



Welcome to Good Shepherd

Called by God to: Grow; Serve; Love; Care and Worship

October 29, 2017

Today's Worship

Reformation Sunday – Celebrating 500 years

Five hundred years ago, a German priest named Martin Luther nailed a list of 95 discussion topics on the door of the church, hoping to start a debate about issues he had with church leaders. His primary concern was in the sale of indulgences, which offered the forgiveness of sins if enough money was paid. (The money the church collected was being used to build Vatican City.) Luther's actions that day started a renewal and reformation of the Christian Church. Are we brave enough to continue to reform and renew the church?

Prelude

Welcome

Temple Talk

***Gathering** "The Church's One Foundation". ELW 654

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy God, the God who creates us, the Savior who heals us, the Holy Spirit who reforms us again and again. Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and private confession

P: Source of all life,

C: We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We often fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward to serve our needs, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty and ever gracious God, you send your Holy Spirit to us and bring us to faith in Jesus, not because of anything we do to earn it. Since our salvation depends on you, grant that our hearts may be set free from worldly things. Gift us with strength to trust in your Word so our faith rests firmly in the promise of the Gospel. Amen.

Children's Message

Choir Anthem "Built on a Rock". Adult Choir

Psalm 46 (read responsively)

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸**Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."**

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*Announcement of Scripture Reading:

P: A reading from the book of John chapter 8.

C: Praise to you, O Lord.

Bible Story . . . John 8:31-36

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Drama. Jon Melby and Gary Hagen

The Song of the Day "A Might Fortress Is our God". ELW 504

The Apostles' Creed (and it's meaning)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He richly provides me with all I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this he does out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, not because I've earned it or deserve it. For all this, I must thank, praise, serve and obey God. This is most certainly true.

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

P: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

C On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ is truly god, born of the Father and also truly human, born of the Virgin Mary. Christ redeemed me, bought and won me from all sins and death. It did not cost him gold or silver, but his holy and precious blood. Because of this, I am Christ's very own and will live under Christ in his kingdom. This is most certainly true.

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way, he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth. He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. This is most certainly true.

***Sharing the Peace**

Offering

Offertory "Our God, We are a Church Reformed". printed

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

***Benediction**

***Sending Song "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" vs 1 & 2. ELW 597**

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Welcome to Worship at Good Shepherd! It is our mission to Grow, Serve, Love, Care and Worship. It is our prayer and our hope that you will sense the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of worship.

Presiding & Preaching: Rev. Mary Iverson

Scripture Reader: Linda Hagen

Sunday School Teacher: Sara Theede

Organist: Diane Heaney

Birthdays - Oct 29-Nov 4 (If your birthday is not listed please contact the church office with mm/dd/yy.)

29-Dave Foley	Sandy Lorenz	2-Josey Schroeder	3-Cristian Soto
Nathan Stern	Alyson Swanson	Renee Soto	Rahj Soto
1-Paula Billings	Leigha Tolzmann	Tracy Warmka	

Bible Study with Pastor Mary - Sunday, October 29 at 10:15am in the basement Social Hall. This year Pastor Mary will lead Bible Studies each month on a Sunday morning following worship. This month the Bible Study will focus on the Reformation and will be held following worship on Sunday, October 29, the day we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. Gather on a table near the stage in the basement Social Hall and Pastor Mary will lead the Bible Study. *Please note: when Pastor Mary leads Bible Study, you don't have to speak but can listen, if you would prefer!*

Our God, We Are a Church Reformed

To the tune of: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Our God, we are a church reformed, A church reforming still:
We long to grow in your true Word, And follow more your will.

In love, you bring your people here, And call your church to you,
That we may know salvation's joy, And serve in all we do.

As faithful stewards we find joy; We need no rich display.
Lord, teach us all to use with care, The gifts you give each day.

The world makes gods of lesser things, And wrongly uses power;
So by your Spirit may we work, For justice every hour.

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October Food Collection - During the month of October we will collect food donations of canned stews and soups. A grocery cart is parked in the sanctuary, collecting your donations, which will go to the Wells Area Food Shelf. Thank you for your generous donations in September of nuts for cooking or eating.

Good Shepherd Greatest Chef Cooking Challenge - Ever see the cooking challenge shows on television, like Chopped? Come and be a part of a team and compete against others to prepare tasty food combinations to impress judges and help you win this cooking challenge. No cooking skills are required – if you like to eat, you will love this cooking event. Advanced sign up is required (on the church office door) and you may bring one friend! There is no cost for the event. The event will be held in the Good Shepherd Kitchen and Social Hall.

Grades 8-12 Sunday, November 5 2pm-5pm Sign up Deadline: Wed, Nov 1

Grades 4-7 Saturday, November 11 2pm-5pm Sign up Deadline: Wed, Nov 1

Fun, Fun, Fun at the Church ~ Grades K-3 - Sunday, November 12 11am – noon. We will play some fun games together, have a devotion together and a snack will be served. Gather in the Good Shepherd Nursery (the one at the end of the educational hall by the kitchenette) for a fun time together with a Thanksgiving theme. The cost is free but we do ask you to sign up by Wednesday, November 8 on the sheet on the church office door.

Mystery Dinner - Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Food and fellowship. Come join us for a “night out” on November 12. All adults who attend Good Shepherd are invited to a mystery dinner. We will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. and then car pool to the mystery destination for dinner. You will be required to pay for your own meal with the average cost of \$10-\$20 per plate. Hurry and sign up in the church office by November 5. There is a limit of 40 people.