



**A MIGHTY
FORTRESS
IS OUR GOD,
A TRUSTY SHIELD AND WEAPON.**

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2025

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only communicant members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

NEWS AND NOTES for this week can be found on the Commons Counter. Please take one home to stay informed about upcoming events at Peace Lutheran Church.

P = Pastor * = Stand △ = Stand for Trinitarian stanza **C** = Congregation

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Voluntary (8:00 and 10:30)

Fanfare

Jeremiah Clark/S. Drummond Wolff

***Opening Hymn**

LSB 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us;
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.

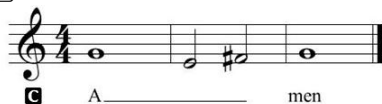


The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,
 dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,
 Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -
 is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.

*Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



C A _____ men

Baptisms

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Nora Elizabeth Schubert (5:00)

Daughter of Michael S. and Jamie E. née Meyer Schubert

Sponsors: Jennifer D. Brueck, Julie L. Schellman and Nicklaus J. Palazzolo

Munopa Victor Mubonani (8:00)

Son of Malvin T. and Reginah N. Mubonani

Sponsor: Gina R. Werkmeister

Nathaniel Robert Jaeger and Ainsley Elizabeth Jaeger (10:30)

Sponsor: Ben Prange

*Opening Sentences

Psalm 46:1, 7, 10–11

- P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- P** “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”
- C** **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

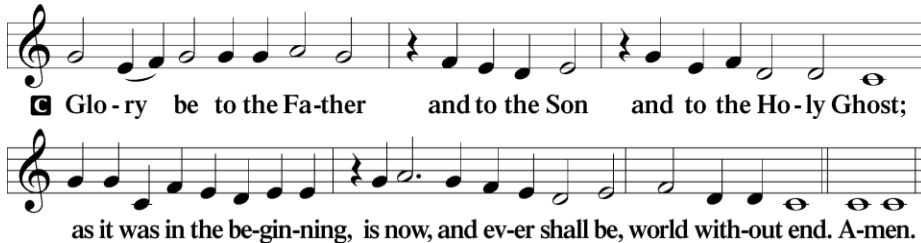
*Confession and Absolution

Isaiah 35:10

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
- C** **Almighty God, You are our mighty fortress. We resist this reality when we live according to the so-called wisdom of the world. We resist the reality that, in Christ, we are free indeed when we use our law-keeping as a measure of our standing with You. We resist the reality that You are with us when we celebrate Your works as our own. Still our selfish nature and forgive our sins for Jesus’ sake. Gladden our hearts and set us free.**
- P** The prophet Isaiah reminds us, “The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” This is our reality as Jesus forgives us and sets us free. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



*Gloria Patri



*Kyrie



*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .



C A _____ men.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Alleluia**



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in 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 commits 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 655 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
 Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that
 u-ni-ty on earth; Support us in our final

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

“God is Our Refuge”

(Psalm 46)

Gathering of the Offering Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

Anthem at the Offertory (8:00 and 10:30)

God Is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

*God is our refuge and strength; A present help in time of trouble.
 Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
 though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.
 Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
 He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
 He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us.
 He is the air, we are his song, We will celebrate his presence all the day long.
 God is our refuge and strength; A present help in time of trouble.
 Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
 though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.
 Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
 He is our God. He is our God in all the earth.
 He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us.
 He is the air, we are his song, We will celebrate his presence all the day long.
 God is our refuge and strength; A present help in time of trouble.
 Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
 though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.
 We will not fear. We will not fear. We will not fear.*

*Offertory



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Prayer of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Confirmation and Receiving of New Members (10:30)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

*Proper Preface

P We should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, for You have set us free and justified us by Your grace, as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom You put forward as a propitiation by His blood. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him are set free from the power of sin and death and will rise again to new life in the city of God, the place of Your holy habitation. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

***Agnus Dei**

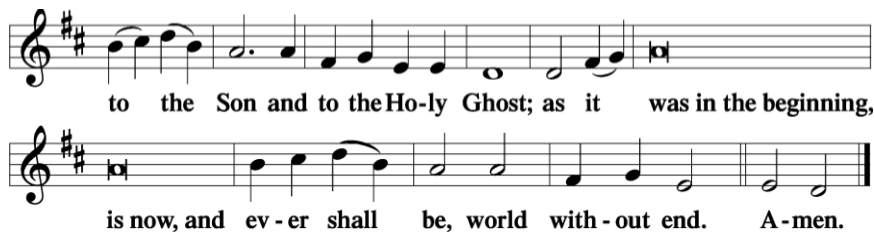
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymns

LSB 821 Alleluia! Sing To Jesus
 LSB 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
 LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

***Nunc Dimittis**

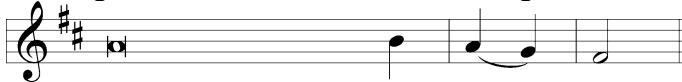
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared be-fore the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

*Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. . .



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

*Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.



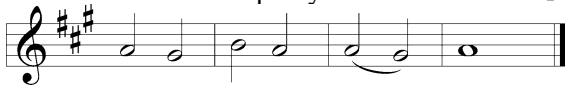
C Thanks be to God.

*Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 664 Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

Sinfonia

Henry Purcell/S. Drummond Wolff

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown

Liturgist: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Burnell Hackman; 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

Choirs: Chancel Choir, Brass Choir

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: A. Hopfer/J. Mattingly/B. Hentchel

Elders: 5:00: John Rastorfer, Greg Wirtel; 8:00: Mark Maloy, Erik Lunsford;

9:20: Mark Dowell, John Roesch; 10:30: Jeff Akers, Rob Uthoff

Ushers: 5:00: Team #13 – Dean Seyfert, Captain; 8:00: Team #2 – Tom Johnson, Captain;

9:20: Team #12 – Chris Hosty, Captain; 10:30: Team #5 – Kyle Sandersfeld, Captain

Acolytes: 8:00: Kennedy Karasek, Nicolette Henson; 10:30: Ashton DeWitt, Corbin Kurtz

Altar Committee: Mary Eaton, Jeanette Mattingly