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Freed & RENEWED
in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 CONGREGATIONAL CELEBRATION

On Sunday, October 28, our congregation will climax the 500th Reformation Celebration Year with a special evening of good food and fellowship in the Fellowship Activities Building. This event sponsored by our Parish Life and Worship Life Committees will be held in the Fellowship Activities Building beginning at **5:30 p.m.** The meal will be an authentic German buffet of sausages, sauerkraut, potato salad, cucumber salad and rolls. Chicken fingers and chips will also be available for children. We will hear and sing some of Luther's hymns and learn some interesting facts from our Reformation history.

In order to make adequate preparation, reservations are requested by Monday, October 22. Please complete the form in the Sunday worship bulletin or call the Church Office to make your reservation.

Look forward to seeing you in worship (8:15 or 10:45 a.m.) and at the celebration dinner (5:30 p.m.) on Reformation Sunday!!

Pastor John's Message

Calendar Time

Where I am today, while you are reading this, should be much cooler than Columbia and its environs. Why you ask? Because I'll be in or around Flagstaff, Arizona, where the highs will be in the low 70's and the lows will be in the high 30's – nippy on the bottom end, but quite nice on the top end, especially after summer in the middle of SC. I'll call it a foretaste of the feast to come.

And that pleasant weather will be on the way, even here. Calendars are inexorable, as are the temperatures that follow along with them. So, hopefully, during the time I'm away, the normal highs for Columbia (88F) will actually be the norm, and the days of raging 90's will have gone by. (We can always hope)

The calendar which rules our daily lives is not the only calendar with which we live. There is another: the Ordo, the church calendar. One which is working towards its end even faster than our daily calendar. We will have reached, by the time this is published, at least to the 16th Sunday After Pentecost on our way towards the 26th Sunday After Pentecost, which is the penultimate Sunday of the year, which is followed by Christ the King Sunday, the last Sunday of the Church Year. Along the way of this intractable journey, there will be several significant Sundays: Reformation Sunday (Oct. 28), All Saints Sunday (Nov. 4), Veterans Day (Nov. 11—though not a church holiday, nevertheless, an important holiday in the life of our nation), ending with Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 25), the celebration of God's work through Jesus Christ for our sake!

In concert with these coming Sundays will be cooler days, the coloring of leaves from green to yellow or gold or red. Nature will be preparing for winter's quiet. While we will be entering again into the season of Sundays in Advent – with its two foci of the coming birth of Jesus and the final return of Jesus.

The changing of the seasons, whether in our daily calendars or in the church calendar, is inexorable. Neither can be stopped or held in abeyance. And, while the moving of calendars closes off season by season in turn, one into another, this movement also invites us forward into new season after new season. The church calendar, in so doing, invites us through the life of Jesus and through the works of God, those acts done on our behalf, so that our faith can be fed and renewed, season after season after season. Amen.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Committees

that make a difference

The Call Committee has successfully completed, reviewed, and submitted the Ministry Site Profile as well as Community Interviews to the SC Synod. Once accepted by Bishop Yoos, names and candidate resumes (3 at a time) will be submitted to the Call Committee. Using the results of the congregational questionnaire, as compiled by the Transition Team, the Call Committee will review, discuss and prayerfully consider each candidate and the needs of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. If you have any further questions, please reach out to Amanda Snodgrass, Call Committee Chair, 803-422-7105 or amandadpt2007@hotmail.com.

FUN FRIDAYS

OCTOBER 12, 2018



Participants of Fun Fridays will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, October 12, from 6-9 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. Activities will feature a Halloween theme this month. All members of Good Shepherd are welcome to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities while our guests have fun with their friends. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com or 788-6807 or just come to the FAB on October 12 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Good Shepherds Recognizes 90 year old and above members during the 68th Anniversary Service



Those members who attended were, from left to right, Gigi Middlebrooks, Helen Derrick, Sara Loyd, Claire Mayer, Grace Boozer, Joanna Carpenter, and Earline Suydam.

Thinking Ahead to Christmas

The Christmas season is filled with opportunities to give. Every organization we belong to has a Christmas project that needs our support, and it can feel overwhelming. Here at Good Shepherd, we always have a variety of giving opportunities. So here are some options to help you plan ahead.

Angel Tree – A tree filled with gift request tags from charities supported by Good Shepherd will be located in the Narthex beginning in November. Each tag will have a specific item requested by a person served by the charity or an item needed by the charity. There will be a wide variety of gift requests, none costing more than \$50. You pick a tag, purchase the gift, wrap it and return it to the Narthex. The Dorcas and Tamar groups of WELCA are sponsoring this project. If you know a charity that would welcome this type of help, contact Susan Uehling, susanuehling@gmail.com or 238-7353.

