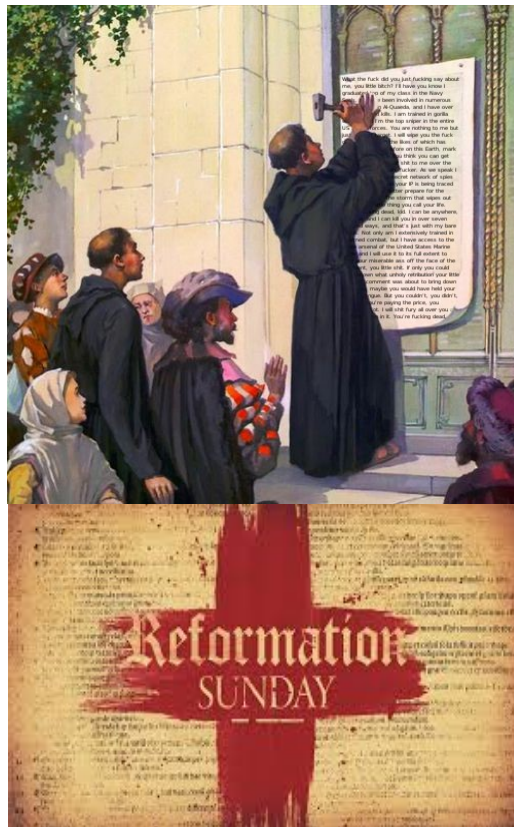


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October 27, 2024

Good Morning and Welcome !

About our church

*We are a group of Christians who do our best to live our faith. Sometimes we falter and we often fall short of the glory of God. Because of this, we celebrate God's abundant grace poured out through the love of Jesus Christ. It is this same love that inspires us to carry out our mission statement - **reaching out to all proclaiming God's love in Jesus Christ** - so that everyone would know of the freeing, redeeming, calming, peaceful love of God.*

About our worship

Here at Good Shepherd, we marry the reverence of "high liturgy" with a relaxed, contemporary feel. What does that mean? First, the word - liturgy - means "the work of the people." So our worship is our collective effort to place God on the throne of our hearts. Second, the word - high - refers to the high degree of reverence given to God's presence in our midst. You may see people bow toward or before the altar and the cross or tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies at certain points in worship. You may also notice people clapping in celebration or responding to a question Pastor Troy asks in his sermon. Join in as you feel comfortable!

Navigating our bulletin

*Italicized text is there to help orient you to our worship. Plain text (like this) is meant for the leader to read. Plain, bold text (**like this**) indicates the congregational response. Join in as you feel comfortable!*

We do use a hymnal here at Good Shepherd. You will find a green and blue hymnal in the pew rack in front of you. Each hymn is numbered. Join in the singing as you are comfortable!

Music Prelude

Call to Worship

Rise in body or spirit

Hymn: Green No. 369 - “ The Church’s One Foundation ”

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with
our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your
great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in
time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no
more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit
renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your
faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and
comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of
the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Please be seated

Word

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
³though its waters rage and foam,
and 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 shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Raise in body or spirit

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according John the 8th Chapter

Glory to you O Lord

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus 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."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated

Sermon - Pastor Troy Spencer

Choir Anthem - "Built on the Rock"

Rise in body or spirit

The Confession of Faith - The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. 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.

The Prayers of the People

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond (*especially*). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

Oh God, we pray for your healing

Emma Shaffer, Mary Hoida, Elaine Englehardt, Kristian Keefer, David & Sandy Campbell, Bonnie Fausnaught, Donald Fausnaught, Sara Bower, Charlotte Wands, June Swida, Rachel, Glenbrook Residents, Anne Poorbaug, Kim Nespoli, Bonnie Bandies, Brent Spencer, Wendy Shultz, Pray for Peace in our Country, All victims of violence, Kerri Shadle, Piper, Jim and Di Ferguson, Bruce Gilbert, Tami Womer, Jimmy Ferguson, Helen Lenowsky, Tim Wentzel, Margaret & Joseph Sarafin, Victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton, Tara Berlin, Christine Lamark Nelson, Tammy, Marilyn, Lori

Meal

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with a square symbol (Ⓟ) at the beginning of the first line and a cross-in-square symbol (☩) at the beginning of the second and fourth lines.

Holy, Holy, Holy

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes, with a cross-in-square symbol (☩) at the beginning of the first line.

