

# **Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

## **Building up God's people through His word for His world**

**Reformation Sunday**  
**October 29, 2023**

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

**We especially welcome our guests who are worshipping here today.** What a privilege to greet you! If you have no church home in the area, we invite you to participate in the life and ministry of Good Shepherd. For information about our congregation, visit [gslcva.org](http://gslcva.org). Also, please fill out a Welcome card, which you'll find near the hymnals, and place it in the offering plate near the doors to the sanctuary.

**Our worship reflects the liturgical tradition of the Christian church.** Holy Communion is celebrated on the first, third, and fifth Sundays at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Our informal worship service, Sunday/PRAISE, features contemporary music and is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, with communion celebrated on fourth Sundays.

**To all worshippers:** The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Body of Christ and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Remember that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Please welcome our young ones and give their parents a smile of encouragement or a helping hand, if needed.

**To the parents of young ones, here are a few suggestions for worshipping with your children:** Relax! God put the wiggles and giggles in kids; don't feel that you have to suppress them in His house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front, where it is easier to see and hear what's going on. Quietly explain the parts of the worship service and actions of the pastor, ushers, communion assistants, etc. Sing the hymns and songs, pray, and voice the responses aloud. Children learn worshipful behavior by copying you. If you have to leave the worship service with your child or stand up and walk around the back of the sanctuary, feel free to do so, but please come back! And finally, if you so choose, . . .

**You are welcome to use our nursery,** as well as our parents' room next to the nursery, if your young ones need a break from the service. The Parents' Room is also a comfortable place where mothers may nurse their babies. The worship service is livestreamed to a monitor in the Parents' Room.

**We offer Sunday School** and a variety of Bible studies and spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings. Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 a.m. See News and Announcements for class information.

**Flowers and plants in our worship areas** are supported by financial donations to the Flower Fund. These floral offerings beautify the church, uplift service participants, and remind us of God's good creation. You can find information about being a flower sponsor on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall and at [gslcva.org/ministries/worship](http://gslcva.org/ministries/worship), under "Flower Sponsorships." Today's flowers are sponsored by Regina Grayson Benjamin in memory of her father, Andrew Grayson.

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| <b>Prelude</b> | “A Mighty Fortress”<br><i>Handbell Choir</i> | arr. Dale Jorgensen |
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**"A Mighty Fortress"**  
*Handbell Choir*

arr. Dale Jorgensen

# Welcome

Pastor James

*Please stand*

## Opening Hymn

## "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Hymn No. 657

## Invocation, Confession, and Forgiveness

*The sign of the cross † may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, + Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's word and for self-examination. You may kneel or remain standing.*

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

**C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

*Please stand*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Kyrie** [Lord, have mercy]

### Music in hymnal, pages 152-53

## Hymn of Praise

## “This Is the Feast”

**Music in hymnal, page 155**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**Music in hymnal, page 156**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

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.**

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

L: <sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It 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. <sup>33</sup>But 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. <sup>34</sup>No 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

**Romans 3:19-28**

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No humans make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death, a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

L: <sup>19</sup>Now 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. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom 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; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**Alleluia**

**Music in hymnal, page 156**

**Holy Gospel**

**John 8:31-36**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Music in hymnal, page 157**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

P: <sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

<sup>33</sup>They 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'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Music in hymnal, page 157**

*Please sit*

**Hymn of the Day**

"Thy Strong Word"

**Hymn No. 578**

verses 1-4, 6

*Note: Verse 4 will be sung by the Sanctuary Choir; the congregation sings verses 1, 2, 3, and 6*

*If you think your child might be unable to sit through the entire service, this would be an appropriate time to take him/her to the nursery.*

**Message**

"The New Covenant"

Pastor Johann

**Musical Reflection**

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed**

C: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
 Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **Announcements**

Pastor James

*Please fill out a Welcome card and place it in the offering plate near the sanctuary doors after the service, or hand it to an usher as you leave.*

