## Welcome Guests!

*(Members for info change)*

*We are glad you are worshipping with us today! Please fill out for your entire family, tear off, and place in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Thank you!*

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*I am a guest of* _____

- ☐ *First Time Guest*
- ☐ *Returning Guest*
- ☐ *New to Area*
- ☐ *Would like a visit*
- ☐ *Would like to know more about St. Mark*
- ☐ *Other* _____

***Prayer Request***

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- ☐ *Today* ***(Please hand to Pastor)***
- ☐ *Prayer Chain*
- ☐ *Congregation at Prayer*
- ☐ *Pastor Kolb*

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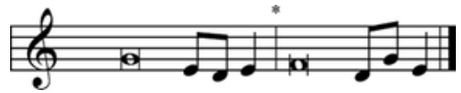
# *St. Mark Lutheran Church*

*is a Christ centered, Historic, Liturgical, Lutheran Congregation in the heart of Waco, Texas.*
*We have been serving Waco and the surrounding communities since 1917*

Reformation Sunday - Observed
October 25, 2026

**DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE**
***Lutheran Service Book*, page 151**

**Introit** *(Tone C)* *Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.
**I will bless the Lord at | all times;***
**his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**
My soul makes its boast | in the Lord;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.
**Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;***
**I will teach you the fear | of the Lord.**
The Lord redeems the life of his | servants;*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**
**as it was in the be- | ginning,***
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

**Collect of the Day**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

**First Reading** *Revelation 14:6–7*

Then 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. And 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.
**C Thanks be to God.**
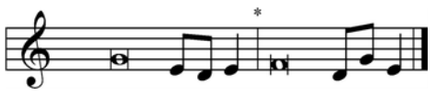
**Psalm** *Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7*

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
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 her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
**and to the Holy Spirit;**
**as it was in the beginning,**
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Gradual** *(Tone C)* *Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a*



Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!
**Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,***
**consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,**
that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

**Epistle** *Romans 3:19–28*
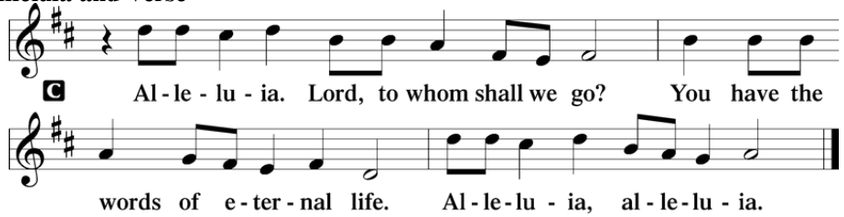
Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom 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. It 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.

Then 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. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

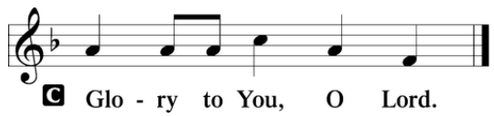
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**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**




**Holy Gospel** *John 8:31–36*

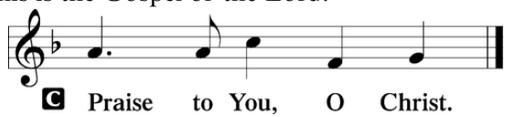
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.




So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.




**REFORMATION DAY**
(OBSERVED)
**October 25, 2026**

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