Salvation Army Stockings – We will have stockings to fill for children from low-income families served by the Salvation Army. Patty Branham will have them ready for pick-up in the Narthex in November. Note: The Salvation Army is not providing bears to dress this year.

Gifts of Hope – This is an alternative gift program for making a donation to support a ministry of the ELCA in the name of someone you want to honor. In past years, the Gifts of Hope catalog has included items for Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, the South Carolina synod retreat centers, Lutheridge/Lutherock, Lutheran Services Carolina, and our synod partners in Colombia, South America and the Southwest Diocese of Tanzania. Kerry Stubbs will provide information about this year's Gifts of Hope in the November newsletter.

Social Ministry Focus For October

Boys Farm Inc., located in Newberry, South Carolina, serves as a haven for boys 6-14 years of age experiencing difficult family situations. We believe in making a difference in the lives of boys in need by providing a healthy, stable environment which helps them grow into productive young men with a positive outlook of the future. Our residential youth care ministry is convenient to Greenville and Columbia, SC and surrounding areas throughout the Southeast.

Boys Farm, Inc. was founded August 15, 1960 by Rev. and Mrs. W.D. Shealy who financed the home in the early years from their own resources and the donations of interested friends.

The boys who come to us have encountered challenging circumstances at a young age, which has affected their view of themselves, of others, and of God. We strive to build these boys in all areas of their lives: body, mind, emotion and spirit. Learn more about life on the farm and our comprehensive treatment programs. We Build Boys Up!

Our children reside in cottages under the loving care of house parents who are dedicated to providing a nurturing, structured family environment. By modeling a Christian family lifestyle, we teach interpersonal skills, moral values, work ethics, and citizenship.

Boys need bike helmets, skate boards, skate board helmets, roller blades. Cottage needs board games, puzzles, beds, towels/wash clothes, paper products, furniture and more. Currently, it costs approximately \$22,000 per year to feed, clothe and educate a child. Contributions to this ministry may be made through Good Shepherd by placing the donation in a pink Special Offering Envelope and marking it for "Newberry Boys Farm."

To learn more about Boys Farm:

<https://www.facebook.com/Boys-Farm-Inc-63936917200/>

www.boysfarm.org



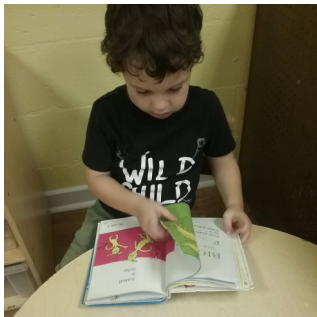
YOGS (6th-12th graders)

Oct. 7—National Youth Gathering Drop-In for all GSLC Members and their Families. Immediately following the late service, our Youth who visited Houston in July for the ELCA National Youth Gathering will be hosting a drop-in for all GSLC members and their families in the Youth Room. There will be light snacks, music, pictures, and an opportunity for our youth to thank their GSLC family for all their support and share with them this amazing experience.

Oct. 14—Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival 4-6 p.m.

Oct. 19-20—YOGS helping with Beloved Apple Butter Project.

Oct. 21—All YOGS are encouraged to attend the annual Marty Party, which is a friendly competition in which all Midlands Lutheran Youth compete for the coveted Martin Luther trophy. The YOGS will meet at GSLC at 2:15 p.m. in the youth room and return at 6:30 p.m.



DAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are having fun starting back to school activities. Our curriculum and enrichment programs are in full swing. We have lots of fun and learning in store.

This month, we will have our firetruck visit and I know the children will be excited to get up close and personal with the all of the equipment. We will also be discussing Community Helpers and to have some of our parents come in to talk with the children about their professions. We will also have our own pumpkin patch to allow the children to pick their pumpkins to take home this year.

In full tradition, our children will also have their annual Halloween parties and parade on the 31st. It is always so exciting for the children to go trick or treating around the Day School, Church office and even down to Mr. Joey's office.

GYF (3rd-5th graders)

God's Young Followers will meet on Sunday, October 21 in the FAB after the late service. We will be making tags for the Angel Tree, as well as items for shut-ins. Lunch will NOT be provided, so please bring your lunch. We will wrap things up around 1:45. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are welcome to join us. For more information, or to be put on the e-mail list, please contact Lisa Sanchez at mikelisasanchez@gmail.com or leave a message at 803 736-2070.

“BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS” SET FOR OCT. 7

What pets do you have? Rabbits, hamsters, snakes, birds, turtles, iguanas, fish, guinea pigs, ferrets, geckos, gerbils, cats, and/or dogs?

