

# The Voice of Our Savior's



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## What More Could We Want

*"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."*

John D. Rockefeller was one of the richest men in the world. An interviewer once asked him, "How much money is enough?" Rockefeller replied, "Just a little bit more."

How many times have we told ourselves that if we had "just a little bit more" we would be happy? A higher-paying job. A larger home. An earlier retirement. Better health. Successful children.

But what happens when those wants are met? Are people truly happy? And what happens when those wants aren't met? When you find yourself unemployed. When in rough times your savings are depleted. When plans for better housing or earlier retirement have to be put on hold. When your health takes a turn for the worse or your children struggle in school. Where do you turn? Turn to Jesus and remember, "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want."

We might not have everything we want in life, but Jesus, our Good Shepherd, has truly given us everything we need. He's given us his word. He's given us his promises. He assures us that our sins are forgiven and eternal life in heaven is ours through his death and resur-

rection.

He promises to provide for all of our physical and spiritual needs richly and abundantly here on earth until he takes us to the glorious home that he has prepared for us in heaven. There we will experience the fulfillment of his promise, "You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand" (Psalm 16:11).

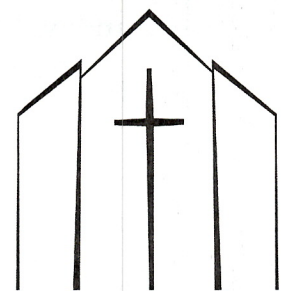
Not long after his death, someone came up to the accountant of John D. Rockefeller and said, "We know Rockefeller was a very wealthy man. How much did he leave?" Without a moment's hesitation, the accountant answered, "Everything!" A man who seemed to have it all was forced to leave it all behind in the end. The only things that will go with us from this life to the next are the spiritual treasures that belong to us through faith in Jesus.

What do we want out of life? What we need the most has already been fully and freely supplied by Jesus, our Good Shepherd. So, what more could we want? What more could we need?

*From the 2020 Outreach Newsletter from WELS Congregational Services*

## Our Mission

is to  
**Glorify**  
 God as we  
**Gather**  
 around the  
 Gospel to  
**Grow**  
 in the  
 Word and  
 Sacraments  
 and then  
**Go**  
 to others  
 with the Gospel



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## Congregational News



### Worship In May

### Notes on Worship

In May we contemplate and celebrate the meaning of Jesus' resurrection during the season of Easter. We also will celebrate a minor festival in the Church Year, The Ascension of our Lord. The month ends with the third and final major Festival of the Church Year, The Festival of Pentecost.

Worship is Sunday at 9:00 a.m. All services are streamed on Facebook at [fb.com/WELS.South.Shore/](https://www.facebook.com/WELS.South.Shore/). The theme of each service is below. Hymnals are available at church if you would like one to use at home! Below is this month's service information.

Sunday, May 3	<b>He Lives to Be the Only Way to Heaven</b>	Easter 5
Readings: Ps 118, 1 Peter 2:4-10 John 14:1-12		Communion
Sermon: Acts 4:8-12 There is salvation in no one else		Confirmation
Hymns 148, 529, 347, 528		
Sunday, May 10	<b>He Lives to Call Me to Live for Him</b>	Easter 6
Readings: Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66, John 14:15-21		
Sermon: 1 Peter 3:13-22 Here is the reason for our hope		
Hymns 233, 416, 573, 556		
Sunday, May 17	<b>He Lives to Rule All Things for the Church</b>	Ascension
Readings: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, 1 Peter 1:17-21		Communion
Sermon: Ephesians 1:15-23 Know the hope to which God has called you		
Hymns 169, 171, 377, 175		
Sunday, May 24	<b>He Lives to Pour Out His Spirit</b>	Pentecost
Readings: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104 (new hymnal), 1 Corinthians 12:3-11		
Sermon: John 7:37-39 Pentecost Refreshes		
Hymns 183, 188, 588 (new hymnal), 471		
Sunday, May 31	<b>Say It Out Loud God is Triune</b>	Trinity Sunday
Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:3, Psalm 8, 2 Cor. 13:11-14		Athanasian Creed
Sermon: Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus has all authority		
Hymns 193, 195, 908 (new hymnal), 928 (new hymnal)		

Consider reading the scripture lessons and hymns as a part of your personal devotions during the week leading up to Sunday Worship!

### Church Council

Church Council will meet May 13

### Ladies Aid

Ladies Aid will meet June 7.