The Words of Institution - from 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

On the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

Please be Seated

Invitation to Communion

Hymn - Green No. 433- "The Church of Christ, in every Age"

Post Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Sending Blessing

God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn - Green No. 229- "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The worship is over, now let the service begin!

**The Flowers are Sponsored
in Memory of Joseph Tyson
by his mother, Brenda Sterner**

**The Sanctuary Candle for October is sponsored
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In Honor of Bettyanne & Monte Kishbach's Anniversary**

Worship Leaders for Sunday October 27th, 2024

Presiding Minister	Pastor Troy Spencer
Assisting Minister	Marilee Ungemach
Communion Assis	Beck Dows
Lector	Amber Keefer,
Usher	Stephanie Jones, Lois Lingousky
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Romona Ritter, Marthan Wentzel
Counting	Jan Hoida, Marilyn Ungemach
Depositor	Beck Dows
Lock/Unlock	Skip Gogle
Live Stream Tech	Brenda Sterner

Worship Leaders for Sunday November 3rd, 2024

Presiding Minister	Pastor Troy Spencer
Assisting Minister	Romona Ritter
Communion Assis	Stephanie Jones
Lector	Jen Berlin
Usher	Brent Carder, Lisa Walker
Acolyte	Addy Berlin
Altar Guild	Robert & Marilyn Ungemach
Counting	Tim Wentzel, Lois Lingousky
Depositor	Peggy Yeastedt

Lock/Unlock Barry Titus
Live Stream Tech Brenda Sterner

Oh God, we thank you for our celebrations

Birthdays

Mitchell Meighan	10/26
Sandra Sterner	10/29
Emily Spencer	10/31
Marilyn Ungemach	10/31

**The Love Offering for October
will go to the Nescopeck Food Cupboard**

Weekly Announcements

- **October 27th** - 8:30am - Worship Service -Reformation day
Children's fellowship hour after service featuring a Bible story
The Chosen” in the Parlor following services
- **October 27th** - 4:00pm - 6:00pm - Trunk or Treat
- **October 29th** - 10:00am - Jesus and Java
- **October 29th** - 6:00pm - Craft Painting party - Drums
Meet in the church parking lot at 5:15pm to car pool
Snacks will be provided - BYOBeverage
- **October 29th** - 7:00pm - Brighter Light Choir Rehearsal
- **October 29th** - 7:00pm - Community Choir Rehearsal
- **October 30th** - 10:00am - Guided Prayer at Christ Church
- **October 30th** - 6:00pm - Service of Healing
- **October 30th** - 7:00pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
- **November 3rd**- 8:30am - Worship Service - All Saints Day
Children's fellowship hour after service featuring a Bible story
The Chosen” in the Parlor following services
- Reminder to return your Seafarer Bags
- **Reminder next Sunday is November 3rd - Daylight Savings**



Announcements

Sunday, October 27th - 4:00pm - 6:00pm - TRUNK OR TREAT in the Church parking lot. Decorate your car, truck, camper, bicycle- whatever! Bring them to Good Shepherd and have a great time watching the kids go from vehicle to vehicle, having fun and collecting candy and goodies!!!
A prize will be given for the best vehicle!
A donation of candy would be appreciated if you cannot decorate a vehicle, or you cannot attend

Tuesday, October 29th - 6:00pm - Craft Painting
We will be meeting in the Church parking lot at 5:15pm in order to car pool. Snacks will be provided - BYOBeverage.
Please contact Donna Lynn with any questions 570-204-1035

Tuesday, November 5th - Election Day

Thursday, November 7th-10:00am - Finalizing Seafarers Bags

Thursday, November 7th - 6:00pm - Civic Club Bingo

**Thursday, November 9th - 8:00am to 4:00pm -
Discipleship Getaway.**

Ever wonder what it means to be a disciple? Have any idea how to help others become disciples? Spend the day in engaging conversation, fellowship, and growth in God's presence as we engage in these questions and more!

Click this link to sign up : <https://forms.gle/xifPaEws1PGzy2mU8>

Tuesday, November 12th - 6:00 pm BIBLE STUDY - in the Parlor Discussion on "Trinity's Identity" Follow the link <https://youtu.be/V2hAszREkZ4>. New Episodes will be streaming every few days. Here is the link to Spotify: <https://spotifyanchor-web.app.link/e/.zh6WOSMjEMb>.

**Sunday, November 17th - 2:00pm - Music Fest
Bower Memorial**

Sunday, November 17th - 5:00pm - Sunday Funday