

# *Reformation Sunday*

## *Sunday, October 31, 2021*

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### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" J. S. Bach

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.

Let us confess our sins to the One who is faithful.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Almighty God,

**we confess that we have failed to live as your disciples.**

**We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.**

**We have desired to possess much more than we need.**

**We have damaged your good creation.**

**Refresh our hearts, forgive our sins, and raise us to abundant new life through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**Amen.**

Trust in God and in God's promises. Know that God will never leave you or forsake you. Believe that for the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
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### **GREETING**

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.**

# KYRIE

Leader  
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have  
For the reign of God, and for  
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
Lord. For your  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your  
word, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have  
Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.  
mer - cy. A - men.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for a Kyrie, featuring a Leader and an Assembly. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 12 systems of two staves each. The lyrics are: "In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have Help, save, and de - fend us, O God. mer - cy. A - men." The music includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!  
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood *has*  
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## WORD

### A Reading from Jeremiah

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 126 (Read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

## **A Reading from Romans**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is

righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. (Romans 3:19-28)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

(John 8:31-36)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast”

[See back of bulletin]

## THE NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Strengthen the church to rediscover paths of love throughout the world and raise up teachers and leaders to guide communities of faith into joyful ways of loving and living. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reveal to us creation's beauty and teach us to care for your fields, valleys, mountains, streams, oceans, and deserts, so that future generations will marvel at them. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Grant courage to all world leaders who hear your call for peace. Strengthen worldwide peace efforts that help us to live in harmony as neighbors who share a common planet. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Provide refuge and help for all who lack adequate food, housing, or health care. Heal and comfort all who are sick or suffering in any way. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your wisdom upon all voters on election day that your vision of love and justice would infuse every community. Help us so that our faith be evident in all that we say and do. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for the witness of the saints, especially reformers throughout generations who worked to rediscover the proclamation of the gospel. Daily guide us until we are gathered together with them. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*(The Pastor concludes):* Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

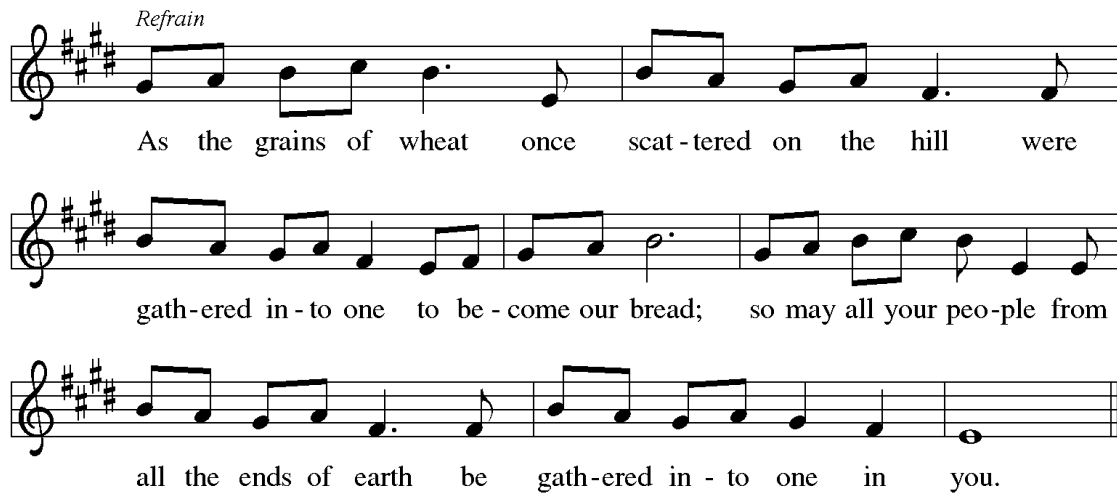
## **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** (8:00 a.m.) "Hymn of Faith" H. Ashford

**ANTHEM** (10:30) "God Is Our Refuge and Strength" A. Pote

## OFFERTORY HYMN “As the Grains of Wheat”

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives that the world which you so dearly love may be nourished, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

