

Worship With Us

THIS SUNDAY



Sermonette

By Pastor Matthew Goehring
Immanuel Lutheran Church

The greatest desire you have in your heart is to believe that you are good. More than your desire to eat, more than your desire to feel comfortable, more than your desire to live, your greatest desire is to believe that you deserve to exist.

their sense of shame and seared their conscience.

But shame isn't the problem. Shame drives you to admit the underlying problem: that you are not good. Shame is actually a good thing, because it keeps you from pretending that what you're doing isn't shameful. It keeps you from walking around naked both physically and spiritually. And so shame is actually a good thing, because it drives us to the only one who can remove the sin that causes it.

The problem comes when you realize that you are not good. We've all felt it – it's what we call shame. Shame is the feeling that there's something wrong with you, that you're guilty of something, that you haven't been good. You're ashamed of those hurtful words you can't take back. You're ashamed when you waste time on yourself instead of spending it with your family. You're ashamed when your thoughts wander away from your spouse onto someone else.

The Bible says that when Jesus died on the cross, he "disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him" [Colossians 2:15].

Jesus has shamed the devil, and therefore has made you free. Through the cross, Jesus covered your shame and nakedness with his robe of righteousness. He's freed you from every feeling of shame.

Our first parents, Adam and Eve, felt it first. They had a direct command from God not to eat the fruit, and they ate it. And after that, they knew that they were no longer good. They looked down and saw their nakedness. They were ashamed of what they did.

Now, you're free to admit your sin. You don't need to make excuses and rationalizations and self-justifications. God strips you of all of those fig leaves so you can see that your righteousness comes from Jesus, not from yourself. You are free to confess that what you did was evil, because you know that Jesus has made you good.

And they made a big mistake: they thought their shame was the problem. They thought that if they could just cover up their nakedness with fig leaves and hide from God and pretend that nothing happened, everything would be ok.

And so no matter what you've done, you don't need to live in shame forever, because God has paid for it. You should never shame someone for sins that have been confessed and forgiven. As the Bible says, "whoever believes in Jesus will not be put to shame" [1 Peter 2:6].

Our world teaches us to make the same mistake: to try and rid ourselves of shame, instead of the sin underlying the shame. "If it's truly who you are, if it's truly what you want to do, then you're good – what you did is nothing to be ashamed of." And so there are people who walk around naked in public. They've suppressed

150th Anniversary

July 12-13 2025

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."
3 John 1:4

The Almena Bible Church
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Clayton United Methodist Church
Pastor Gordon Pettibone
Sunday - 9:15 a.m. Worship Service

Jennings United Methodist Church
Pastor Gordon Pettibone
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. Sunday Worship; 9:00 a.m. Church School

Lenora Church of God
Guest Minister/785-567-4459
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Church Services

United Parish of Lenora
140 E. Iowa, 785-567-4420
Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Rolls and Coffee; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Long Island Community Church
Pastor Ted Stapleton
554 Washington, 620-770-6279
Sunday - 10:45 a.m. Fellowship Coffee
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship/Communion
Children's Sunday School during Worship Service
Women's Prayer and Share first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.
Communion held every Sunday, Everyone Welcome

Norcatour Community Church
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Almelo
stjosephcc@ruraltel.net
Rev. Joshua Werth, Pastor
Phone 785-567-4875
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday - 12:05 p.m. Mass

Prairie View Reformed Church
Pastor Lew VanDerWege
410 Holland, Prairie View
Phone 785-973-2794
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Service Begins and Sunday School is at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

Luctor Christian Reformed Church
2 miles east and 3 miles north of Prairie View
Pastor Shawn Richardson
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. Evening Service

Cornerstone Church
Pastor Damen Andrew
313 West Lincoln Street
Phone 785-877-2416
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School; 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Friday - 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors
Crossroads Messages
Preacher/Teacher
Terry Laughlin
603 Sunset Dr., Norton, KS 67654
Phone (785) 877-7279
e-mail -crossroads@ruraltel.net
www.standatthecrossroads.com



First Church of God
Pastor Chris Murphy
christopherjmurphy1@gmail.com
Phone 785-202-1119
1010 Churchill Dr./877-2181
cog@ruraltel.net
www.firstchurchofgodks.com
Wednesday - 10:00 a.m., Adult Bible Study
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship; 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship; 10:30 a.m. Orange Kids
Monday - 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Men's Small Group; 7:00 p.m., Ladies Small Group

First United Methodist Methodist Church,
Reverend Darlene Sheffer
Phone 785-874-8811
805 W. Wilberforce, Norton
Church Email:
nfumc@ruraltel.net
Church Office Phone
785-877-2196

Wednesday, July 2 - 4:00-6:00 p.m., Christmas in July Bake Sale, Fellowship Hall
Sunday - 9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Parlor; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Youth Sunday School
Monday, July 7 - 12:15-12:45 p.m., Kid's Cafe.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
14715 W. Washington Road
Phone 785-877-2430
Pastor Matthew Goehring
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; After School Midweek Program for Grades K-6; Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.; Bible Studies on Sundays at both 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Our free after-school midweek program for elementary age kids is held on Wednesdays. Snacks, Bible stories, and fun. New students are welcome anytime! Contact the Church to

Register
Living Hope Fellowship
One mile south of Norton at corner of PDRA Road
Pastor Jerry Cummings
Phone 785-877-2426
Sunday - 10 a.m. Worship and Praise Service

