

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP!

RITE OF CONFIRMATION



OCTOBER 25, 2020-REFORMATION SUNDAY

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“Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you.”

Romans 15:7

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.

Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“He Leadeth Me”
- arranged by Sandra Eithun

GSLC Bell Ringers

GATHERING SONG

“A Mighty Fortress”

Tim Ferg, Gary Griffith,
Pam Weinelt

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful God,

C **have mercy on us.**
We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own

needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God’s work in the world.

C Amen.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

“Glory To God in the Highest”

Thomas Eisnor

ELW #S99

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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. .

C Amen.

Word

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

John Bost

At the conclusion of the reading:

- ℣ The word of the Lord.
- ✞ **Thanks be to God.**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Anna F.

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS

PSALM: Psalm 46

(read responsively)

Lori Peters

- ℣ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ✞ **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth
should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of
the sea;**
- ℣ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ✞ **There is a river whose streams make glad the
city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ℣ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be
moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- ✞ **The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms
totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- ℣ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- ✞ **Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the
earth.**
- ℣ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- ✞ **"Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth."**
- ℣ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Maureen K.

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

Sharon Bost

At the conclusion of the reading:

- ℣ The word of the Lord.
- ✞ **Thanks be to God.**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Lily S.

2020 CONFIRMATION CLASS

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT "The Word of God Is Source and Seed"

Thomas Eisnor

ELW #506 vs. 1

GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-36

P The holy gospel according to John.

G **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

P The gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MEDITATION

“What do you intend to do?”

Pastor Paul Baumgartner

SONG OF DAY

“Who You Say I Am”

Tim Ferg, Gary Griffith,
Pam Weinelt

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THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

A Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young adults, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptisms.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

G **Amen.**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P **Anna**, Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

P **Maureen**, Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

P **Lily**, Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R I renounce them.

A Do you believe in God the Father?

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

A Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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

A Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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 You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Anna: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Maureen: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Lily: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

A People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

C Amen.

(Families of Confirmands are invited to lay hands on the confirmand's head for blessings for each Confirmand.)

A Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

C We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

(As the Minister closes each petition with the words, "Lord, in your mercy." worshippers respond with the words, "Hear our prayer.")

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us greet each other with Christ's peace.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C** **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.

Sending

BLESSING

- P** May God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.
- C** **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Thomas Eisnor

ELW #504

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Remember the poor.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"
- M. Dupre (1886-1971)

Thomas Eisnor

Online Worship Services are now available, on Saturdays at 5 p.m.

We are called, gathered and blessed to be a community and instrument of grace for all sheep of the Good Shepherd.

SUNDAY SERVICES: ONLINE AT GSLUTHERAN.ORG/SERMONS.
SUNDAY SCHOOL WWW.GSLUTHERAN.ORG

Paul W. Baumgartner.....Pastor
Thomas Eisnor.....Organist/Choir Director
Pam Weinelt.....Praise Team Coordinator
Cat Ontiveros..... Youth Ministry Coordinator
Janice SwinfordInreach Coordinator/Sunday School Superintendent
Diane Moeller..... Office Coordinator
Donna Garges.....Media Coordinator
Aaron Frink.....Custodian

2020-21 September YTD Budgeted
Giving Summary

Fiscal Year 2020-2021
Actual Income: \$137,779.27
Budgeted Income: \$147,175.11
Ahead/Behind: **(\$9,395.84)**

We are now in fiscal year 2020-21. This is a great time to use Simply Giving or GIVEPLUS. Click [DONATE](#) on our website for more information. The work of GSLC cannot be completed without the support of the congregation! We are grateful for your continued giving and support. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING AND GIVE PLUS

Even though church services are not happening in the physical state, the work of the church and expenses of the church still go on. Members using envelope giving are encouraged to mail their offerings to the church each week. Now would be a good time to sign up with either GivePlus or Simply Giving! You can do that by going to www.gslutheran/donate.



2020 OUTDOOR SPRUCE-UP DAY

The year 2020 has been and continues to be a crazy year! Even though we cannot worship in person, the church building is still here! Now that we all have had extra time in 2020 to clean-up our yards, the church grounds need some attention! The Building and Grounds Maintenance Committee is having a workday for spreading pine straw and doing some yard work at the church. We will be cleaning up the planted beds and spreading pine straw. So get out your gloves, rakes, brooms and blowers and come join us on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 8:00 AM until we finish. Any questions, please contact [Geoff Morton](#) or the church office.

We kindly ask that you remain socially distant while on the church property and wear masks, if you are unable to work socially distant from one another. For the safety of our staff, we prefer that you do not enter the building and only make use of the restrooms if absolutely necessary. By attending, you are acknowledging that an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. By coming to GSLC, you and any guests voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 and agree not to hold Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Woodstock, GA liable for any illness or injury.



Youth News

Middle and High School Zoom **Sunday School Classes** meet virtually. Middle School meets at 10:30 a.m. High School meets at 8 p.m. Meeting links will be sent via email. For elementary school ages please check out www.gslutheran.org/youth/Sunday-school. We look forward to seeing you all virtually.