Good Shepherd invites “all creatures, great and small” to receive an individual blessing from **Pastor John Stoudemayer** on **Sunday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m.**

Bring the creature companions that you love to Good Shepherd's courtyard that day for a short service of thanksgiving and blessing.

All “bless-ees” must be on a leash or in carriers and fully controlled and monitored by their human escorts. There will be a brief liturgy, and each animal will be blessed for a long life, good health, and a happy home.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT FALL FESTIVAL SET FOR OCTOBER 14



Oct. 14—Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival from 4—6 p.m. in the FAB and FAB parking lot. All children from newborn to 5th graders are invited to attend the Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival hosted by the YOGS and their Parents. All congregational members are invited to participate and encouraged to decorate their trunks and dress up for this fun festive event. Please contact Mitch Uehling if you are interested in volunteering for this event at mitchuehling@gmail.com or 804-405-8908.



Pastor John will begin teaching bible study on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in Class Room 2 beginning October 2. **Coffee will be served.**

Live Wire News

Live Wire will be meeting on October 19th at noon in the FAB. Please bring your favorite covered dish or dessert.

Our guest speaker will be Craig Currey from Transitions. He will speak on homelessness.

Please come out and support our Live Wire group and enjoy the fellowship.

Address updates:

Martha Haigler	Melissa Shukla
P.O. Box 444	416 Council Loop
Bethel Bld. Room 206	Columbia, SC 29209
White Rock, SC 29177	

NOTE: The church office is closed on Sundays. In the event of an emergency call the church office at 803-787-4413 or call Pastor John at 803-924-0016.

WORSHIP SERVICE NOTES

Service during worship is crucial to the functioning of our church services, so it is important to be present on the date assigned.

If you can't be here, please get a replacement and notify the church office (787-4413) **by 9 a.m. on the Wednesday morning before** your assignment.

If you can't trade with someone and need assistance, please contact the following:

<u>SERVICE AREA</u>	<u>CONTACT PERSON</u>
Worship Life	Nancy Hyatt, Chair 873-9449
8:15 a.m.	Susan Weaver 600-1936
10:45 a.m.	Jeff Inabinet
Worship Assistants:	Nancy Hyatt 873-9449
Acolytes & Crucifers:	Neal Inman 600-5637
Nursery:	Sarah Evans 315-7141
Contemporary Coord.	Susan Weaver 600-1936

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (PER CHURCH RECORDS)

1	Karen Jenny	8	Jonathan Sanchez	14	Mary Sox	20	Amy Kemp
	Donna Vaughn	9	Cindy Taylor	15	Nancy Koons	21	Carolyn Adams
2	Andrew Fettig	10	Mary Allen	16	Trae Dent		Kerry Stubbs
	Kayla Fettig		Abel Ferry	16	Steve Steck	23	Mark Whitlow
	Melissa Shukla	12	Valerie Evans		Don Wuori	25	Jordan Herrmann
3	Susan Faith Ellington		Hilde Jakiela	17	Sylvia Anne Derrick	27	Savannah Gross
5	Marie Currie		Alicia McFarland		Wayne Hammond	29	Gwen Barnes
	Jennifer Ross	13	Loujean Baker		Evelyn McQuage		Ryan Fink
	Dot Sterling		Lib Quattlebaum		Pat Roche	30	Lark Adams
6	Lauren Chandler		Elizabeth Whitlow	19	Doris McCaughey	31	Debbie Dyches
7	Dale Richardson		Eric Whitlow	20	Curtis Easter		Madison Devers
	Dan Wuori	14	Elizabeth McKenna		Trisha Holman		

WORSHIP SERVICES*:

- 8:15 AM Contemporary Worship Service
- 9:00 AM Fellowship, Refreshments, & Announcements
- 9:25 AM Children's Music
- 9:30 AM Sunday Church School Grade 6—Adult
- 9:55 AM Sunday Church School—Kindergarten—Grade 5
- 10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service



