

REFORMATION SUNDAY

For by **grace** you have
been saved **through faith**.
And this is not your own doing;
it is the **gift of God**.

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October 25, 2020

9:30 am Worship Service

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

Rev. E. Robert Burkhart, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jack R. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

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Lori Rebling, Hand Bell Director

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Announcements

† Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Gracious God,

Cong.: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your gracious Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Cong.: Amen.

Psalm: Psalm 46 (*read responsively*)

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 shake in the depths | of the sea;**

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

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the | shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted | in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

* Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

* Song

"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



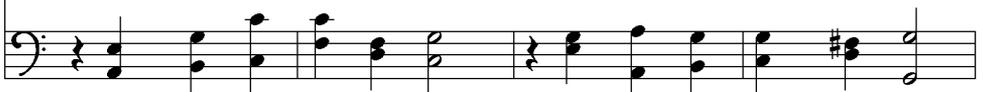
to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



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,



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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 sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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*** Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

Response to the prayer: **C: Amen.**

First Reading:

L: A reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34
 The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

L: A reading from Romans 3:19-28
 The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Gospel:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 8:31-36

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel concludes:

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Rotation Faith Formation

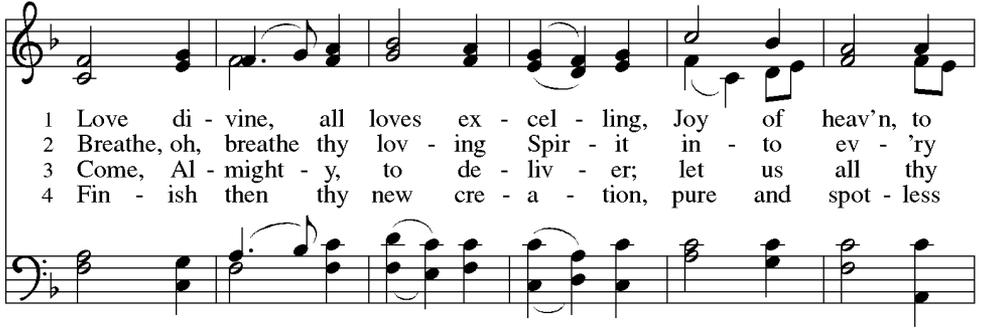
The pastor will dismiss the PreK through 6th grade children for Children's Sunday School. Please have children wear their masks. Children will return at the end of the service.

Sermon

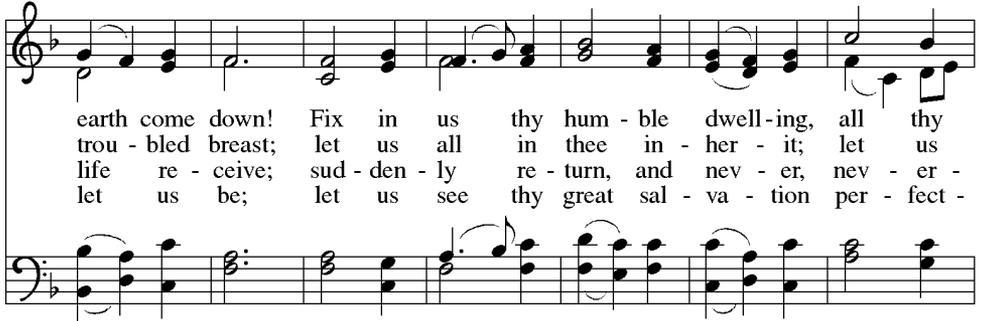
Pastor Burkhardt

* Song

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

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thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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* Nicene Creed

**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,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**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,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who 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 the People**

Each petition ends with these words:

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Response at the conclusion of the prayers: C: Amen.

Offertory

“Abide with Me”

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Bell Choir

(Use this time to reflect on your financial and spiritual offerings to God.)

* **Offertory Prayer**

L: Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **Communion Prayer**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...

* **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**

All baptized believers are welcome to commune. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

Continuous Communion Distribution

Usher will release one row at a time. Please maintain 6ft. distance in the aisle. Wear your mask prior to and following communion. Upon approaching the altar, sanitize your hands. Take a wine cup, refrain from touching other cups. Receive the bread from the Pastor, holding out your open hand, palm up, fingers straight out. The Assistant Minister will pour wine into your cup. Place disposable communion cup in the waste container.

* **Blessing**

Response after the blessing: C: Amen.

* **Prayer after Communion**

L: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

* **Benediction**

Response: C: Amen.

* **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Response: C: Thanks be to God.

An usher will dismiss one row at a time, first one side of the sanctuary and then the other side; be patient and follow usher guidance. Wear mask until you leave church property. Do not congregate in the building.

