

# *Shepherd's Voice*

*October 16<sup>th</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church*



**REFORMATION**  
**2017** It's *Still* All About  
**Jesus**

The Lutheran Reformation is still all about Jesus; that is, faithfully preaching and teaching the good news of Jesus Christ and standing for the teachings of God's Word as they have been confessed in all times and all places wherever the Gospel is purely taught according to a pure understanding of it and where the Sacraments are administered according to Christ's institution. With Martin Luther, we still say, "Here we stand, we cannot do otherwise. God help us. Amen."

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## PASTOR'S POST – SOLA SCRIPTURA & MERKLE'S BONER (10-16-16)



Grace and peace to you and yours from God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

This month in my messages on Sunday I am focusing on the “Five Solas” of the Reformation: **Grace** alone (Sola Gratia), **Faith** alone (Sola Fide), **Scripture** alone (Sola Scriptura), **Christ** alone (Solus Christus), to the **glory of God** alone (Soli Deo Gloria). These watchwords of the Reformation are not unlike the bases on the baseball diamond. (You’ll pardon this metaphor but I just watched the Cubs with their division defeating the San Francisco Giants in an astounding four run 9<sup>th</sup> inning!)

Here’s the point: no matter how colossal a home run you smack out of the park you still have to touch all the bases as you round the diamond. It has in fact happened that a major league player has hit a crucial home run but failed to touch all the bases.

Or maybe you have heard of “Merkle’s Boner”. This refers to the notorious base running mistake committed by rookie Fred Merkle of the New York Giants in a game against the Chicago Cubs in 1908. Merkle’s failure to advance to second base on what should have been a game-winning hit led instead to a force out at second and a tied game. The Cubs later won the

makeup game, which proved decisive as they beat the Giants by one game to win the National League pennant in 1908. It has been described as “the most controversial game in baseball history” according to Wikipedia, certainly a most reliable source of baseball trivia.

**Scripture Alone**, (*Sola Scriptura*) is one of the crucial “bases” of the Christian faith and is my topic this Sunday. Paul speaks to this in the Epistle reading this Sunday when he wrote to Timothy, “As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:14-15).

What **sola scriptura** means is simply this: the truth about God and His desires for you and all his beloved people (*God so loved the world...*) is not able to be discovered or concluded by human reason or other rational inquiry. Nor is it a matter of how we may be “feeling” at any moment. Indeed, to narrow our understanding of God to what is possible through our rational thinking or to the inner feelings I may have at any given moment, which can so easily flip from warm “fuzzies” to antipathy and apathy, is to make God over in our own image.

**Sola Scriptura** means that the Bible is the one source for the revelation of God’s self to us. Yet it does not follow from this that every word of the Bible is to be understood literally. This again would neglect the spirit for the letter. It would be to reduce God’s self-revelation to utter simplicity, devoid of uses of metaphor and hyperbole. We approach Scripture prayerfully asking: “God what are **You** saying to me about me, and my life?”

Remember too that the Bible is an adult book written by and for adults, to be read and understood with the intelligence, emotional, and spiritual and maturity God gave us. Martin Luther gave us a wonderful image of why the Bible is so important to us when he said the Bible was like the manger that held the Christ child, and image so familiar to us from the Christmas Gospel.

Just as the manger is not the infant Christ, neither is the Bible God. We do not worship the Bible. We worship God who has revealed Himself to us in the Bible. It is God’s story unfolded across the millennia so that we also might be among those who believe, as we read in John 20:31, “but these are written so **that you may believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” God speaks to us in His Word that we may have life.

It has been said all Christian faith depends on these three words: “And God said.” That’s true because God didn’t have to. God is under no compulsion to speak to us. But by God’s grace we are allowed to listen in, and by His Holy Spirit to believe and trust in the Good News of God’s love and mercy.