## **Anthem**

**"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

Michael D. Costello

*Sanctuary Choir; Brass Quintet; Anne Lee, organ*

*The congregation is invited to sing with the choir on verse 4.*

1. A mighty fortress is our God  
 A trusty shield and weapon  
 He helps us free from ev'ry need  
 That has us now o'ertaken  
 The old evil foe  
 Now means deadly woe  
 Deep guile and great might  
 Are his dread arms in fight  
 On earth is not his equal

2. With might of ours can naught be done  
 Soon were our loss effected  
 But for us fights the valiant one  
 Whom God himself elected  
 You ask, "Who is this?"  
 Jesus Christ it is  
 The almighty Lord  
 And there's no other God  
 He holds the field forever

3. Though devils all the world should fill  
 All eager to devour us  
 We tremble not, we fear no ill  
 They shall not overpower us  
 This world's prince may still  
 Scowl fierce as he will  
 He can harm us none  
 He's judged; the deed is done  
 One little word can fell him

4. The Word they still shall let remain  
 Nor any thanks have for it  
 He's by our side upon the plain  
 With his good gifts and Spirit  
 And take they our life  
 Goods, fame, child, or wife  
 Though all may be gone  
 Our victory is won  
 The kingdom's ours forever

*Please stand*

### Offertory Prayer

**C:** God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

*At the end of each petition, the prayer leader will say, "God of grace . . . "*

*The congregation responds, "hear our prayer."*

*Please see the News and Announcements sheet for a listing of intercessions.*

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**Preface and Proper Preface**

**Music in hymnal, page 160**

**Sanctus** [Holy, Holy, Holy]

**Music in hymnal, page 161**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.

### The Words of Our Lord

**Pax Domini** [The peace of the Lord]

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

**Agnus Dei** [Lamb of God]

**Music in hymnal, page 163**

*Please sit*

### Distribution

**We believe** that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine, according to His Word: "This is My Body . . . this is My blood" (Matthew 26:26-27), and that in this sacrament our Lord gives us forgiveness of our sins, unity with God, and strength for a life of service.

**We invite** all baptized Christians who have made their First Communion, examined themselves, discern the body and blood of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of their sins, and sincerely seek to amend their lives to join us at His Table.

**Distribution procedure:** Please come forward by the center aisle or as instructed by the usher. Fill the rail, beginning at the end near the wall. Kneel. Cup your hands to receive the bread. Then, take

an individual cup from the tray as it is passed. **Cups in the innermost circle of the communion tray contain juice** for those who do not wish to drink wine. **For those who need gluten-free wafers:** Bring with you one of the brightly colored pieces of paper from the pews and hand it to the communion assistant who is distributing the wafers. That person will bring a gluten-free wafer to you.

**Return to your seat via the aisle next to the windows.** Place your empty communion cup in the bowl near the end of the rail. If you are unable to walk to the communion rail, please speak to an usher, and we will bring the sacrament to you.

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| <b>Distribution Hymns</b> | “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”   | <b>Hymn No. 633</b> |
|                           | “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” | <b>Hymn No. 563</b> |

*Please stand*

### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P:** Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**P:** The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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| <b>Closing Hymn</b> | “The Church’s One Foundation” | <b>Hymn No. 644</b> |
|                     | Verse 1: All Verse 2: Women   |                     |
|                     | Verse 3: Choir Verse 4: Men   |                     |
|                     | Verse 5: All                  |                     |

### **Dismissal**

**P:** Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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| <b>Postlude</b> | Sonata from Die Bankelsangerlieder | Anonymous |
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*As your schedule permits, please be seated during the postlude for a time of prayer and reflection.*

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***Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall following the service.***

