

# *Reformation Sunday*

## *Sunday, October 30, 2022*

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### GATHERING

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEDICATION OF NEW STOLES, BURSE, AND VEIL (10:30 a.m.)**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin holds us in its grasp.**

**We have not protected your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.**

Trust in God and take comfort 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"  
[See back of bulletin]

#### **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.

## 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 - er - more!  
| 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.

*Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 46 (Read responsively)**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

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

**"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."**

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 in Your Word”  
[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**

In gratitude and humility, let us join in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

God our fortress, write your law of love on the hearts of your people so that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our liberator, bring new life to overused land and contaminated rivers. Reform and renew our relationship with our environment so that we faithfully care for your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, our refuge and our strength, where there is conflict, bring wise leadership and comfort those in distress. Make wars to cease and bring peace to every land. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, our very present help in trouble, show mercy to refugees and protect all who flee from danger. We pray for all who suffer and especially for everyone on our prayer list. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our redeemer, bless all who are preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Open their hearts to your Holy Spirit, teach them your word, and give them courage to proclaim their faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our stronghold, we give thanks for men and women of faith who have gone before us, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to do what is right and good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*(The Pastor concludes):* With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

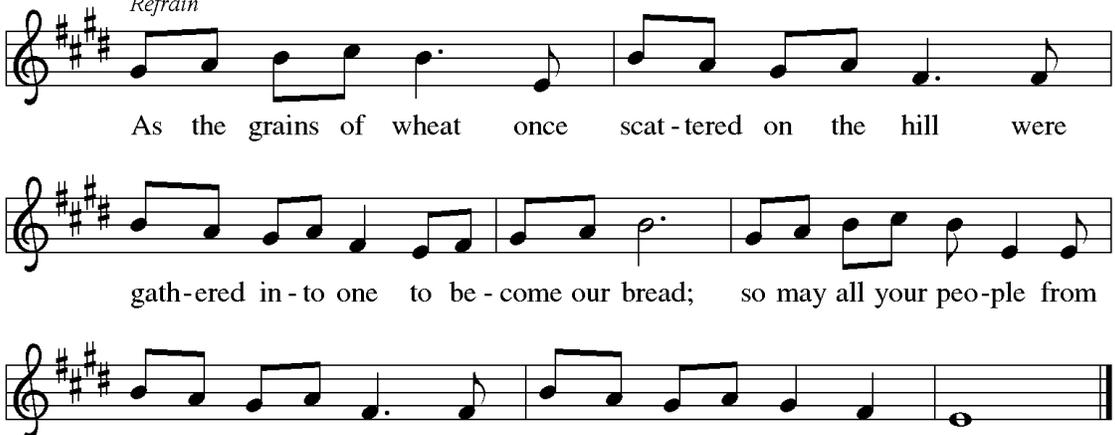
## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** (8 a.m.) “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” H. Willan

**ANTHEM** (10:30 a.m.) “God Is Our Refuge”\* 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.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were'. The second staff continues with 'gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from'. The third staff concludes with 'all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.' The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, in your love you provide for all our needs. Multiply these gifts which we bring to you and increase our faith so that we are always ready to share every good gift with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