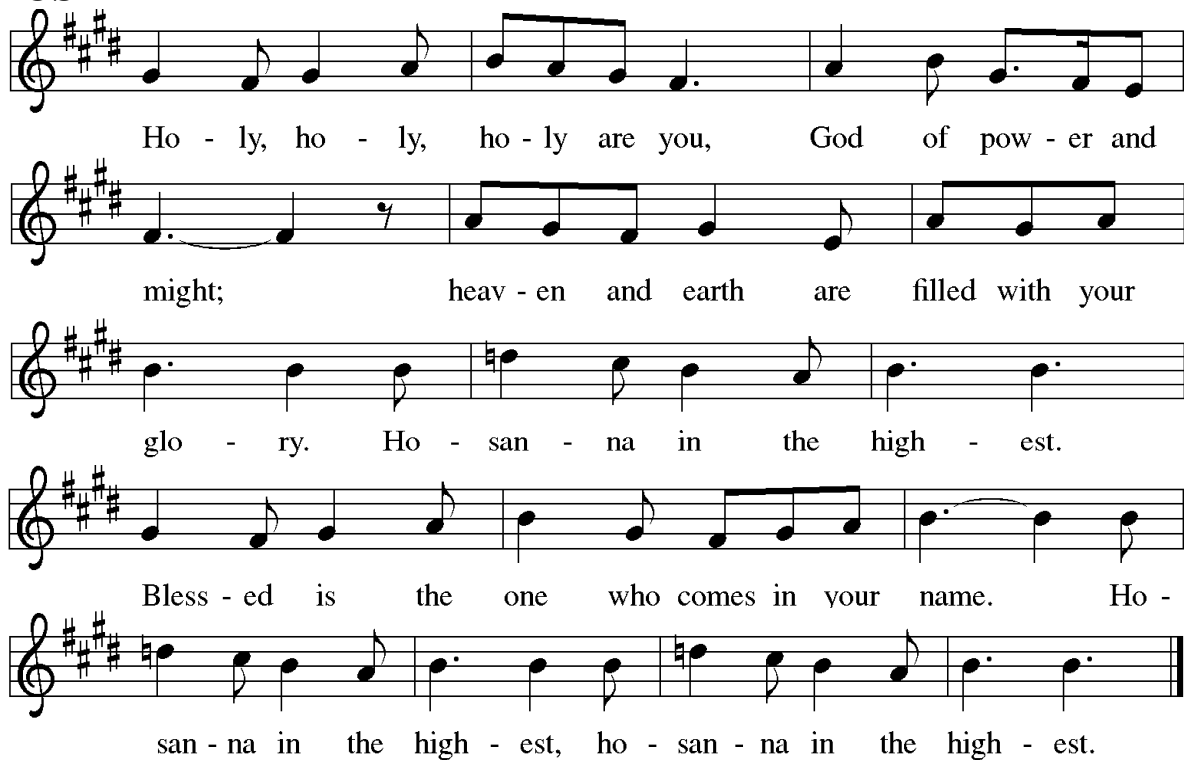
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us  
and his rising from the grave,  
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, all who hunger and thirst for food from heaven. All has been made ready.

### INSTRUCTIONS

*If you wish to receive the Sacrament, please move into the center aisle when instructed to do so. When you stand before the Pastor, please open your hand to receive a wafer of bread, and then move toward the Communion Assistant to dip the tip of the wafer into the chalice of wine. After you have eaten the wafer, you may return to your seat by the side aisle. Those unable to come forward to receive the Sacrament may receive in their pews. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please stand before the Pastor and say, "A blessing."*

## AGNUS DEI

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;

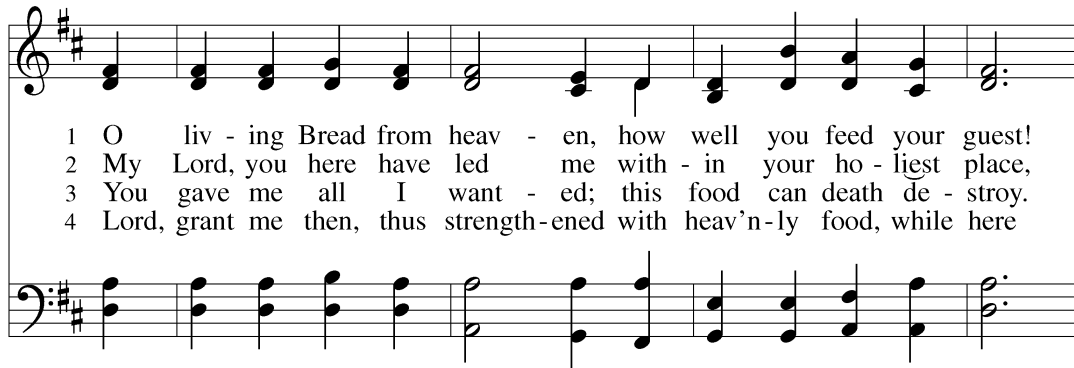
have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