Blessings,

*Pastor Joe Hughes*

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# ANNOUNCING CROSS+GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS

## OCTOBER 2, 2016 - NOVEMBER 27, 2016

**10/16** How We Worship 2 – *Unpacking the Lutheran Service Book*

**10/23** How we Worship 3 – *Unpacking the Lutheran Service Book*

**10/30** Reformation at 500!

**11/6** Shepherd of the Valley's final 50th anniversary celebration - reception and video - Guest preacher Rev. Jeffrey Ries

**11/13** Romania Mercy Mission Trip Report with Fred & Diane Taft

**11/20** Congregational Voters Assembly - elections and budget for 2017

**11/27** Meaning and Message of Advent



## LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP: 2016

### YOU CAN HELP SHAPE SUNDAY'S MESSAGE!

Everyone is welcome to participate in Monday **Fellowship Bible Studies, 10:00-11:30 AM**. We read, learn about, and discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. These important discussions help to shape pastor's message on the following Sundays, as well as provide a variety of ways you can get more out of your worship experience by sharing insights and questions raised during class. Want more information? Contact Pastor Joe (217-898-9063). Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome.

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| October 16 | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost         | First Reading<br>Second Reading<br>Gospel          | Genesis 32:22-30<br>2 Timothy 3:14-4:5<br>Luke 18:1-18       |
| October 23 | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (green) | First reading<br>Psalm<br>Second Reading<br>Gospel | Genesis 4:1-15<br>5<br>2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18<br>Luke 18:9-7 |
| October 30 | Reformation Sunday (red)                        | First reading<br>Psalm<br>Epistle<br>Gospel        | Revelation 14:6-7<br>46<br>Romans 3:19-28<br>John 8:31-36.   |
| November 6 | All Saints Sunday (white)                       | First reading<br>Psalm<br>Epistle<br>Gospel        | Revelation 7:9-17<br>149<br>1 John 3:1-3<br>Matthew 5:1-12.  |

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| November 13 | 26th Sunday after Pentecost (green)   | First reading<br>Psalm<br>Epistle 2<br>Gospel | Malachi 4:1-6<br>98<br>Thessalonians 3:6-13<br>Luke 21:5-28.     |
| November 20 | Christ the King - Last Sunday of the Church Year (white)                              | First reading<br>Psalm<br>Epistle<br>Gospel   | Malachi 3:13-18<br>46<br>Colossians 1:13-20<br>Luke 23:27-43.    |
| November 23 | Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 PM (white)<br><i>Note: annual homemade pie dessert follows.</i> | First reading<br>Psalm<br>Epistle<br>Gospel   | Deuteronomy 8:1-10<br>67<br>Philippians 4:6-20<br>Luke 17:11-19. |

### *Readings for: Sunday, October 16, 2016*

*Genesis 32:22-30*

*2 Timothy 3:14-4:5*

*Luke 18:1-18*

### *Giving*

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| Weekly Contribution Goal | \$3077.00 |
| General Fund             | \$2622.03 |
| Kitchen Fund             | \$25.00   |
| Anniversary Fund         | \$10.00   |
| MITE Box                 | \$53.00   |
| Furnace Fund             | \$125.00  |
| Attendance               | 58        |

**FOR SALE -** 2 Burial plots at a choice location in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery here in Corvallis. Available now to all members of Zion and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Churches.

**For information contact:** Evelyn Stephens at [541-754-7327](tel:541-754-7327) or [evestep1@msn.com](mailto:evestep1@msn.com)

### *Lay Ministry for October 16<sup>th</sup>*

Greeters: Karen Inman & Bobby Webb

Acolyte: Caroline Hintzman

Reader: Sue Probus

Ushers: Ray Hart, Jim Dort, Craig Bell, Rich Millimaki

Communion Assistants: Peter Klammer & Richard Hlavinka

Refreshments: Tracy McDougal & Dianne Taft

Altar: Nichole & Bruce Havranek

Musician: Lisa Boylan

## *New Things Happening!*

### "GRACEFUL AGING"

#### PUBLIC FORUM AT SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY OCTOBER 16

This conference is dedicated to bringing information regarding issues faced by the aging adult. Please join us for a time of education and preparation in charting a course to navigate as you or your loved one continues life's journey.