* **Postlude**

* Stand if you are able

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH! If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions; please feel free to speak with the pastor.

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SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

Radio – November 1, 8, 15 & 29 (\$60 or any portion you desire)

Flowers – November 8, 15 (1 vase), 22 & 29 (1 vase) (\$20 per vase) It is the responsibility of the sponsor to take their flowers following worship.

Communion Bread & Wine – November 8, 15 & 29 (\$12)

Bulletins – November 8 & 15 (\$20)

Eternal Flame – November 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$10)

Please contact Sue (swineholt@comcast.net or 717-637-5941) in the church office to reserve your special date.

STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. – Psalm 46:1*

When we are used to an abundant harvest, it can be shocking to experience scarcity. It is wise to remember that God is the source of all things. We all have something to share from God's abundance—perhaps a smile or kind word is the blessing someone needs. If you are not in a position to give resources, then by all means give love and compassion.

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THE BOOK CLUB WILL BE MEETING on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall. Please note the change in location. We will be discussing "*Glass Castle*" by Jeannette Walls. You will also be getting the list of 16 books recommended by members for 2021. You will be asked to select 10 you would like to read for 2021. The vote will be taken at the November meeting.

THANKSGIVING MEALS will be handed out to those in need in our neighborhood on Saturday, November 21 by R3 and Evangelism. The following is a list of items needed to fill 65 boxes:

- Boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Boxes of Stove Top Stuffing Mix
- Canned Sweet Potatoes - large can
- Canned Vegetables – large can (carrots, corn, green beans, peas etc.)
- Cranberry Sauce – regular or whole cranberries
- Chicken or Turkey Gravy – large can or 2 small cans
- Bread or Corn Bread
- Jell-O (any flavor)
- Cake Mix (any flavor) Canned Frosting would be a plus.

Please place all donations on the stage in Fellowship Hall by Saturday, November 14. Volunteers are needed to help pack these boxes. Please contact Bob Colehouse (717-965-1370) to help.

PRAYER REQUESTS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE WEEKLY PRAYER LIST should be given to Janet Haack (jmhaack@comcast.net or 717-633-1365). If you currently do not receive the weekly emailed list and would like to, please contact Janet with your email address to be included. Printed copies of the prayer list are available on the bulletin board by the lectern entrance to the sanctuary. As is always the case, if you have need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Bob directly or through the church office.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Newly hospitalized:

Hospitalized: Melanie Gladfelter was hospitalized last week and is home now.

New Additions to the Prayer List: Betty, Bob and Sis Horan, Marley and family, Rosemary Karycki, Hess family, Greg Wagaman

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to perform various vacuuming/dusting tasks in the building and outdoor tasks to maintain appearance and safety. Interested? Contact the office.

JOB OPENING – SEXTON – ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – 127 YORK ST, HANOVER PA – Part-time position. Physical ability to lift/carry up to 25 pounds. Perform full range of cleaning and disinfecting functions. Maintain grounds. Minimum 2 years' experience as janitor or housekeeper. PA Child Abuse Clearances required. Send resume to 127 York St. Hanover PA 17331 or email to stpaulsyorkst@comcast.net. No phone calls.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Every Saturday morning, a team of volunteers distributes food packages to our neighbors. We serve 60+ families each week. For this ministry to continue, we need volunteers to help on Saturday mornings from 9:15 - 11:15. Our ministry is SAFE (following our COVID-19 Task Force guidelines) and there is quite a lot of camaraderie that has developed over the past few months! Other ways to help? Volunteer to be an occasional "shopper" to purchase produce; consider giving a monetary donation so that the ministry can continue as long as it's needed, pray for our neighbors who receive the food. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the church office, Deb Sowers, or Nancy Smith.

	<u>October 25</u>	<u>November 1</u>
Assisting Minister:	Russ Kaltreider	Betty Sheets
Ushers:	Team 6	Team 1
Offering Deposit Team:	Dave Maus Tom Miller	Cindy Schmidt Peg Sennett

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday – 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday – 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

(Closed 12:00 to 1:00 pm daily for lunch)

(The church office is open by appointment only. Please call before you come. Only one person, other than staff, is allowed in the office at a time.)

SUN., OCTOBER 25	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Indoor Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation
MON., OCTOBER 26	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
TUES., OCTOBER 27	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
WED., OCTOBER 28	10:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Kid's Keyboarding
	7:00 pm	Book Club
THURS., OCTOBER 29	9:00 am	Music & Motion
	5:00 pm	Music & Motion
	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
SAT., OCTOBER 31		Grocery Ministry
SUN., NOVEMBER 1	8:30 am	Radio Broadcast
	9:30 am	Indoor Worship Service
	9:30 am	Rotation Faith Formation