



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
“Bringing Christ to the Tri-County Area”

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October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday
Worship Service at 10:30 am
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Prelude
Announcements

Processional Hymn: In Christ Alone (Handout)

This is the Feast

Hymn of The Day: A Mighty Fortress #656

Theme “Christ-Centered Freedom”
1) The Freedom that comes with a Cleansed Conscience
2) The Freedom that comes with Significant Responsibility

Recessional Hymn: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less #575

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Our Lord shares with us His Precious Body & Blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite those who are baptized Christians who are able to examine themselves on the basis of these three points of Christian faith:

- *I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior from all sin.**
- *I believe that the true body & blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament.**
- *I resolve, with the Holy Spirit’s help to live for my Lord & witness through my actions that He is my Savior.**

WELCOME to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod on this day, Reformation Sunday.

Prepare for Worship. Enter reverently, pray thoughtfully, enjoy the time prior to worship in spiritual meditation.

The Nursery/Lounge is located just past the Ladies room, off the Narthex. Please be assured that children of all ages are encouraged to participate in the worship service.

Fellowship Register: We ask (members, friends, and visitors) to fill out The Fellowship Book which is located at the end of each pew. Please include your name, address and telephone number.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Epistle: 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 stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption

that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

Holy Gospel: John 8:31–36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

About the Cover: Martin Luther desired his seal to be a symbol of the firm footing we have in the Gospel. The black cross in the center of a living red heart signifies that Christ’s death brings us life. The flower blossoms like the joy and peace of faith in salvation, and the heavenly blue background points to future joy in eternity. It is all surrounded by the golden ring because salvation in Christ is eternal and our greatest treasure (*Luther’s Works*, vol. 49, pp. 358–59). In this common Lutheran symbol, we have a reminder of the heart of the Reformation: Christ’s cross brings us the eternal and priceless blessings of forgiveness, life, joy, and peace.