## Grow in Grace and Knowledge!

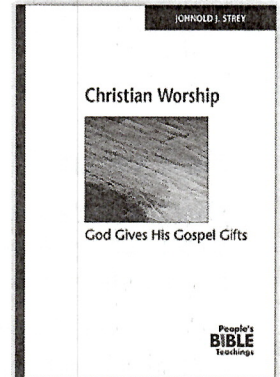
### Sunday Night Book Study

In May we plan to finish discussing *The Theology of the Cross* by Daniel Deutscher. We meet Sundays at 6:30 p.m. We will not meet on May 3.

In June we will begin a new book, *Christian Worship: God Gives His Gospel Gifts* by Johnold Strey. This book is a part of the People's Bible Teachings series from Northwestern Publishing House. From NPH's website:

This final volume of the People's Bible Teachings series explores Christian worship practices and the biblical principles that guide them. Pastor Johnold J. Strey uses the wisdom of God's Word to explain the guidelines for worship, the significance of each part of the church service, the church year, symbolism, and even more. Once you read this book, you'll never look at your weekly worship service the same way again!

Books will be available at church. Watch the bulletin for availability and cost.



## Great Plains News

An Open Forum will be held on Saturday, May 2 from 9:15 – 9:45am. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to ask the Board and Administration questions or share ideas. Delegate and Auxiliary meetings will follow at 10:00.

The year-end Kaleidoscope concert is scheduled for 7:00pm on Friday, May 22 in the auditorium. This is after the 4:00pm Spring Awards Ceremony and the meal that will be served by the freshman class between the events. Graduation will be held Saturday, May 23 at 10:00am in the gym.

After 30 years of faithful service, our Housing Supervisor, Carla Klug, will retire this summer. You can expect to hear more about our reflections and plans in the coming weeks. As we look to the future, we thank God for a faithful servant who has impacted countless lives!

As of mid-April, we have received 24 freshman applications for the 2026-2027 school year. Thank you for anything and everything you do to tell the GPL story and to encourage families and students to find out more about the blessings of attending GPL. Application and enrollment information are available on our website.

Panther Camp is a one-week camp held on the GPL campus for young people who will be in grades 7-9 during the 2026-2027 school year. Panther Camp 2026 will run Sunday evening, June 7, through midday Friday, June 12. The cost for each camper is \$150. An online registration form is available at [gplhs.org](http://gplhs.org). Panther Camp will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Hurry! There are only 20 spots available.

GPL Golf Open is Monday, July 13. Go to [GPLHS.org](http://GPLHS.org) for more info and to register.

We hope you can join us on Saturday, July 18, as we celebrate and thank God for 30 years of ministry at GPL. You can find more details at [GPLHS.org](http://GPLHS.org). Since the day will include a 5k fun run/walk, 3v3 basketball competition, a cornhole tournament, and a meal, an RSVP is requested by July 1, 2026. You can RSVP by completing the online form or by calling or emailing Sarah Roloff, 605-886-0672, [sroloff@gplhs.org](mailto:sroloff@gplhs.org).

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## News from the WELS

### Conference of President's Spring Meeting

The Conference of Presidents (COP) met for its spring meeting April 8-9. Here are some of the items they discussed or decided:

- The COP spent time preparing for the upcoming assignment days at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, WI, and Martin Luther College (MLC), New Ulm, MN, in May. They will be facing the continuing challenge of a shortage of called workers. The number of teacher candidates at MLC is smaller than in recent years. The class at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is the largest in several years. The candidates are all blessings from God and will reduce—but not eliminate—the many vacancies in congregations and schools. The COP continues to encourage all members to help recruit future pastors, teachers, and staff ministers.
- The COP received a number of reports from Congregational Services, highlighting record levels of adult confirmation and efforts to reduce backdoor membership losses. A complete analysis of congregational statistics, along with a summary, will be released later this spring.
- Total Congregation Mission Offering subscriptions for 2026 surpassed actual giving in 2025 (although it did not keep up with inflation).
- The COP will lead training for district constitution committees in light of differing governance models being considered by congregations.

This was the last regular meeting of the COP for four district presidents as they will be completing their time of service as district presidents at the district conventions this summer. Pastor Donald Patterson (South Central) has accepted a call, Pastor Charles Westra (South Atlantic) is not seeking reelection, and Pastors Joel Zank (Northern Wisconsin) and Douglas Free (Dakota-Montana) are retiring. We pray for God's continued blessings and thank them for their service.

With new district presidents to be elected this summer, the COP will experience significant changes in its membership. We pray for God's blessings as those conventions elect their leaders.