Topics include: long term care, financial planning and estate planning.

Light meal by AbFab Catering:

Soups: Crab bisque & tomato basil,

Rolls: Hawaiian & cheddar biscuits

Caesar salad

Cookie medley

**Free will donation.** This event is sponsored in part by Thrivent Action Team

RSVP to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, [541-753-2816](tel:541-753-2816) or email [svlc.corvallis@gmail.com](mailto:svlc.corvallis@gmail.com)

#### **Graceful Aging Conference: Help needed:**

Set up Sunday, October 16, 11:30-12:00

Clean up/wash dishes - Sunday, October 15, 6:15-7:15 pm

For more information contact Jennifer Klammer: [541-754-2623](tel:541-754-2623), [jennifer.klammer@comcast.net](mailto:jennifer.klammer@comcast.net)

#### **YOUR NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKING TO FILL OFFICES AT OCTOBER VOTERS MEETING**

The nominating committee is seeking to fill the following officers for the coming year at the voters' assembly meeting on November 20:

- Property Chair
- Elder (two positions need to be filled)
- Deaconess (two positions need to be filled)

For more information contact Brian Santora, Head Elder, at your earliest convenience.



**RED VINES Sign-up:** We want to continue our support for Linus Pauling Middle School. Red Vines licorice sticks seem to be a way to do it! Our goal is to donate one canister of Red Vines (about \$9 at CostCo) each month to Gen McConnell, head of the resource center at LPMS. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex for more information. Thanks!

**ROMANIA TRIP REPORT** is scheduled for the Sunday School hour on Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in celebrating the successful mission of mercy to the orphans and families of Romania.

**VIOLIN LESSONS** are being taught on a regular basis here at Shepherd of the Valley. The Teacher is using the Nursery room. We ask that if children go into the nursery that they respect the area as a classroom and clean up after

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



**October Birthdays:** Nic Gremmels 10/2, Nichole Havranek 10/9, Joseph Chambers 10/11, Evelyn Stephens, 10/22, Donna Durbin 10/23, Jay McDougal 10/28, Brian Santora 10/28, John Gremmels 10/30.

**October Anniversaries:** We do not have any anniversaries listed.

## *Bring the Outside...Inside!*

**THE FALL RETREAT** of the Columbia River Chapter of the Society of the Holy Trinity, an order of Lutheran pastors, will be November 2-3 at Mt. Angel Abbey and will feature Dr. Phil Brandt of Concordia University Portland as teaching theologian. Laity and clergy are cordially invited. The retreat begins Wednesday at 3:00 and concludes Thursday with lunch. Overnight accommodations are available in the Guesthouse of the abbey. For more information or to receive a letter of invitation and the



agenda contact Pastor Joe Hughes, chapter dean, at [j\\_w\\_hughes@hotmail.com](mailto:j_w_hughes@hotmail.com). Reservation deadline is October 25 or until the retreat is filled.

**KEEP SUPPORTING SVLC** by signing up through Fred Meyer Rewards or AmazonSmile when you shop online!

**90th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING CELEBRATION, Saturday, October 29** You're invited to Luther House three hours before kickoff when OSU meets WSU for OSU's Homecoming 2016. That day Luther House is offering a homecoming party too, commemorating 90 years of continuous campus ministry in Corvallis and featuring tailgate food, prizes, games, Luther House trivia, meeting old friends and making new ones. Parking is available (\$10 donation requested) at Grace Lutheran Church, corner of Kings and Harrison. Even if you can drop in for a few minutes, we'd love to see you. Congratulations Luther House! Go Beavs!

