

CRUCIFER GUIDELINES
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
February 2019

Schedule:

Scheduling is done by a computer program administered in the church office. The schedule for the month is posted online at <http://gslutheran.org>.

- Check the schedule to see when you are assigned to serve.
- If you know a month in advance that you are unable to serve for a specific date or dates, please do contact the church Office Coordinator, you will not be scheduled.
- If you cannot serve your assigned time, please first try to switch with another crucifer, either scheduled that month or any other crucifer. Call the church Office Coordinator with your replacement so that the verger can be informed.
- The church office can help if you can't find a replacement. However, keep in mind that there are approximately 30 Sunday servants each Sunday. Please make every effort to find your own replacement.
- You will receive an email reminder.

Before the service:

1. Check in with the Verger and let them know that you are here.
2. Choose your robe, rope belt and cross from the sacristy closet.
3. Make sure there is a bulletin at your place in the sanctuary.
4. Go up to the altar and remove the cross from the holder. Carry the cross to the entryway.
5. Stand near the ushers, ready to lead the procession into the sanctuary.

As the service begins:

1. During the Opening Hymn, you will lead the procession into the sanctuary. This means you go in before the choir and/or pastor. The pastor will tell you exactly when to start.
2. Hold the cross with one hand at your waist and the other hand at chest height. Keep the cross vertically straight.
3. Do not walk too fast during the procession and the recession!
4. Walk to the altar steps. Walk the cross to the holder and carefully put it into the holder, making sure it is facing the right way.
5. Walk around the altar to your place in the sanctuary for the service.

Communion:

1. After we say the Lord's Prayer, there is the Invitation to Communion and we sing the "Lamb of God". As that song begins, the crucifer and acolyte will go to the altar rail on the left side and kneel to receive communion or a blessing.
2. Once you have received communion, you can return to your seat, unless the pastor asks you to help in some way.

At the end of the service:

1. During the second verse of the Closing Hymn, retrieve the cross from the stand and with the cross facing the congregation, begin processing out of the sanctuary. The choir and pastors will follow behind you.

After the service:

1. Return the cross to its holder by the altar.
2. Return and hang up the robe, rope belt and cross to the sacristy closet.