



Be still,
and know
that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

Reformation Sunday
October 29, 2023 • 10:30AM

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: “A Mighty Fortress”

Wilbur Held

The Ten Commandments *Please stand.*

The Lord is God, our God, and has brought us out of bondage to sin and death, commanding us to observe our conduct before him and our neighbor.

¹You shall have no other gods before me.

**²You shall not take the name
of the Lord your God in vain;
for the Lord will not hold guiltless
those who take his name in vain.**

**³Remember the Sabbath day
to keep it holy.**

**⁴Honor your father
and your mother,
that your days may be long
in the land which the Lord
your God is giving you.**

⁵You shall not kill.

⁶You shall not commit adultery.

⁷You shall not steal.

**⁸You shall not bear false witness
against your neighbor.**

**⁹You shall not covet
your neighbor’s house.**

**¹⁰You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife,
his workers, his livestock,
or anything that is your neighbor’s.**

Confession and Absolution

Greeting and Kyrie Eleison

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

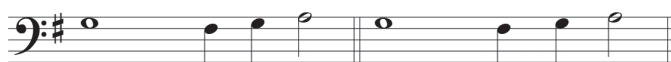


Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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Leader:

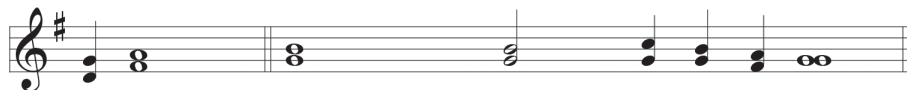


Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:



And on earth peace, good will toward all. We praise you, we bless you,



we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,



O Lord God, heaven - ly King, God the Father Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God,
 Son of the Father: You take away the sin of the world, have mercy
 on us. You take away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
 You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
 For you are holy; you on - ly are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

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Leader: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And with your spirit.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace—through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

Please be seated.

A - men.

First Lesson: Revelation 14:6–7

⁶I 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.”

The word of the Lord.

Psalm 46

¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths | of the sea;**

³Though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.

⁴**The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the ci- | ty of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.

⁶**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;
God shall help her at the | break of day.**

⁷The nations make much ado, and the king- | doms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.

⁸**The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

⁹Come now and look upon the works | of the LORD,
what awesome things he has | done on earth.

¹⁰**It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and
burns the | shields with fire.**

¹¹“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be
exalted | in the earth.”

¹²**The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.**

Second Lesson: 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.

The word of the Lord.

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God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Psalms 46, paraphrased JAB

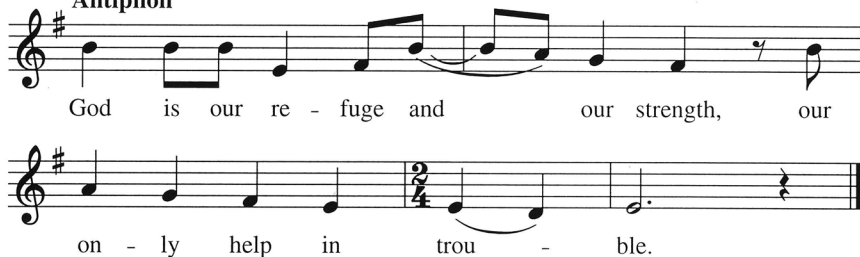
John A. Behnke (ASCAP)

Choir: Antiphon

God is our refuge and our strength, our only help in trouble.

Choir and congregation:

Antiphon



Choir: We will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells. **Antiphon**

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
He lifts His voice, the earth melts.
The Lord Almighty is with us,
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

He makes wars cease
He breaks the bow and burns the shields with fire.
Be still, be still, be still and know that I am God.
The Lord Almighty is with us,
the God of Jacob is our fortress. **Antiphon**

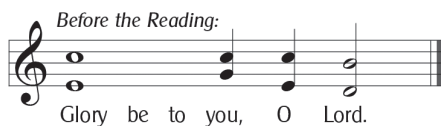
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our only help in trouble.