**BIBLICAL TOUR OF ISRAEL & JORDAN** (April 26 – May 7, 2017) A First Class Biblical tour where Scripture is used at each Biblical site - The trip of a lifetime! Fortunately, now is a safe time to walk where Jesus walked! Contact Pastor Darold Reiner, retired LCMS pastor and former International LWML Counselor, for a brochure: [406-890-1149](tel:406-890-1149) or [imhis38@gmail.com](mailto:imhis38@gmail.com)

### **Chi Rho Lecture Series in Eugene, November 11-13, Christ Centered Faith Renewal**

The Chi Rho Lecture Series is an annual ecumenical lecture series hosted by Central Lutheran Church with participation and support from Northwest Christian University and many community donors and churches. Each year a well-known scholar of Christianity is brought to Eugene to lead a weekend of study, dialogue, and theological reflection. [Get information on this year's lectures here.](#) Chi Rho has been an important contributor to interdenominational theological conversation in Eugene, Oregon since 1970, building on the dedication and commitment of Jerry Dayton who brought outstanding scholars to our area for over 40 years. **Dr. Carl Holladay will be the 2016 Chi Rho Lecturer** speaking on Friday evening, November 11 (at Central Lutheran Church), Saturday morning and evening, November 12 (at Northwest Christian University and then again at Central), and Sunday morning, November 13 (between worship services at Central). For details and more information about possible carpooling opportunities please contact Pastor Joe at [217-898-9063](tel:217-898-9063) or by email at [j\\_w\\_hughes@hotmail.com](mailto:j_w_hughes@hotmail.com).

## *Activities for the week*

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| Sunday, Oct. 16<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. after<br>Pentecost | 9:00am<br>10:10am<br>10:30am<br><b>3:30pm</b>            | Holy Communion<br>Fellowship<br>Pastor's Cross+Gen<br><b>Graceful Aging Seminar – RSVP Required</b> |
| Monday, Oct. 17   | 10:00am<br>3:15pm to 5:15pm                              | Fellowship Bible Study<br>Violin Lessons  |
| Tuesday, Oct. 18  | 3:00pm to 5:45pm   | Violin Lessons  |
| Wednesday, Oct. 19  | 10:00am – 11:30am<br>2:00pm to 6:15pm                    | Women on Wednesdays<br>Violin Lessons   |
| Thursday, Oct. 20   | 9:30am<br>10:30am<br>2:15pm to 5:15pm<br>6:00pm – 8:00pm | Emmaus GG<br>Park Place Devotion<br>Violin Lessons<br>Girl Scout Troop Meeting                      |
| Friday, Oct. 21   | 12:45pm to 4:15pm<br>6:30pm – 8:30pm                     | Violin Lessons<br>DIGG GG.  |

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| Saturday, Oct 22  | <b>1:00pm – 2:30pm</b>                           | <b>4-H Garden Gnomes Open House</b>  |
| Sunday, Oct. 23<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. after<br>Pentecost | 9:00am<br>10:10am<br>10:30am<br>3:00pm<br>7:00pm | Holy Communion<br>Fellowship<br>Pastor's Cross+Gen<br>Bethel GG<br>Damascus GG |



## Celebrate the Birth of the Bahá'í Faith's two Central Figures

### Festivals of the Twin Manifestations

Immerse yourself in two evenings in Persia, with portrayals of figures who were deeply moved by the Twin Manifestations, The Báb and Bahá'u'lláh.

Featuring detailed exhibits, dramatizations and songs to accompany this event-style celebration— all with the focus on the lives of the Twin Manifestations, and their lasting and loving mission that brought unity to the entire world.

*A sampling of Persian tea and delicacies will be served.*

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*The Birth of The Báb*  
November 1  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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*The Birth of Bahá'u'lláh*  
November 2  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
2650 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis

All are welcome to attend | Come and go as you please both evenings



4-H Garden Gnomes invite Cloverbuds and youth ages 9-18

# fall harvest Open House

All kinds of activities: scavenger hunt, harvest potatoes, decorate pumpkins, eat amazing snacks. Be prepared to get dirty. Activities will be inside only with crazy rain.

**Where:** The Giving Garden,  
2650 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis, OR

**When:** Saturday, October 22, 2016

**Time:** 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Contact [jennifer.klammer@comcast.net](mailto:jennifer.klammer@comcast.net)  
541-754-2623



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