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### Serving Today

|                             | 8:00  | 11:00  |
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| <b>Worship Leader</b>       | Pastor James  | Pastor James   |
| <b>Preacher</b>             | Pastor Johann   | Pastor Johann  |
| <b>Crucifer</b>             | EJ Hoplin   | Sophia Ellis   |
| <b>Acolyte</b>              | *   | Zachary Mitchell   |
| <b>Scripture Reader</b>     | Henry Eickelberg  | Jim Micsan   |
| <b>Prayer Leader</b>        | Chris Miller  | Gary Budzier   |
| <b>Cantor</b>               | Stephanie Batchelder  | Bennett Umhau  |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b> | Pastor Johann (host)<br>Pastor James (host)<br>Jamie Ellor (tray)<br>Melinda DeWan (tray) | Pastor Johann (host)<br>Pastor James (host)<br>Brian Vanderhoof (tray)<br>Jeff Peterson (tray) |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Ric Nickerson (lead)<br>Jim Smith   | Jim Ellis (lead)<br>Marty Gurtz  |
| <b>Choir Director</b>       | Anne Lee  | Anne Lee   |
| <b>Organist</b>             | Anne Lee  | Anne Lee   |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>          | Diane Ellor   |  |
| <b>Projectionist</b>        | Jeff Donahue  | Jeff Donahue   |
| <b>Audio Engineer</b>       | Dan LaMaestra   | Dan LaMaestra  |
| <b>Livestream Manager</b>   |   | Matt Hardy   |
| <b>Greeter</b>              | *(door)<br>June McGurn<br>(welcome center)  | Bill Ciesar (door)<br>Deb Ciesar (door)<br>Nancy McGarry<br>(welcome center)                   |
| <b>Guest Welcome</b>        | Deanine Thrash  | Heidi Cooper   |
| <b>Engagement</b>           | Heidi Cooper  | Heidi Cooper   |
| <b>Opener</b>               | Jim Smith   |  |
| <b>Closer</b>               |   | Martin Farley  |
| <b>Coffee Setup</b>         | Wenda Smith   |  |
| <b>Kitchen Cleanup</b>      |   | Mia Millman  |

\* = unfilled as of October 25

Thanks to our instrumentalists: Hart Guonjian-Petit, trumpet; Caleb Johnson, trumpet; Emerson Miller, French horn; Christian Hizon, trombone; Cameron Farnsworth, tuba



### **Board of Servant Leaders**

Linda Terlecki, chair  
Rob Fekete, vice-chair  
Drew Lipman, secretary

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Paul Kasulis  
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### **Core Ministry Areas**

#### **Worship**

*Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann*

The Worship Team encompasses music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir (Anne Lee), Handbell Choir (Anne Lee), traditional worship, and contemporary worship (Dan LaMaestra), the worship spaces, and support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes).

#### **Discipleship**

*Team Leader: Pastor James*

The Discipleship Team oversees adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's ministry (Michelle Tenhaeff), and youth ministry (Holly Vanderhoof).

#### **Parish Life**

*Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Heidi Cooper*

The Parish Life Team helps foster our community through Life Groups, member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion, concerts, public events, picnics, and intergenerational events, and reaches out to guests who worship at Good Shepherd.

#### **Mission**

*Team Leader: Pastor Johann*

Through the Mission Team, Good Shepherd supports a variety of mission efforts: world and local (Bill and Lisa Schuler), synod/district, social ministry and community service (Holly Vanderhoof). Evangelism, publicity, media, and social media (Jeff Donahue) support these efforts.

#### **Congregational Care and Nurture**

*Team Leader: June McGurn; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann*

The Congregational Care and Nurture Team helps support the mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health of the congregation through literature, programs, and opportunities to serve others at Good Shepherd. This ministry's volunteers help in many ways: at memorial services and receptions; through member care visits and transportation; by sending cards for life events; and by arranging meals ("Take Them a Meal" team, Caroline Ruppert) for the sick and infirm, for their families, and for families with newborns.

#### **Administration**

*Team Leader: Pastor Johann*

This team is in charge of property (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications (Jeff Donahue), contracts, church office, calendar/program management, and technology (Gary Budzier).

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