Norton Christian Church
Nate Hagen, Minister
Garret Rolland, Connections and Family Coordinator
HYPERLINK
"http://www.nortoncc.com"
www.nortoncc.com
208 N. Kansas, 877-2871
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m., CR Step Study
Wednesday - 6:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting
Thursday - 7:00 p.m., Celebrate Recovery
Sunday - 8:30 a.m., First Worship; 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m., Second Service
Monday - 6:00 p.m., Prayer Hour

Norton Ministerial Alliance
Andbe Home Services, 2 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Rev. Joshua Werth, Pastor
Phone 785-877-2234
stfranci@ruraltel.net
website:
http://stfrancisassisi.org
108 S. Wabash, Norton
Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.
Monday, No Mass
Tuesday Mass, 12:05 p.m. at New Almelo
Wednesday Mass, 12:05 p.m.
Thursday, No Mass
Friday Mass, 12:05 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church
Corner State and Waverly, Norton
Senior Warden, Georgia Briery
102 E. Waverly, Norton
Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
3:00-4:00 p.m. God's Pantry

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran (WELS)
805 West Holme Street
West Hwy. 36, Norton
Pastor Brian Weinkauff
3:00 p.m. Sunday Worship Service
Bible Study and Fellowship Following
Third Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. is Video Services

Maple Grove Church Of the Brethren
9 miles west 4 1/2 miles north of Norton/Guest Minister
Sunday - 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Rock
Friday - 7:00-10:00 p.m. Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Graders
First Sunday Night of the Month Quarry, 6:30 p.m. Junior and Senior High Worship Event

Public Notices

•PUBLIC NOTICE•
Published in The Norton Telegram on Wednesday, June 25, and Wednesday, July 2, 2025. 2(T)

CITY OF ALMENA, KANSAS NOTICE OF HEARING ON NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN
The City Council of Almena, Kansas will consider the adoption of a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,114 et. seq. at a public hearing on July 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Building, 415 Main Street, Almena, Kansas.

The proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and a description of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization area are available for inspection during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm in the office of the City Clerk, Almena, Kansas.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the City Council will consider findings necessary for the adoption of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and the establishment of the proposed Neighborhood Revitalization Area, all as provided for in K.S.A. 12-17,114 et. seq.
Catherine Rivera, City Clerk
City of Almena, Kansas

•PUBLIC NOTICE•
CITY OF NORTON ORDINANCE NO. 1776
(Published in The Norton Telegram on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. 1(T))

On June 18th 2025, the City of Norton, Kansas adopted Ordinance No. 1776, an Ordinance Approving adopting a neighborhood revitalization plan for the City of Norton, Kansas and all provisions, terms and conditions thereof, and authorizing the execution of certain agreement for interlocal cooperation with Norton County, Kansas and all participating public agencies for the purpose of providing program for neighborhood revitalization. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained or viewed, free of charge, at the office of the City Clerk, 301 East Washington, Norton, Kansas 67654. A reproduction of the Ordinance is available for viewing at https://www.cityofnorton.com/DocumentCenter/View/869/Ordinance-1776-Neighborhood-Revitalization-Plan. This summary is certified by Abigail R. Horn, City Attorney

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•Dozer Work
•Ponds
9499 Rd E3 - Norton - Phone 785-877-3745

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113 W. Washington - Norton, Kansas
877-3002 - Don Kaus - FREE ESTIMATES

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BJ and Candice - Owners
East Hwy 36 - 785-877-3511 - Norton, KS

Norton Animal Health Center
Complete Large and Small Animal Service
801 W. Holme - Norton - Phone 877-2411
Aaron R. White, DVM
Sarah Ketterl White, DVM
Monday thru Friday: 8-5; Saturday: 9-11 a.m.

First State Bank
"Your Progressive Community Bank"
MEMBER FDIC
105 W. Main - Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-3341

Security Abstract Company
Abstracters Title Insurance Agents
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214 E. Washington - Norton - PH 785-877-2141
Jolene L. Weiser, Owner
Amy Vacura, Office Assistant

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Lawn Care Equipment
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209 W. Lincoln - Norton - Phone 877-3391

American Family Insurance
Curt Wahlmeier, Agent
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111 W. Washington, Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-5802

Pizza Hut
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W. Hwy. 36 - Norton, Kansas
Phone 877-3359

Moffet Drug Store
"Prescription Specialists"
Hallmark Cards and
Russell Stover Candies
102 S. State - Norton, Kansas
Phone 785-877-2721

LODGE NOTICES

American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 63
Harmonson Redd
Third Monday
7:00 p.m.
Sarah Durham, President
Wanda Braun, Treasurer

American Legion Harmonson Redd Post No. 63
Second Monday
7:30 p.m.
Steve Herresberg, Commander
Bruce Anderson, Adjutant

Eagles Aerie 3288
First and Third
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Jeremy Harding, President
Patrick Cahill, Secretary

Veterans of Foreign Wars
Post #9043
VFW
Contact Ted Sanko

Eagles Auxiliary 3288
Second and Fourth Wednesday
Each Month at 6:30 p.m.
Lee Ann Shearer, President
Stacy Cahill, Secretary

The American Legion Riders Post 63
Meet at 5:00 p.m.
on the Second Sunday
of Every Month
website: www.alr63.org

Sons of American Legion Post 63
Meet at 4:00 p.m.
on the Second Sunday
of Every Month
Jimmy Railsback, Commander