October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue
	1	2
	<p>6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p> <p>6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting (CI-1)</p> <p>5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Rm)</p> <p>6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p> <p>6:30 PM Learning Committee Meeting (CI-2)</p> <p>6:30 PM Transition Team (CI-1)</p>
7 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE	8	9
<p>11:45 AM NYG Drop-In (Youth Room) Immediately after late service</p> <p>4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals (Courtyard)</p> <p>6:30 PM Transition Team (CI-2)</p>	<p>5:00 PM Trenholm Artist Guild (FAB)</p> <p>6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p> <p>6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)</p> <p>6:30 PM Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Rm)</p> <p>6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
14 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16
<p>4:00 PM Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival (FAB & FAB Parking Lot)</p>	<p>6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p> <p>6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>4:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 PM OA Meeting (Conference Rm)</p> <p>6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
21 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE	22	23
<p>Food Pantry Sunday</p> <p>11:45 AM GYF (FAB)</p> <p>2:15 PM YOGS leave for Marty Party (Youth Room)</p> <p>6:30 PM Congregational Council (CI-2)</p>	<p>6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p> <p>6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 PM OA (Conference Room)</p> <p>6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>
28 WORSHIP TIMES ABOVE	29	30
<p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>3:00 PM Confirmation</p> <p>5:30 PM Reformation Sunday Congregational Event (FAB)</p>	<p>6:30 PM 20*20*20* Healing Prayer Group (Parlor)</p> <p>6:30 PM NA (Conference Room)</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study (CI-2)</p> <p>5:30 PM OA (Conference Room)</p> <p>6:00 PM Centering Prayer (CI-4)</p>

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: 10:00 A M — Classroom 2

Wednesday Choir Rehearsal: 7:00 P M

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal	4 10:00 AM Mary Group (CI-2) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	5	6 8:00 AM Madison Condo's Yard Sale (Parking Lot)
10 6:00 PM Property Comm. Mtg (CI-4) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal	11 12:00 PM Fun Fridays Setup (FAB) 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting (CI-2)	12 6:00 PM Fun Fridays (FAB)	13 8:00 AM Madison Condo's Yard Sale Alternate Day (Parking Lot)
17 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Suzanne Sanders (FAB) 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal	18 2:00 PM Shepherd's Visitors 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room) 6:30 PM Dorcas Group (FAB) 6:30 PM Tamar Group	19 12:00 PM Live Wire All YOGS Event - Beloved Apple Butter Making	20 All YOGS Event - Beloved Apple Butter Making
24 6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal	25 6:00 PM Mentoring Program (Youth Room)	26	27
31  6:30 PM NA (Conference Room) 7:00 PM Traditional Choir Rehearsal			

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR OCTOBER

DATE	10/07/18	10/14/18	10/21/18	10/28/18	11/04/18
GREETERS	Earline Suydam Deb Embrey	Mitch & Stephany Uehling	Marcia Woodward Jean Cockrell	Jerry & Donna Vaughn	Nancy Hyatt
USHERS	Richard Inman Lauren Chandler Zak Taylor Perry Shuping	Jeff Inabinet Greg Sox Jim Lalumondier Jerry Rogers	Richard Inman Lauren Chandler Zak Taylor Perry Shuping	Jeff Inabinet Greg Sox Jim Lalumondier Jerry Rogers	TBD
ACOLYTE	Lennae Sox	Grayce Boozer	Eden Rowell	Noah Adams	Madison Tankersley
CRUCIFER	Millie Sox	Brock Tollison	Forrest Havird	Millie Sox	Jake Lalumondier
TORCH BEARERS				Isabella Fettig Lennae Sox	
BANNER				Eric Whitlow	
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Diane Smith (L & C)	Tim Mueller (L) Don Caughman (C)	Cathy Quinton (L & C)	Elaine Zornow (L) Joey Allison (C)	Don Caughman (L & C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail Deborah Whitlow	Kimi Dail Eden Rowell	Kimi Dail Laura Smith	Kimi Dail Stacy Gross	TBD
ALTAR CARE	Nancy Hyatt	Nancy Hyatt	Nancy Hyatt	Nancy Hyatt	Gaye Tucker
TABULATORS	Lavina Chandler Dave Lucas	Leigh Ford Steve Steck	Terri Tokaz Betty Cox	Mitch Uehling Mary Margaret Hoy	Karen Lucas Leigh Ford

COUNCIL PERSONS OF THE MONTH: Mitch Uehling & Lauren Chandler

OPENING BUILDINGS: Ty Boheler

FOOD PANTRY: Grayce Boozer & Eden Rowell

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP STEWARDSHIP FOR OCTOBER

DATE	10/7/18	10/14/18	10/21/18	10/28/18	11/04/18
GRUSHERS	Mike Brown Dan Wuori	Marie Curie Christi Wuori	Jim Donovan Steve Steck	Steve Fink Steve Hanayik	Karen Lucas David Lucas
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Christi Wuori (L & C)	Dan Wuori (L & C)	Connie Donovan (L & C)	Charlene Fink (L & C)	Lisa Lehman (L) Mike Weaver (C)
NURSERY	Kimi Dail Marilyn Hogan	Kimi Dail Donna Foster	Kimi Dail Mary Stallings	Kimi Dail TBD	TBD
ALTAR CARE	Karen Lucas	Mike Weaver	Cathy Milejczak	Frances Plyler	Mary Stallings

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PLAY

COVERED DISH DINNER

December 9, 2018 ~ 5:30 p.m.