Gospel Acclamation *Please stand for the Gospel.*

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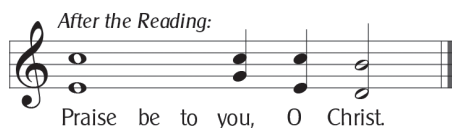
The Holy Gospel is written in the 8th chapter of John.



Gospel: John 8:31–36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed 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 practices 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen

Children's Chat

Sermon: "What He Said"

Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

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Prayers of the Church

Following each prayer:
 Lord in your mercy,
 hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
 trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen

Exhortation

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Preface and Sanctus

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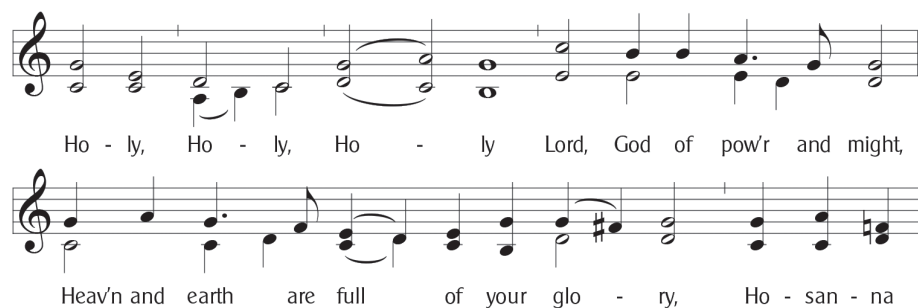
Leader *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God—through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord and Savior, who ascending above the heavens and sitting at your right hand, poured out the Holy Spirit upon the chosen disciples as he had promised, causing the whole earth to rejoice.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:





The Lord's Prayer

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Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

¹**hallowed be thy name,**

²**thy kingdom come,**

³**thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.

⁴**Give us this day our daily bread;**

⁵**and forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

⁶**and lead us not into temptation,**

⁷**but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: Take, and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Agnus Dei

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O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin
of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,
grant us peace. A - - - - - men.

Distribution of Communion

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Remain seated after the distribution.

May the body and precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith to everlasting life.

Thanksgiving

We thank and praise you, almighty and loving Father, for feeding us with the body and blood of your beloved son, Jesus Christ. Having received this holy Sacrament with our mouths, may our faith in you apprehend and enjoy your grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ and his Church, and everlasting life. Send your Holy Spirit to remind us of these promises throughout the week, and keep us in the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Nunc Dimittus

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Lord, now let your servant de- | part in | peace,
ac- | cording to | your | word.
For my eyes have | seen your sal- | vation,
which you have prepared before the | face of | all | people:
A light to | lighten the | Gentiles
and the | glory of your | people | Israel.
Glory | be to the | Father,
and to the | Son, and to the | Holy | Spirit,
As it | was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and ever shall be, | world without | end. | A- | men

Benedicamus

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Leader: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Leader: Congregation:

Bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The Leader's part consists of a single half note (G) followed by a whole note (D). The Congregation's part consists of a half note (G) followed by a half note (D), then a half note (G) followed by a half note (D), and finally a half note (G) followed by a half note (D). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Postlude: "Built on a Rock"

Gilbert Martin

*We remain seated, worshiping silently during the postlude,
standing at the end of the postlude to face the processional cross,
now at the rear of the sanctuary.*

Benediction

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The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Congregation:

A - men.

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Recent Prayer Needs

- Cindy Alligood – Recovering at home
- Katie Funderburk – Recovering from surgery
- Wayne Hinson – Recovering from surgical procedure
- Johnny Jenkins (property brother) – Health concerns
- Michelle Linker – Recovering at home from surgery
- Mike Morris – Health concerns
- April Simmons – Health concerns

Please see the monthly Epistle for a complete list of prayer needs for members, homebound, family, and friends.

