

Psalm 46

A Psalm for Reformation Sunday



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

(I can't help but think of all the folks who have fled their homes...seeking refuge. Refuge from war. Refuge from storms. Refuge from trouble of all kinds. Be their shelter and strength, Lord. In our trouble...may we find in you a safe place to rest.)

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

(And it seems like it's changing so fast, God. The earth...the climate...the nation...our community. But you've seen it all before...and we have nothing to fear because you are God of all.)

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

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

(As I am writing this, Hurricane Ian is flooding Florida. Around the globe, hurricanes and earthquakes, floods and fires, droughts and tornadoes destroy homes and communities and wreak devastation with relentless certitude. We do not always understand this fragile relationship we have with this earth...but dear God, help us care for one another when storms rage.)

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.

(Are you really there, God? In the city? And in the tent city, too? Are you there...where garbage and needles litter our streets? Where there is so much violence and crime? You say you are. Show us the waters of gladness in our cities.)

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.

(When people use your word to prop up nations and kingdoms ...when they stir up division in the name of righteousness and purity...Your voice...your Word made flesh in Jesus...speaks grace and melts our hard and angry hearts. May we hear clearly your love for us...for all. You are with us. Emmanuel..."God with us.")

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.'

(In a day when so many speak of your violent judgment and threaten others with the thought of you...you insist that your desolation is the end of war, the end of hate. Make us still, so that we might remember that you are God...and all the earth is yours. You are love...and you are with us.)

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(Selah. Breathe.)

Pastor Janine

OCTOBER

Birthdays

Wyatt Jones	10-03
Larry Sauer	10-05
Sarah Goodman	10-07
Jeff Bell	10-10
Rance Urdahl	10-12
Wes Blore	10-15
Chris Shaver	10-15
Jeremy Lewis	10-17
Harold Peterson	10-18
Steve Morey	10-22
Jonathan Goodman	10-24
Kristapher Morey	10-24
June Hubbard	10-26
Don Gumenberg	10-27
Lee Goodrich	10-28
Jeanne Gerke	10-29

NOVEMBER

Birthdays

Della Grice	11-01
Katie Kersting	11-01
Kaileen Kersting	11-03
Pat Alexander	11-04
Tony Hoffman	11-05
Hedy Seeber	11-07
Theresa Watson	11-11
Jenna Kersting	11-13
Sophie Hinchliff	11-14
Earl Sorsdahl	11-15
Elaine Petersen	11-18
Sarah Grice	11-18
Kendra Persyn	11-18
Tim Anderson	11-25
Norm Urdahl	11-26
Annika Hughes	11-27
Rand Gurley	11-29
Cyndi Lewis	11-30

*If your birthday isn't listed, please let us know!
We would love to add you to our birthday list..*



Sunday, October 30 It's time for a party!

Join us to celebrate Oktoberfest after worship on Reformation Sunday. We will enjoy Bratwurst and Beer and Apple Strudel and listen to good German polka music!

Donations received will go to **Eagle Kindergarten in Haiti** where we sent a mission team a few years ago. Haiti has been racked by storms as well as violence and unrest in the last months and weeks...and Eagle kindergarten provides a shelter amidst the ongoing chaos. We look forward to sending money to help with food and supplies for the teachers and the children.



**Mark Your Calendars!
Upcoming Second Harvest
Food Distributions**

October 6
November 17
December 15

God's Work, Our Hands

Our congregation rocks!

A huge thank you and great appreciation for everyone who's helped with fellowship functions this year. The food provided for funerals, memorial services and coffee hour have touched so many and once again shown who we are as a Church body.

With love & gratitude,
the Evangelism Committee



We need your help!
Saturday, October 8th at 9am

Please come and bring your gloves and rakes and shovels so we can clean up the weeds before the snow flies!

Ushers & Greeters

October

2 Hedy Mitchell

9 Tom and Hazel Bauer

16 Liessa Thorson

23 Annie Frederick

30 Les and Blanche Wall

November

6 Katie Kersting

13 Sandy Loskill

20 Elaine Petersen

27 Liessa Thorson


***We have many poets in our congregation --
if you would like to submit a poem for
consideration to print in our newsletter,
please email it to alc.pastors@gmail.com or
give a copy to Pastor Janine.***


The Things I Want You to Know When I Die

"Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8

We have a form available at church that we encourage all of you to pick up. It is to help your family at the time of your death and let them know your wishes. It's always better to fill them out before death is imminent...and gives everyone peace of mind.

