

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2026

10:45 AM Praise Worship Service with Holy Communion

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

*You are invited to stand—please silence your cell phones

✧ GATHERING ✧

GATHERING MUSIC

Praise Team

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP TEMPLE TALK

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

✠ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

✠ **Amen.**

✠ Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

✠ Compassionate God,

✠ **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

✠ Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

✠ **Amen.**

***GATHERING SONG**

"The Way"

Words and Music by Daniel Bashta, Ben Smith and Pat Barrett; © 2018 Heritage Worship Publishing | Capitol CMG Genesis | Housefires Sounds | Vamos Publishing | Go Forth Sounds | Duetti Anthems

Chorus 1

Oh I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe

Verse 1

Through every battle
Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe that You are my fortress
Oh You are my portion
You are my hiding place
Oh I believe You are

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Chorus 2

The Way the Truth the Life
I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe

I believe that You are provider
You are protector
You are the One I love
I believe You are
Chorus 2

Verse 2

Through every blessing
Through every promise
Through every breath I take

*GREETING

- ☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ☞ **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ Let us pray. Gracious Father, we pray for your holy church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☞ **Amen.**

☞ WORD ☞

FIRST READING

- 📖 A reading from Jeremiah.
At conclusion of reading

📖 The Word of the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pew Bible, Page 721

SECOND READING

- 📖 A reading from Romans.
At conclusion of reading

📖 The Word of the Lord. ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 3:19-28

Pew Bible, Page 1026

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL READING

- ☞ The holy gospel according to John.

John 8:31-36

Pew Bible, Page 975

At conclusion of reading

☞ The gospel of the Lord. ☞ **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

"The God of all eras who makes us free" Vicar Sam Maier

***SONG OF DAY**

"Reformation Song"

Words and Music by Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin; © Sovereign Grace Praise

Verse 1

Your Word alone is solid ground
The mighty rock on which we build
In every line the truth is found
And every page with glory filled

Verse 2

Through faith alone we come to You
We have no merit we can claim
Sure that Your promises are true
We place our hope in Jesus' name

Chorus

Gloria gloria glory to God alone
Gloria gloria glory to God alone

Verse 3

In Christ alone we're justified
His righteousness is all our plea
Your law's demands are satisfied
His perfect work has set us free

Verse 4

By grace alone we have been saved
All that we are has come from You
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
Now by Your pow'r have been made new
Chorus

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

front of ELW pg. 234

***APOSTLES' CREED** *(To be read as part of the Affirmation of Baptism for new members)*

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

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.

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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Assisting Minister will close each petition with the words, "Hear us, O God". Worshippers respond with the words, "Your mercy is great."

***PEACE**

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

(Please greet one another with a friendly word or non-contact gesture of God's peace.)

✧ MEAL ✧

OFFERING

Please sign the "Who's Who in the Pew" pads and pass along as the offering is received. Please indicate if you are a visitor to Good Shepherd.

OFFERING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress"

Praise Team

By Brad Bichsel, Rebekah Bichsel, Michael Farren and Dustin Smith

*OFFERING PRAYER

Ⓐ Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. ☒ Amen.

*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.

✧ SENDING ✧

*BLESSING

Ⓟ The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.
☒ Amen.

*SENDING SONG

"Mighty Fortress"

Words and Music by Martin Luther; © Public Domain, ELW #504

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

Verse 2

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Verse 3

Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

*DISMISSAL

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

G Thanks be to God.

*SENDING MUSIC

Verse 4

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Praise Team

WORSHIP WITH US EACH SUNDAY!

8:30 AM Traditional Worship | 10:45 AM Praise Worship
Facebook Live Worship at facebook.com/gslcwoodstock
9:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Studies



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