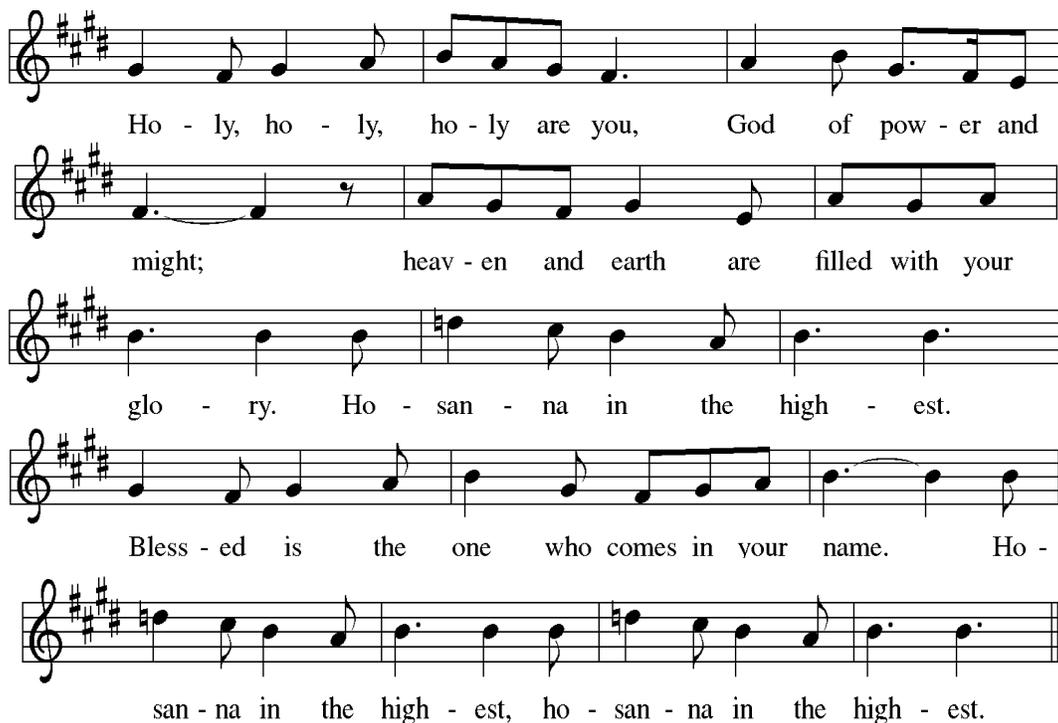
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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**

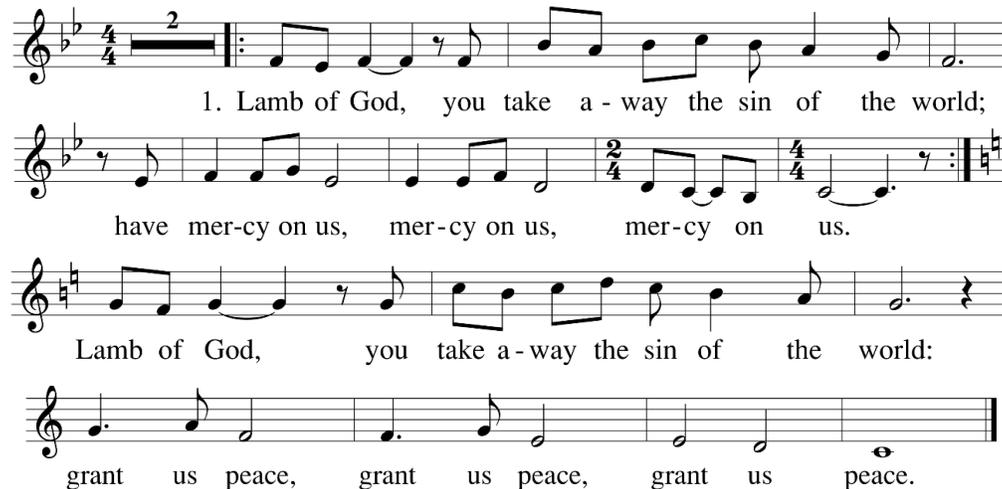
Come, all who hunger and thirst for food from heaven. All has been made ready.

## INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction.

Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. Because of COVID-19 precautions, communicants should not drink directly from the chalice. If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest. Those who are unable to come forward may receive the Sacrament as they sit in their pew.

## AGNUS DEI



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
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 from Heaven" [See back of bulletin]

## TABLE BLESSING

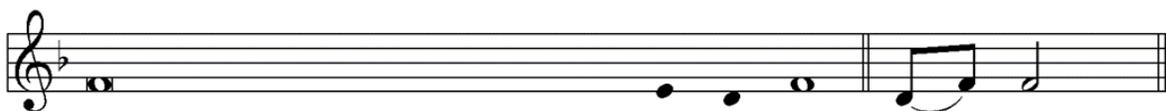
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God of abundant life, you have refreshed and renewed us through this simple meal. As we journey, daily give us your grace so that we might serve our neighbors with joy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

## BLESSING



☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☐ A - men

**SENDING HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”  
[See back of bulletin]

**THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

“A Mighty Fortress”

D. Cherwin

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**Altar flowers** are presented in memory of Rachel Zehner by her family.

