

LESSON: PSALM 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 *Though* the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. 4 *There is* a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early. 6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. 7 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. 10 Be still, and know that I *am* God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. 11 The LORD of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge.

EPISTLE: 2 THESSALONIANS 2.7-17

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you

to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: 14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

GOSPEL: Matthew 23.1-12

1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, 2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: 3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. 4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers. 5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, 6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, 7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. 8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren. 9 And call no *man* your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ. 11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.



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### The Everlasting Gospel

I am the LORD, thy God.  
Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.  
*Exodus 20:2,3*

October 25, 2020

Reformation  
Sunday

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Today's Usher: *Larry England*

Today's ALTAR FLOWERS - are given to the glory of God by Fay Thomas.

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### THIS WEEK

- Today, 9:15am, Bible class
- Wednesday, 10am, Bible class

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lutherans observe Reformation to thank the Lord for restoring the pure Word of God to his church, and to be admonished to not let the Word be taken from us, but to confess it clearly and truly.

A REFORMATION PRAYER  
by *Dr. Martin Luther*

Dear Father, hallow your name in us and in all the world. Destroy and smother horror, idolatry, and heresy in government and religion. Also all false teachers or divisive spirits who wrongly bear your name and claim and boast something to be your Word that is really lies and deceptions of the devil. Under the disguise of your name they mislead many weak souls throughout the world. They persecute, kill, shed innocent blood, thinking thereby to render you holy service. Dear God, convert and control. Convert those who are still to be converted, that together we may hallow and praise your holy name by pure and true teaching and a good and holy life. Control those who refuse to be converted. May they stop misusing, defaming, dishonoring your holy name and misleading your needy people. Amen.

### NOTES & QUOTES

Cast your sins from yourself upon Christ, believe with a festive spirit that your sins are his wounds and sufferings, that he carries them and makes satisfaction for them, as Is 53,6 says: "Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all;" and St. Peter in his first Epistle 2,24: "Who his own self bare our sins in his

body upon the tree" of the cross; and St. Paul in 2 Cor 5,21: "Him who knew no sin was made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him." Upon these and like passages you must rely with all your weight, and so much the more the harder your conscience martyrs you. For if you do not take this course, but miss the opportunity of stilling your heart, then you will never secure peace, and must yet finally despair in doubt. For if we deal with our sins in our conscience and let them continue within us and be cherished in our hearts, they become much too strong for us to manage and they will live forever. But when we see that they are laid on Christ and he has triumphed over them by his resurrection and we fearlessly believe it, then they are dead and have become as nothing. For upon Christ they cannot rest, there they are swallowed up by his resurrection, and you see now no wound, no pain, in him, that is, no sign of sin. Thus St. Paul speaks in Rom 4,25, that he was delivered up for our trespasses and was raised for our justification; that is, in his sufferings he made known our sins and also crucified them; but by his resurrection he makes us righteous and free from all sin, even if believe the same differently.

*Sermons of Martin Luther - The Church Postils, Vol. 2. Sermon for Good Friday, pp. 189f.*

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

- Psalms - 60-66
- OT - Lam 3-5; Ezek 1-4
- NT - Rom 12-16; 1 Cor 1-2