Binns-Counts Christmas—Today is the final day to donate clothing and household items for Binns-Counts Community Center. These may be used items *in good condition please*, or new items. Clothing may be for children or adults. Donation boxes are located in the narthex and in the hallway by the conference room. For large donations, please contact John or Carolyn Canup. **Toys and gifts for children** will be collected until **Sunday, November 19th**. If you do not want to shop, you may make a donation and note on the envelope Binns-Counts.

Sunday, October 29th, Reformation Sunday

- Christmas concert finalization meeting, 2pm, fellowship hall
- Kid's Christmas program finalization, 3pm, fellowship hall
- Youth Group, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

Monday, October 30

- Afterschool program for Faith Academy, 1pm–3pm

Tuesday, October 31

- Adult Confirmation Class, 6pm
- Girl Scouts, 6:45pm

Wednesday, November 1, All Saints Day

- Ellen Bumgarner Circle, 10am
- Adult Choir practice, 6:30pm
- Youth Confirmation class, 7:30pm

Thursday, November 2

- Bible study, 10am and 6pm

Saturday, November 3

- Ol' Timey Stew, picnic shelter, 6pm

Sunday, November 5, All Saints Sunday

- Breakfast before Sunday School, 8:30am
- Kid's Christmas practice during Sunday School, 9:30am
- Autumn Care Worship, 2pm
- Youth Group, 4pm
- Kathy Ketchie Circle, 4pm
- Men's Choir practice, 4pm
- Handbell Choir practice, 5pm
- Vespers at the Parsonage—fellowship at 6pm; prayer at 6:30pm

November Blood Drive—The final blood drive for 2023 at St. Paul's will be Monday, November 13th, from 1:30pm – 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. The church has been successful in reaching it's goal of 35 units at each of the first three drives of the year, and hopes to meet that goal in November.

Because of all the major disasters in 2023, blood supplies have been at a low level. Even though one unit of blood can help up to three recipients, supplies continue to dwindle.

If you gave blood at our August drive, you will be receiving an appointment for the November drive during the last week of October. If you have not given blood recently, or have never been a donor, please consider helping the church reach its goal in November. Contact person is Alice Davis, 704-855-4930 or pherford1@yahoo.com.

Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach

Girl Scout troop 743 will place wreaths in the National Cemetery at the VA Hospital on December 16th. Each wreath is \$17. Money may be put in an envelope in the offering plate (**be sure to mark on the envelope “wreaths”**) or given directly to Nicole Amos.

All money needs to be to Nicole by November 27th.



Help Girl Scout Troop 743 honor local heroes!