**Chancel flowers** are presented in memory of my family, Kermit, Cathlene, Jody, and Kevin Krammes, and Kirsten Edmonds Vidzicki by Robin Zimmerman.

\*This anthem is presented in honor of the ordination (Aug. 2007) of our son, Rev. Michael Scholtes, by his parents, Pastor and Bonnie Scholtes. (2007)

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**Introduction to the day:** “God loves us all, both big and small,” a child’s verse declares. We can stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus “salvation has come to this house”—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL’S**

Sunday, October 30

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

- 8:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:15 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, November 2

- 6:00 PM Bell Choir
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, November 4

10:00 AM STiC SRT walk in Tumbling Run

Saturday, November 5

**ALL SAINTS**

- 8:30 AM Chili & Soup Sale on the Square
- 5:30 PM Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, November 6

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

- 8:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:15 AM Adult Forum
- 10:30 AM “Second Sunday” Sunday School
- Worship with Holy Communion

**SERVING THIS SUNDAY (10/30/22)**

**8:00 AM**

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASST.: Ruth Ann Withers

**10:30 AM**

GREETER: Evan Davis; USHER: Diane Brobst; LECTOR: Sue Schenck

COMMUNION ASST.: Madelyn Knecht

ALTAR GUILD: Barbara Lafko, Beth Post, and Amy Dewald

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Glenda Bright

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (11/06/22)**

**8:00 AM**

GREETER/USHER: Pastor Mike

LECTOR/COMMUNION ASST.: Kay Weidensaul

**10:30 AM**

GREETER: Sarah Eger; USHER: Carl Heintzelman; LECTOR: Tina Butler

COMMUNION ASST.: Jeff Ritschel

ALTAR GUILD: Hope Clarke and Madelyn Knecht

COUNTERS: Gwen Wehr, Tom Wehr, and Glenda Bright

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**“SECOND SUNDAY” SUNDAY SCHOOL**