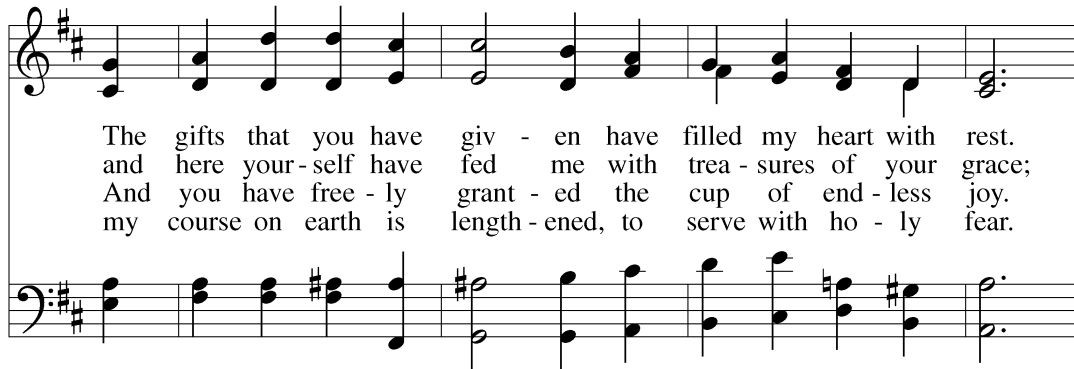
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## “O Living Bread”



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2 My Lord, you here have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, oh, cup that heals our woes!  
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
And when you call my spir - it to leave this world be - low,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows!  
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min - gled flow.

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**



## THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 31	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Wednesday, November 3	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, November 4	7:00 PM	Adult Forum via ZOOM
Friday, November 5	9:30 AM	STiC SRT Sojourn in Tumbling Run
Saturday, November 6	5:30 PM	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday, November 7	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30 AM	STiC
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

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### **SERVING THIS SUNDAY (10/31/21)**

#### **8:00 AM**

GREETER: Amy Dewald; LECTOR: Justin McClure  
COMMUNION ASST.: Kay Weidensaul

#### **10:30 AM**

GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHER: Deb Bolinsky; LECTOR: Sue Schenck  
COMMUNION ASST.: Jim Spotts  
ALTAR GUILD: Joanne Emerich and Gwen Wehr  
COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Glenda Bright

