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WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY
10AM

This past month I had the privilege of leading a number of funeral services. This is a portion of the call to pastoral ministry that I knew would carry a lot of weight and importance in the lives of those God has called me to serve and so I view it as not a burden, but a privilege. It is an opportunity to walk with families as they experience loss, point people to Jesus who may not know him, and retell the gospel of Jesus Christ in light of tragic circumstances. In the midst of these times when I have had a number of funerals, I can't help but think a lot about what happens after this life.

During one of the funeral services we sang, "I Can Only Imagine" which uses music to paint a beautifully vague picture of the mysterious moment when a Christ follower finally meets Jesus face to face. "Will I stand in Your presence? Or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing Hallelujah! Will I be able to speak at all?" I am not sure exactly what it will be like, I suspect a combination of a lot of feelings, actions and emotions, but I am certain about one thing. It will be far better than the best moment of your life.

In the first chapter of Philippians the apostle Paul wrestles with the conflicting desires of staying on this Earth, or dying to be with Christ. He says, "I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know I will remain and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith." We see in this brief reflection of Paul, his desire and expectation of the life that is yet to come.

Unbridled, jubilant, euphoric bliss is what I expect. How that will exactly play out I am not sure, but I know it will be indescribable (just look at how some of the heavenly visions in scripture are attempted to be described). The Bible is filled with promises of eternal life, which allow us to look at death and see it as tragic, but not the victor. We can move ahead, serving Christ, until we receive our promotion into glory where we will get to experience in reality what we currently can only imagine.

Live in the confident hope that comes only in Christ Jesus your Lord
David

Pastor David's Office Hours:
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Let us not grow
weary of doing good



Study the Reformation in October



Why study it:

We can more fully understand our beliefs and protect ourselves from straying as people did in history.

Why did it happen:

- The Sale of Indulgences
 - The Catholic Church sold official documents promising the reduction of sins based on how much money was given by individuals
- Immorality in the church
 - Many priests and monks neglected their vows of celibacy and had concubines
 - Many clergy were abusing their power for political and spiritual gain
- Language barriers
 - Worship services and bibles were strictly in Latin. Luther believed ordinary people were capable of stronger, deeper faith if they were allowed to study in their own language.

Dig Deeper:

- The movie, Luther
- Reformation Study Bible
- A free newspaper publication with strong reformed teaching, SOLA
- Find Scriptures that support the 5 Solas
- Read about John Calvin



*Did you wake up this morning?
And does your heart still beat?
Then the Sovereign God of all says,
Live another day for me*

The 5 Solas....

Sola Fide: Faith Alone, faith is what saves people and brings them to Christ

Sola Gratia: Grace Alone, salvation is an unearned gift from God

Solus Christus: Christ Alone, Christ is the sole mediator between God and humanity

Sola Scriptura: Scripture Alone, the bible is the ultimate authority for faith

Soli Deo Gloria: Glory to God Alone, all praise belongs to God

A Morning Prayer For October

As I rise from sleep I thank You, O Holy Trinity, for through Your great goodness and patience You were not angered with me, an idler and sinner, nor have You destroyed me in my sins, but have shown Your usual love for men, and when I was prostrate in despair, You raised me to keep the morning watch and to glorify Your power. And now enlighten my mind's eye and open my mouth to study Your words and understand Your commandments and do Your will and sing to You in heartfelt adoration and praise Your Most Holy Name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

St Basil the Great, 330–379 AD



By: Paula Guth, the Church Mouse

Love Not Hate

On September 11, we remembered all the horror, the tragedies and the massive loss of life to acts of hate and terrorism at the Twin Towers in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and a field in Pennsylvania, 25 years ago on 9-11-2001. We honored the bravery, courage and determination shown by first responders and regular citizens to save others and to recover the lost. 2,977 people died and thousands more have lost their lives to injuries and disease resulting from their participation in the 9-11 recovery. If you were alive that day, you remember where you were and the reactions of the people around you when you heard the shocking news. I was teaching in a special education classroom trailer parked outside the regular building. That day it was a blessing to be ostracized in a separate facility as everyone in the building was reeling with ongoing news reports of the repeated attacks. That evening, I was on call as an EMT on our local volunteer rescue squad feeling the connection to those first responders who were involved in the rescue attempts. I attended a moving prayer service for the 9-11 victims and the first responders who bravely ran into danger to help. I was comforted and encouraged by that prayer gathering. Even in our confusion and grief, God was walking with us and all those who were affected that terrible day. Our country started coming together to grieve and support the families of those involved and those stepping up to serve in multiple ways. A divided country was united by patriotism, the need to memorialize 9-11 and to rebuild what was lost. On this 25th Anniversary of 9-11, we recalled the horror of that day by remembering all those who died and their families. We should resolve to do whatever is needed so it does not happen again.

