES

† THE LORD GATHERS HIS FLOCK †

Gathering Song: MY HOPE IS BUILT #382 IN THE RED SONG BOOKS

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Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen!
Adults & children: We worship as we live, in Jesus’ name. Amen!
Leader: Let us confess our sins and turn to the LORD our God.

**ADULTS & CHILDREN:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful. I have sinned against You with my thoughts, my words and my activities. I deserve only punishment, now and forever. Please, look away from my sins; look at Jesus Christ who suffered and died for me.

Leader: Rejoice! In the name of the living God, hear and believe this Good News: Jesus’, by His death and resurrection in Your place, has removed Your sins. You are forgiven. Go in peace and sin no more.

**RESPONSE:**

Jesus Christ, my sure Defense and my Savior, now is living! Knowing this, my confidence rests upon the hope He’s giving, though the night of death be fraught still with many an anxious thought.

I am flesh and must return unto dust, whence I am taken; but by faith I now discern that from death I shall awaken with my Savior to abide in His glory, at His side.

Glorified, I shall anew with this flesh then be enshrouded; In this body I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded; In this flesh I then shall see Jesus Christ eternally.

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

L: We Christians in confident joy clearly profess our faith. But this world cannot believe in the true and living God. Instead the world worships an idea that everything came about by accident. Dear Christian, what do you believe about God?

**P:** I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

L: Our sinful world follows presidents, politicians, textbooks and teams, actors and movies. Dear Christian, whom do you believe and follow?

**P:** 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.

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L: Many are disappointed with people whom they discover they cannot trust. Therefore, how do you, dear Christian, know Jesus is trustworthy?

P: 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.

L: Many believe they are on their own as they go through life. Many believe this life is all there is. Many live as if there is no God. Dear Christian, what do you believe about all this?

P: 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.

**The Prayer of the Day**

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your victory You have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that great Day when every creature in heaven and earth will proclaim You King of kings and Lord of lords to Your unending praise and glory. We all ask this in confident joy in Christ our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Bible Readings**

Jeremiah 23:2-6


C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that
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Colossians 1:13-20

Victory Song Of The Day:

Be Strong in the Lord

Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Ephesians 6:10

1. Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; Your mighty Defender is always the same. Mount up with wings, as the eagle assists in His unfailing care. Trust Him for He will be with you in

2. So put on the armor the Lord has provided, And place your defense in His unfailing care. Trust Him for He will be with you in

3. Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; Your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe. Fear not the battle for the victory is
In love, God freely gives; in thanks, His children freely give.

God’s people do not bully or browbeat, do not tax or tuition to make people give. The followers of Jesus Christ return gifts God has given to them in the first place. We give in response to God’s overwhelming love.

When God moves you to return gifts of money, time or skills to the Lord for our ministries, we truly thank you. At Good Shepherd your gifts are joined with others and used to move God’s Word out to the world, to gather more of Jesus’ flock. It is in joyful confidence believers live, give, serve, encourage — all for Jesus.
**Prayers; The Lord’s Prayer, Lord’s Supper**

**Baptism is different from Holy Communion**

In Holy Baptism, the Holy Spirit connects Himself to God’s people by creating faith. Baptism is a start of a life-long journey with the living God filling us up with His refreshing Words of life. God wants all people to be saved and Baptism is for all people.

As God’s people grow in faith, the Lord created a meal to keep their faith strong. But this meal is not for all people. It is a special, invitation-only Meal. From the very beginning, the very first night, Jesus did not give every believer in Jerusalem His Supper. Holy Communion is not a willy-nilly, come one, come all type of party. This spiritual food was costly, eternally beneficial.

We continue that standard Jesus set for His followers. All who publicly stand in agreement with what the Bible teaches, what we as WELS Lutherans confess, are invited and urged to receive His holy Supper. We are united in our God-worked faith. Therefore, the Holy Spirit draws us to receive Jesus Christ’s very Body and Blood in/with/under common bread and wine. This Supper is a holy communion indeed!
Your children may ask why? So tell them, “This is the Special Meal. With His Word Jesus connects all of His body and blood to things that we can taste and touch. Jesus wants us to be at peace and know that He did forgive all sins, for all sinners, even me. It just takes some time to grow up in God’s Word before understanding that. And when God grows you up in faith, Jesus and His special Supper will be here to strengthen you also.”

But what if you aren’t quite sure what the Bible teaches concerning this? We surely do not want you to come to the Supper and say you are united with us when you don’t really know. No worries. Our pastor can lead you through a personalized, no-strings-attached plan of instruction. We would be glad to introduce you. God’s blessings in Jesus Christ to all of us whom the Spirit has gathered in worship today.

Songs from the red song books to use during distribution: #303, 224, 383, 321, 372, 348, if needed.

† Benediction †

Parting Song: Christ the Lord is Risen Today #149cw

Take a Moment to recall something from today’s message. Pray something like this:

Good Shepherd, Lord Jesus, I was glad to be here with Your gathered flock to worship You. Be with me this week. Teach me to trust Your words. Let my words and activities reflect You and direct others to Your mercies.

Please feel free to take your worship folder home with you—it is a great devotional aid.
THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD
November 22, 2015

Today: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion
10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study

Tuesday: Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service

Thursday: Happy Thanksgiving

Friday: No School

NEXT Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 Sunday School and Bible Study
Christmas Decorating immediately after worship

Our Sunday Service can be viewed again on Solarus Cable, channel 3 and on Charter Digital, channel 985 at 2:00pm on Wednesdays and Sundays. If you have the internet, go to www.1goodshepherd.org to watch it on your computer.

Time of Grace is a WELS message shared by Pastor Mark Jeske from St. Marcus Church in Milwaukee. It can be viewed Sundays at 10a.m on channel 7, and also on Solarus channel 3 and Charter channel 985 on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are in need of Ushers: Please contact John Lemke- 717-886-5756

Ushers: Nov. 22 John Melke, Sam Melke, Al Weiland, Eric Carlson
Nov. 25 Danny Spaulding, Bruce Mohns, David Seidler, Al Weiland
Nov. 29 John Lemke, Ron Fregien, Dwight Gilbert, Al Rozelle

Coming: Christmas Bible School, Saturday, December 5th, 10:00 to noon

Decorating of the church: Christmas decorating of the church will be immediately after the worship service on Sunday, November 29th. Come join us!
Care about one another in Christ

Are you looking for someone to shower with cards? The individuals listed below would be very thankful to receive an encouraging card from you or your family.

Also, if you know of someone who would like to be added to our current prayer list please call Pastor Tullberg at 715-325-3355 or 715-325-6812. The Prayer List will be updated each month. In addition, any new prayer requests will be displayed in the Worship Folder each week. Please do not hesitate to call with this information.

**PRAYER LIST:** The following individuals request that you keep them in your prayers:

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Prayers are also requested for those with heart-breaking issues

Please let the office know if a name may be removed from our prayer list.