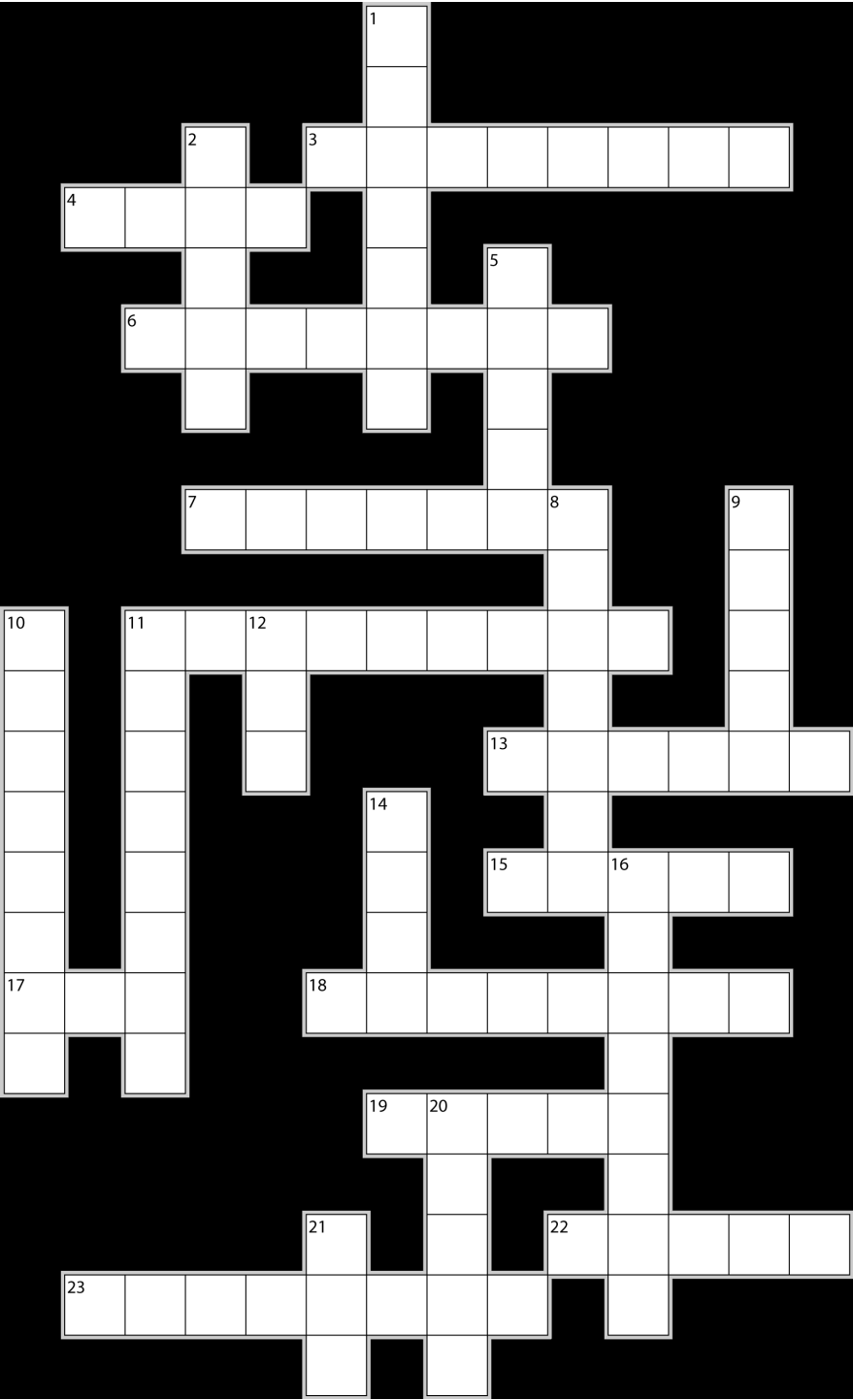
Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a Veteran's grave this December at Salisbury National Cemetery Annex.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/NC0277



Stewardship

General Fund Offering (10/22)	\$12,794
Other Offering (10/22)	\$2,350
Sunday School Attendance (10/22)	53
Worship Attendance (10/22)	163
Children's Mission (4th quarter–Lutheran Military Veterans)	
\$143.50 last Sunday; quarter so far:	\$450



Reformation Sunday

Find the answers in today's four Scripture lessons.

It may help with the Psalm if you use the English Standard Version instead of the old Psalter in the bulletin.

ACROSS

3. What did the angel do with the gospel?
4. You are Jesus' disciples if you abide in this.
6. God is our refuge and...
7. God is a very present help in...
11. God is both just and...
13. If the Son sets you free, you will be free...
15. All have sinned and fallen short of God's...
17. He remains forever.
18. The Law bears witness to God's righteousness, as do the...
19. Righteousness comes through...
22. We should not fear anything but God, even if this gives way.
23. The Jews told Jesus that they had never been...

DOWN

1. God will help the city of God when this dawns.
2. This will set you free.
5. We stand a better chance of knowing God if we would be...
8. What kind of gospel was the angel proclaiming?
9. We are justified through this gift of God.
10. The God of Jacob is our...
11. The angel was proclaiming because this has come.
12. If you practice sin, you are a slave to...
14. The angel proclaimed this should be one's attitude toward God.
16. Where was the angel flying?
20. What did John see flying overhead?
21. The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the...



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Next Sunday's Lessons: Revelation 7:2–17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

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