FX3 meets Sunday, October 25, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Join us as we learn about the Most Important Commandment. Supplies can be found in your supply envelope if you already picked it up. If not supply packets are available for pickup on the front porch of the church. There is an envelope with your child's name on it and it contains all the supplies for this meeting and the next. Meeting links will be sent via email. This is for youth in 3rd-5th grades.

zoom with us



FLY middle school youth meet with us at 2 pm Sunday, October 25th, for a baking class! Please join us as we gather together and learn to make something delicious. We will meet via Zoom. Meeting links will be sent via email.



Congratulations to our 2020 Confirmands.

Be sure to watch our Online Worship Service. We are celebrating two important events. As Lutherans, we remember the day that Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, 503 years ago and reformed the church. We also celebrate with the families of Anna, Maureen and Lily, as these sisters in Christ give their Faith Statements to the congregation and affirm their baptisms with the Rite of Confirmation. You certainly don't want to miss this service.

Holy Communion on Sunday Mornings

Perhaps the thing missed most while we have been unable to worship in person, is Holy Communion. **Pastor Paul will** of Holy Communion outdoors, on S from 8:30 am-10:30 am and 12:15-1:15 pm. It would be a great opportunity for participation, if you would like to join in. **you would typically attend worship services if we were open.** If you cannot make that time, you are certainly welcome to come at the other designated time. You can also visit our [website](#) for more information.



Cancelled This Sunday

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE

We are looking for volunteers to help set-up/clean-up and serve. Those shifts run 8:00 am - 10:15 am and 10:15 am - 12:30 pm. We would like to have two people for each shift. You will be required to wear a mask. There is a sign-up sheet on our website at [Sign-Up Central Online](#).

Keep Sending Those Photos

We would love to see your face! We miss you all and would love to have current pictures of our members to show during our worship services. If you could snap a photo, in high resolution, wherever you might be these days, (it doesn't have to be formal!) showing you and/or your family and send it to media@gslutheran.org, we will add you as we bring the faces of our congregation to you. Please include your full names, we will not publish children's names.



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STAY INFORMED

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GSLC REACHES OUT

MUST Ministry Collection Available at GSLC Doorway

MUST Ministries is coordinating a MUST FOOD Rapid Response program. Family food boxes will be distributed at several points around Cobb and Cherokee Counties. They are accepting donations at their facilities seven days a week. Good Shepherd has placed a barrel outside the front doors of the church. Please consider this way of supporting

our community. The top items that MUST is collecting are:
NEWLY ADDED-URGENT NEED
New Socks and Underwear for school age children

Beef Stew
Canned Pasta
Mixed Canned Veggies
Canned Carrots
Canned Meats (Tuna/Chicken)
Canned Fruit
Chunky Soup

Canned Potatoes
Condensed Soup
Canned Beans
Tomato Products
Canned Corn
Spaghetti
Ramen Noodles
Bag of Pasta
Mac&Cheese
Rice



Additional Online Opportunities

Adult Sunday School News

Coffee and Conversation is hosting a Zoom study focused on the Rob Bell series, at 9:30 am today. For any questions about this class or other study options, please contact our Sunday School Superintendent, Janice Swinford. Additional adult classes will have more information sent soon. Details are on our Sunday School page. For any questions, please contact [Janice Swinford](mailto:Janice.Swinford).

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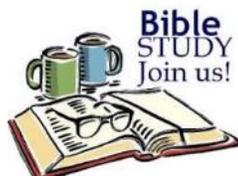
We have a new e-mail address for you to submit prayer concerns. Prayers will be posted to the Prayer Circle, via e-mail, during normal business hours. You can also drop us an e-mail at this same e-mail address if you would like to be a part of the Prayer Circle.



Word on Wednesday Bible Study

WOW is discussing "The Acts of the Apostles" by Raymond Pickett from Augsburg Fortress. See what the Holy Spirit is up to in the development of the early church and how the Spirit continues to ACT through the church today!

If you are interested in participating, please contact study leader, Lori Peters, through the church office. We meet on Wednesdays via Zoom. At 10 a.m.



Men In Mission have been meeting virtually on **Wednesday evenings**. They are currently reading, "More Than A Carpenter" by Josh McDowell. If you would like to join them, please contact media@gslutheran.org so we can send you a link to the meeting.



Daylight Savings Time Ends Oct. 31

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.



Monday Lunch and Learn Bible Study meets Mondays, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. via Zoom. We are in a study on James: "Mercy Triumphs", by Beth Moore. If you are interested in joining please let Cat know and we will add you to the email list.

NEW STUDY

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Give blood.



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BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, November 7, 2020

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Due to increased concerns about blood shortages this winter, the American Red Cross has decided to continue testing every donor for the COVID anti-body.

All presenting donors will receive a coupon from Cheeseburger Bobby's.

For more information, to schedule an appointment. AND TO DO YOUR RAPIDPASS – please go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: goodshepherdlutheran
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thank you!

Thanks to everyone who supported the **2020 UNTASTE OF HABITAT**. Your generosity, along with the other Coalition churches helped us raise over **\$30K for our 2021 Build**. We would not be able to continue this worthwhile ministry without your continued financial and volunteer labor support.

The Coalition has also started a “Services Offered” Directory to supplement our fundraising. Please check Lutheran Habitat for Humanity Services Directory at the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/lcservicesdirectory/home>



The site shows several services Coalition Board Members & Friends are offering in exchange for a donation to the Lutheran Coalition for Habitat Ministry. Check it out!