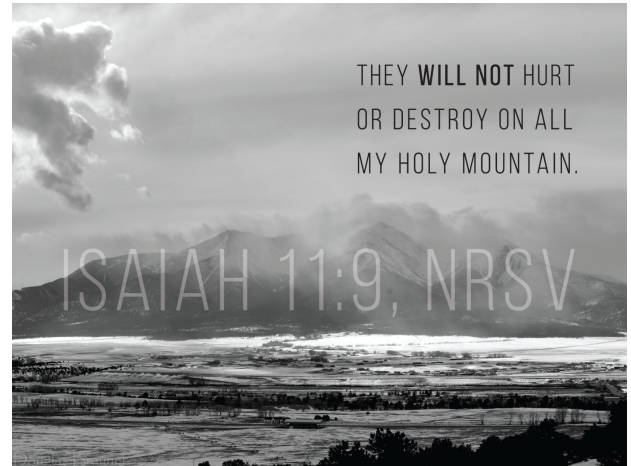
They are available in the entry. We invite you to pick one up, fill it out, and bring it back to church. We'll make a copy to keep on file at church and give you one to have at home as well.

2 9 Sunday School 10 am Worship Noon - "Now is the Time" Study	3 10 am Bible Study noon - Al-anon	4 10 am Quilting	5 7pm Choir	6 Second Harvest 10-noon	7	8 9am - Church Yard Cleanup
9 9 Sunday School 10 am Worship Noon - "Now is the Time" Study	10 10 am Bible Study noon - Al-anon	11 10 am Anna Circle 7pm Council Mtg	12 7pm Choir	13	14	15
16 9 Sunday School 10 am Worship	17 10 am Bible Study noon - Al-anon	18 10 am Quilting	19 7pm Choir	20	21	22
23 9 Sunday School 10 am Worship	24 noon - Al-anon Pastors at Bishop's Convocation - October 24-26	25 10 am Quilting	26 7pm Choir	27	28	29
30 9 Sunday School 10 am Reformation Worship OKTOBERFEST	31 10 am Bible Study noon - Al-anon					

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6 9 Sunday School 10 am All Saints Worship	7 10 am Bible Study noon - Al-anon	8 10 am Anna Circle 7pm Council Mtg	9 7pm Choir	10	11	12
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20 9 Sunday School 10 am Thanksgiving Worship	21 noon - Al-anon Pastors on Vacation - November 21-28	22 10 am Quilting	23 7pm Choir	24 HappyThanksgiving	25	26
27 10 am Worship 1st Sunday of Advent	28 noon - Al-anon	29 10 am Quilting	30 7pm Choir			

The Naming by *Sandee Meade*

I have loved the beggars
yearning their way to these shores,
their carts and bundles,
steerage, baggage and hopes.
Generations of comers, stayers,
users, thrusters, takers, meddlers, gentlers,
builders, namers and risers from dust
bowls of depression,
recessions, economic possession.
We are a tempest tossed weary, teaming people.
We called angels and saints to the western shore:
San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego.
And we enshrined fading memory of an old homeland
along the Atlantic: New York, New Castle,
New Hampshire, New England.
But today a new name will be given
which will not be
Smith
or Clark
or Fredrick,
Mary, Rachel,
John, or Betty.
Not English,
French, Italian,
Russian.
Not Michael as in angels
or Helen as in Troy.
Not historical, political, or religious.
Not an apple pie,
football, presidential,
melting pot name.
No.
You will be called by a sound rising from
this continent,
this turtle island between oceans.
Spirit will name you.



You could be “Grass” like Whitman
or “Pond” like Thoreau,
or Tree, or Elk or Otter,
a growing, breathing,
earthen name,
an innocent radiant presence.
You now belong to the larger family.
Animals will begin to tell you their story,
and between the buildings
you will hear the green,
calling for light, tiny violets
and this time you will not turn away.
The moss’s thick carpet
will hold your footprints
like prayers
of deep pressed blessing
and you will not destroy
or harm
on all this Holy Mountain.

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*Marked with the cross of Christ forever,
we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.*