We can start with loving and respecting our neighbors, both near and far, all races, all faiths and all political beliefs. We may not agree with all their beliefs or actions, but they are all God's children. We need to remember how the brave dedicated first responders and fellow citizens on 9-11 rushed into danger to help. Many saved others at the cost of their own lives. We need to honor them and all those who died by resolving to do whatever we can to follow God's command to "Love your neighbor as yourself" Matthew 22:39. Continued simple acts of kindness towards others are a fitting 9-11 response that can make a difference for all of God's children. Love, not hate!

Some Music Recommendations for fall...



Rivers and Robots

Samuel Jackson-Reed

Washington Phillips

Rebekah Dawn

David Nevue



PLEASE PRAY THIS MONTH FOR OUR STUDENTS IN COLLEGE-THAT THEY WOULD HOLD FAST TO GOD AND GROW IN THEIR FAITH

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Communion

Oct 4th	Howie E, Jim P, Nora S & Mike Y
Oct 11th	Brenda W & Randy C
Oct 18th	Lyle C & Derrick M
Oct 25th	Howie E & Jim P

Counting

Oct 4th	Howie E & Jim P
Oct 11th	Brenda W & Randy C
Oct 18th	Lyle C & Derrick M
Oct 25th	Lynn B & Jim P

Announcements

Oct 4th	
Oct 11th	Jim P
Oct 18th	Mary P
Oct 25th	Randy C

Greeters

Oct 4th	MaryBeth E & Dave G
Oct 11th	Ralph W & Nora S
Oct 18th	Nora S & Denise R
Oct 25th	Henry & Lynn B

Safety

Oct 4th	Dave G
Oct 11th	Brian A
Oct 18th	
Oct 25th	Henry B

Kitchen Help

Mary P

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan Kaas	3rd
Betty Rogalski	3rd
Lena Pleuss	4th
Wally Ducaine	7th
Joe Edlhuber	12th
Barb Greene	14th
Don Landwehr	14th
Becky Bauer	15th
Sheena Wenzel	19th
Lynn Edge	23rd
Sue Wieting	25th
Don Van	31st

Rich & Annette Beattie	3rd
Pat & Jori Casselbury	3rd
Greg & Kitt Cleereman	4th
Randy and Kathy Chapek	9th
Dennis & Amber Pelkin	9th
Howie & MaryBeth Edwards	10th
Brian & Becky Arpke	10th
Dewey & Patrice Sessler	18th
Joe & Doris Lopez	29th

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or got it wrong, please call the church office so that we (hopefully) don't make the same mistake in the future!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Men's/Women's Group 5:30pm potluck 6:15pm study	2	3
4 Worship 10am Sunday School Potluck after service X-mas program prac	5 Jail Outreach Homeschool Choir 6:15pm	6 Sarah's Circle 12:30pm	7 Men's Group 6:30am Kid's Church 1:30pm Able Church 5:30pm	8 Men's/Women's Group 5:30pm potluck 6:15pm study World Outreach Meeting	9 World Outreach Meeting	10
11 Worship 10am Sunday School Potluck after service Xmas program prac	12	13 Sarah's Circle 12:30pm	14 Men's Group 6:30am Kid's Church 1:30pm XC Spaghetti Dinner 4:30pm Able Church 5:30pm	15 Men's/Women's Group 5:30pm potluck 6:15pm study	16	17 Game Night 6pm
18 Deacon Mtg 9am Worship 10am Sunday School Potluck after service Xmas program prac	19 Jail Outreach	20 Sarah's Circle 12:30pm Homeschool Choir 4:00pm	21 Men's Group 6:30am Kid's Church 1:30pm Young Explorers 4:30pm Able Church 5:30pm	22 Session 6pm	23 Young Explorers Train Trip	24 Young Explorers Train Trip
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