### **SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (11/07/21)**

#### **8:00 AM**

GREETER: TBA; LECTOR: Ron Rozansky  
COMMUNION ASST.: Ruth Ann Withers

#### **10:30 AM**

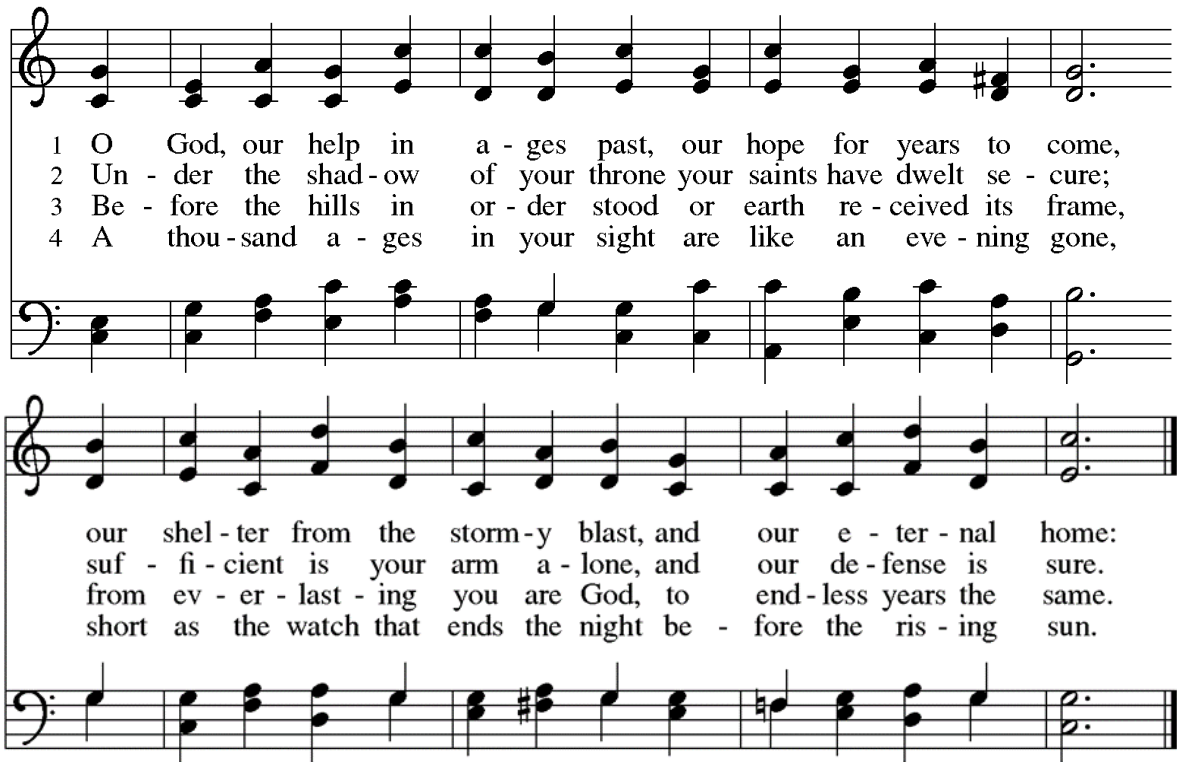
GREETER: Greg Sklar; USHER: Glenda Bright; LECTOR: Gwen Wehr  
COMMUNION ASST.: Doug Travor  
ALTAR GUILD: Barb Lafko and Beth Post  
COUNTERS: Rosalie Wingle, Marlene Eidam, and Diane Brobst

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### **MEN OF ST. PAUL'S**

The Men of St. Paul's will host a "drive-by" Chili and Soup Sale on Saturday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m. "on the square." Come for great chili and many tasty homemade soups. Each is priced at \$7.00/quart or three (3) quarts for \$20.00. Breads and other baked goods will also be on sale. Bring your appetite and come!

## GATHERING HYMN “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”



The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system contains lines 1 through 4, and the second system contains lines 5 and 6. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and a steady rhythm.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

## ALL SAINTS OBSERVANCE

All Saints will be observed during our worship on next Saturday November 6, and next Sunday, November 7, 2021. Below is a list of members and friends of our congregation who have passed on since our last All Saints services:

*Clint L. Rarick*  
*Ronald W. Umphrey*  
*Gary M. Koch*  
*Lauren A. (Herb) Dow*  
*Charles R. Letcher*  
*Kathryn E. Wakiyama*

*Lou Ann "Skip" Taylor*  
*Dale J. Strouse*  
*Brian W. Miller*  
*Harold C. "Jim" Thomas, Jr.*  
*and*  
*Constance "Connie" E. Rudy*

If you know any other names which you believe should be added to this list, please contact Pastor Mike (570-366-2316) at your earliest convenience.

A "Table of Remembrance" will be featured during our worship services. We invite everyone to bring pictures of loved ones who have passed on and bring them to church by next Saturday. Your picture will be placed on the table so that together we can give thanks to God for their lives and share our memories.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast”

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

The image shows a three-part musical score for the hymn "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast". It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting Sunday, November 14, we will host a Sunday School for children every second Sunday of the month! Children ages 1-10 are invited to join us during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. For more information, contact Sarah Eger at 570-394-3522. We can't wait to see you there!

## WELCA NEWS

The Women of the ELCA will have an old-fashioned Thanksgiving Tea on Tuesday, November 9th at 1:00 p.m. in the church Gathering Room. All women of St. Paul's are invited to bring their own cup and saucer or mug and enjoy some fall fellowship and fun. The program for the meeting is being planned around "Thankfulness."

# SENDING HYMN

## “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!