God With Us – Emmanuel!

On **Sunday, December 9, at 5:30 p.m.** the children and youth of Good Shepherd will present an Advent/Christmas play entitled, "God With Us – Emmanuel!" Jim Johnson will write and direct the play which will explore the history of the people of Israel longing for the Messiah to come and heal the wounds of the world. We will explore what the prophets of old said as part of our Advent preparation and we will experience the beauty and joy of the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Our play will make use of a puppet theater and our youth will serve as puppeteers and puppet voices. Both children and youth will have group songs, solos and lines which tell the story.

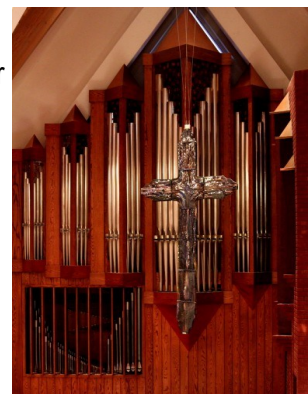
Mark your calendars! Please write **December 9 at 5:30 p.m.** in your calendars, so that the entire congregation can be part of this celebration. **A covered dish supper will follow the performance.** [Bring your favorite dishes to share.](#)

Rehearsals for the play will be **Sundays, November 18 and December 2, following the late worship service until 2:00 p.m.** Lunch will be served to those participating. **An additional run through will be held at 4:30 p.m. on December 9 prior to the 5:30 performance.**

Parents, please add the performance and rehearsals to your family calendars NOW, so that we have an excellent response. Individual rehearsals for solos or other parts of the play can be arranged as necessary. Parts will be assigned and group songs and solos will be emailed weeks ahead of the performance date, so that everyone will have the lead time needed to comfortably learn their part. If there are any questions regarding this event, please contact Jim Johnson at Jimhjohnson51@gmail.com or by phone at 803-609-2338.

OUR ORGAN IS LISTED ON THE AGO WEBSITE

The Greater Columbia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has launched a website documenting the pipe organs in a 50-mile radius of Columbia, including the Andover organ at Good Shepherd.



The purpose of this documentation is to help churches, institutions, visiting artists, and others to find information about the organs in our area. Many church committees faced with decisions about purchasing a new organ or rebuilding an existing organ can find useful information with their list. (Many individuals and committees have visited Good Shepherd to hear our organ and consider Andover Organ Co. to be their organ builder.

Additional information, including pictures of the organs will be added to the website.

To see the new documentation, go to www.Columbiaago.org and find the link, "Columbia Area Pipe Organs."

STAFF CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY



During October we are observing **Susan Sturkie's** 30th anniversary with Good Shepherd.

Susan has been our Organist and Worship Associate since 1988.

As a congregation, we give thanks for her talents, her dedication, and her commitment to serving with us here at Good Shepherd.

Please take some time to personally express your gratitude and appreciation to her for her service.

Sharing Flowers

If you provide altar, narthex flowers, or the alter rose on Sundays, you may take them any time after the service. However, flowers not taken by noon on Monday will be given to Good Shepherd shut-ins, residents of various facilities, or hospitalized persons.

Should you know ahead of time you won't be taking the flowers, please contact the Shepherd's Visitors group at Good Shepherd and arrangements will be made to take the flowers on Sunday for distribution.

The Shepherd's Visitors group is made up of Good Shepherd members who regularly visit our shut-ins often taking communion to them. If you are interested in being apart of the group, or if you would like your donated flowers taken to shut-ins, contact Don Caughman at 803-318-0236 or dodgerfan@sc.rr.com.

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 2018

Sunday, October 7, 2018 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are *ish* (man) and *ishshah* (woman).

Psalm: Psalm 8

You crown us with glory and honor. (Ps. 8:5)

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

Sunday, October 14, 2018 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. (Ps. 90:12)

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

Sunday, October 21, 2018 – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16

You have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation. (Ps. 91:9)

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.

Sunday, October 28, 2018 - Reformation Sunday

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

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.

Psalm: Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings 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. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

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

WITH PRAYER

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 Thank you all at Good Shepherd. God bless you all.*

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Oct. 7 — Blessing of the Animals

Oct. 12 — Fun Fridays

Oct. 14 — Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival

Oct. 28 — **Reformation Sunday**



Nov. 4 — All Saints Sunday

Nov. 12 — Youth Sunday

Nov. 11 — Veterans Day Luncheon

Nov. 22–23 — Church Office & Day School closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

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