

### Sign-up for In-person Worship

We do ask you to sign-up online when planning to attend in-person worship. Some have wondered why especially in light of our increased capacity. There are three primary reasons: 1) It allows those not comfortable attending a fuller service to choose a less full service. 2) It helps you to see if a worship service you planned to attend has reached capacity. 3) It conveys to our community that we are interested in the safety and health of those attending in-person worship. While it is an extra "step" to take each weekend, think of the people it may be helping and encouraging to join you at in-person worship.

### Recovery in Christ

Recovery in Christ meets Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. at the Coulee Recovery Center (933 Ferry Street, La Crosse) and Sundays, 6:00 p.m. in St. Paul's lower-level school library. Call/text 608-567-3038 to confirm the day/time.

### Caring Christians Mental Health

Caring Christians- Mental Health will meet at First Lutheran in La Crosse on Monday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be: Tools for coping with difficult times

### Luther High School

- Saturday, April 24th, Luther High School is holding an annual fundraiser, The Big Knight. This event is a dinner auction with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the students of Luther High. All who attend get to experience a PACKED silent auction followed by an elegant dinner and an INCREDIBLE live auction. This event will be held at Celebrations on the River in French Island, WI (Social Distancing Followed). This event not only raises funds for tuition assistance, but is a night of exceptional auction items, great food, and fellowship with others who love Luther High School. Doors will open at 5:30 pm with registration and the silent auction. Join us in supporting the students of Luther High School. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact the Mission Advancement Office: Director John Byus 608-783-5435 x1132

# Worship of the Good Shepherd

March 28/29, 2021

### Offering

*Our congregation has joined together to share Jesus and his love in this community and around the world. This offering is a joyful response of our faith. If you are a visitor with us, please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you desire to do so.*

**Offerings plates** are found in the back of church as you exit/enter the sanctuary.

### Electronic Offering Options

◆ **Give Plus** church app on Apple or Android device

◆ **Online** giving at [www.gsholmen.org](http://www.gsholmen.org)

*Credit card transactions have 3% processing fee deducted from offering.*

### Serving in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Kruschel

Pianist/Organist: Karin Stellick and Barb Weinberger

Soloists/Instrumentalists: Stacy Klein

### Worship Attendance March 21st/22nd, 2021

#### In-person

8:00 am 57

10:30 am 57

6:30 pm 22

#### Online Views

YouTube 70

Facebook 109

### Midweek Lent March 24th

#### 6:30 pm

In-person 39

Online 10

### Ushers & Greeters

Today 8:00 a.m. John & Sylvia McDonald

Today 10:30 a.m. Mark & Joan Christie

Next Week 8:00 a.m. Aaron & Sarah Larson

Next Week 9:15 a.m. Rodney & Janell Spencer

Next Week 10:30 a.m. Kruschel Family

*Interested in serving as an usher or greeter? Contact the church office!*

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# Good Shepherd's **Weekly Voice** March 28/29, 2021

## **Weekly Calendar**

Palm Sunday: Worship 8 am & 10:30 am

Monday: Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday: Video Bible Study 7:00 am

NO Confirmation Class

Thursday: Maundy Thursday Communion Worship 6:30 pm

Friday: Good Friday Worship 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday: Worship 8:00 am, **9:15 am** & 10:30 am

## **Livestream Worship YouTube—All Holy Week Worship Services**

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### **Holy Week 2021**

**Maundy Thursday** April 1 – Thursday 6:30 pm **Hands of Loving Humility** Jesus' hands were active the evening before his death: washing feet, distributing and instituting the Lord's Supper, praying for himself and others, bound by enemies, and willingly accepting God's will. See the humble and loving hands of your Savior.

**Good Friday** April 2 – Friday 6:30 pm **Nail-Pierced Hands** This service of Scripture, song and meditation leads us to contemplate the cost of our salvation as we see the nail-pierced hands of Jesus. These are hands of pain, punishment and peace.

**Easter Sunday** April 4 – Sunday 8:00; 9:15; 10:30 am **Certain Hope in Uncertain Times** Uncertainty has dominated our lives this past year. You might be hoping for some certainty. Many of our hopes are nothing more than dreams that may or may not come true. Discover how Easter gives a different type of hope – a sure & certain hope. Join us for any of our THREE Easter Sunday worship services filled with up-lifting music & a hope-filled message.

#### **Easter Invite Cards**

Easter Invite cards are available at the welcome table for you to use to invite someone to our upcoming Easter Sunday worship services. Take as many as you can use! Easter is the highest attended worship service of the year (even bigger than Christmas!). Many people who have been reluctant to return to church may consider coming to an Easter

service. Let's make sure people know that they are welcome to join us for worship (in-person and online). Who can you invite to share the certain hope that Easter brings?

#### **Five Weekends of Resurrection Truths Sermon Series Begins April 11<sup>th</sup>**

The resurrection of Jesus stands at the center of Christian faith and life. During the five weekends after Easter, we see how the living Jesus gives refreshing peace, enlightens us with his Word, is our Good Shepherd, is vital to a living Christian faith and calls us to a witnessing life of love. Discover the blessings that flow to you from the resurrected Jesus!

#### **Communion Schedule for April.**

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 1 and Sunday/Monday, April 11/12. This change in Communion schedule allows for our members to receive the Lord's Supper the normal two times per month while accommodating the special worship services for Easter and Confirmation when we expect to have a larger number of visitors. Private Communion is always available for those who are unable to attend these Communion services. Contact Pastor Kruschel to schedule.

[pastor@gsholmen.org](mailto:pastor@gsholmen.org)

#### **Confirmation Sunday Additional Worship Services**

In order to give our Confirmands the opportunity to celebrate this special occasion with as many of their friends and family as possible, we are **adding a 9:15 worship service to our schedule on April 25<sup>th</sup>**. You are invited to attend any of our Sunday morning services at 8:00; 9:15; 10:30 am or Monday evening 6:30 pm service. All of our Sunday morning services will have Confirmations included as part of worship. In the past some members have felt the need to worship at other WELS churches on Confirmation Sunday to help make room for the guests of our Confirmands. No need for that this year! We hope that with the additional worship services that our whole church family will be able to encourage our Confirmands by attending one of our three Confirmation services.

#### **In-person Worship Capacity Increased**

The most recent guidelines from our local health department ask churches to follow three basic recommendations: wear masks, social distance and have proper ventilation. Applying these guidelines to our sanctuary means that we can have 86 individuals (each 6' apart) attend each worship service. With a sanctuary that has 246 chairs and considering that individuals living in the same household do not need to socially distance, we can safely seat the recommended 86 people. Therefore, we will be increasing capacity in each of our worship services from 65 to 86. We hope that more and more people will return to in-person as able and receive the blessings of being with their fellow Christians.