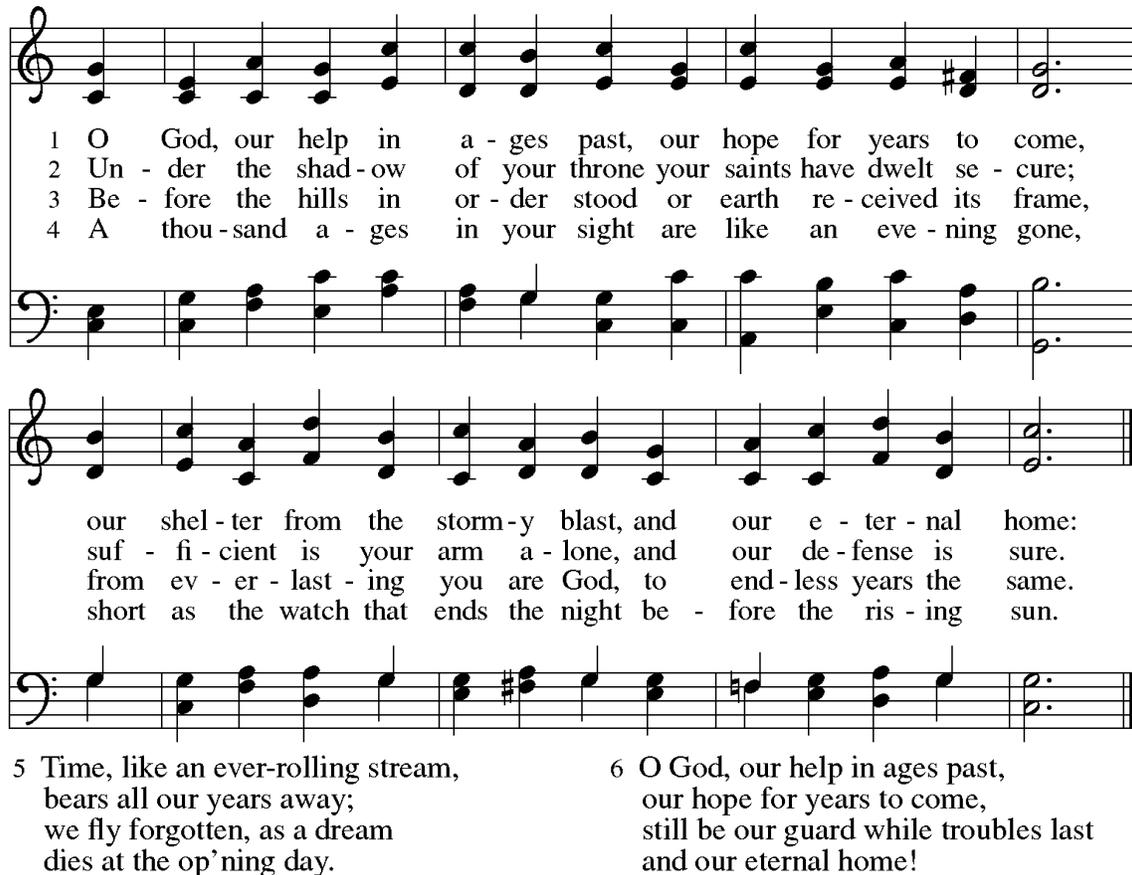
Sunday School for children ages 1 to 10 years old will continue every second Sunday of the month during the 10:30 a.m. service. Please join us on Sunday, November 13, for Bible stories, crafts, a snack, fun, and fellowship. You can also call/text/email me with questions or to volunteer.

Sarah Eger: (570) 394-3522 (cell); swoodring86@hotmail.com.

**WE REMEMBER AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER!**

The Evangelism committee would like to send cards, signed by our church family, to the home bound and military and college students away from home. The cards will be located on the small table with the prayer list. Please remember to sign our card(s) as you enter or leave the church.

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



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!

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### CHILI & SOUP SALE

The Men of St. Paul's will sell homemade chili and soup on Saturday, November 5, beginning at 8:30 a.m., on the square in downtown Orwigsburg. Soup is \$7/quart or 3 quarts for \$20 and chili is \$8/quart or 2 quarts for \$15. Many homemade baked goods will also be available to purchase. Thank you for your support!

### REFORMATION SUNDAY ORGAN CONCERT

Jerusalem Lutheran Church located at 252 Dock Street in Schuylkill Haven will host an organ concert on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. featuring the music of American composer, Paul Manz. The featured organists include Mark O'Hearn, Dr. Robert Horton, and Audrey Christ. This concert is free to the public. Come and delight in the wonderful music! All are welcome!

## HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

1 Lord, keep us steady in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Jesus Christ, your power make known, for you are  
3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and

by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we  
unity on earth; support us in our final strife

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system contains three verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a double bar line.

### WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR LITTLE ONES!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. John's United Church of Christ, and Salem United Methodist Church have joined forces with the PTO from Blue Mountain East Elementary School to help hungry children and their families.

Our three churches have pledged to help hungry children and their needy families by providing grocery gift cards and/or by donating nutritious individually wrapped snacks and fruit drinks to East Elementary School.

If you would like to help, please purchase a gift card (not to exceed \$25) from Boyer's or Redner's Market and/or bring individually wrapped snacks and fruit drinks to our church by Sunday, November 13, 2022. A box will be set up in the narthex for your donations. Gift cards should be placed in our offering plate or left with our church office.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to help the hungry children of our area and their needy families!

# COMMUNION HYMN "O Living Bread from Heaven"

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
4 Oh, grant me then, well - 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 you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O 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 bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - 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.  
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

# 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  
 your 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!

