

God Is - Part 1

Psalm 46:1 (ESV) says, ¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The above passage makes it clear that God is a very present help in trouble. But first you must believe that **God is**, or the best you can hope for is good luck, destiny, karma, Satan, human help, or yourself. How far do you think that'll get you? When the doctor says he can't do any more to save you or a loved one, who will you turn to? When you've run out of answers and need guidance, where will you go to find them? When you're guilt-ridden and long for peace and forgiveness, who'll provide them for you?

When you do away with God you become your own god, because you recognize no greater power in the universe than yourself. You can see why the Bible says in *Psalm 14:1 (ESV)*, ¹The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. How foolish to cut yourself off from the greatest source of help in all the universe! For the next few days let's talk about why **God is** and why you should put your trust in Him.

First, let's look at astronomy. The Bible says in *Psalm 19:1-4 (ESV)*, ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. ²Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. ³There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

⁴Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun. Paul writes in Romans 1:19-20 (ESV), ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. Psalm 119:1 (ESV) says,

God is - and you can have a personal relationship with Him when you have a saving relationship with His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ has died! Christ is risen! He will come again!

Prayer Requests



Those who are ill:

Don Adams, Pamela Andrews, Gloria Balgeman, Alicia Briskev (acute leukemia), Steve Collins (Linda Butt's son-in-law), Payton Cowan, Harley and Janie Eaves (Pastor Eaves' parents), Rose Hardwig, Kim Jacobson (Wendy Jacobson's daughter-in-law). Karen Johnson (brain and lung cancer), Ernst Kohn, Daniel Kowalski, Linda Mandell, Paul Mills, Dave Neisendorf, Dennis Roush, Lynn Robertson (cancer), Shirley Schneider (Marilyn Eaves' mom), Andy Schuring, Norm Schuring, Shaquita (Nakaila Slaughter's mother), Marilyn Thompson, Kathy Voog (breast cancer), and Andrea Zachotina.

Those residing in healthcare centers:

Don & Elaine Adams (Heritage Woods), Dave & Carol Bahr (Highland Oaks), Donna Butts (unknown), Marie Gehrke (Avondale), Meta Meyer (The Pointe at Eastgate), Ellen Nelson (The Sheridan at Tyler Creek), Bill Mikesell (Crescent Care), and the residents at Deer Path Assisted Living.

Those serving in our military: Aidan Buttrum and Ally Mills



Attendance



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October 1: 55
October 8: 52
October 15: 56
October 22: 60
October 29:

True Practice of Faith

Giving back to God from what He has given you is a question not of reason or convenience or what God will do for us but of faith in God as our Creator. Giving back involves complete trust in His providential promises.

Altar Guild



Altar Flowers are always, first and foremost, given for the glory of God.

October 29

In honor of Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier's wedding anniversary, October 31.

Thanksgiving Eve Services

Wednesday, November 22 1:30 pm & 7:30 pm

Life Quote - October 29, 2023

"On this Reformation weekend, let's rekindle our commitment to be faithful to the God who both



preserves and redeems this world in His ways. And let's remind ourselves of the blessings that come from following Him in all things, now and forever." Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of Lutherans Center for Religious Liberty—A Life Quote from Lutherans for Life, lutheransforlife.org.

Life Thought - October 29, 2023 - Pentecost XXII (Proper 25A)

Our Reformation heritage includes boldly and gladly confessing God's Word. The Scriptures speak frequently and forcefully of taking care of children (1 Thessalonians 2:7) and standing up for a neighbor's life (Leviticus 19:16). Christians cannot promote or even permit putting people to death by abortion, assisted suicide, and embryo experimentation. Love for our Father means love for each other!

Poinsettia Sale

Cost: \$11 for a 6 1/2" pot of red, white, or pink poinsettias. Signup sheet in narthex. Make checks payable to: St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and leave them in the office.

Faith Comes By Hearing

The Sundays in November there will be freewill offerings for the Faith Comes by Hearing ministry. Since its inception, Faith Comes By Hearing has been partnering to provide God's Word to every person.

Jerry and Anet Jackson founded Faith Comes By Hearing (then known as Hosanna) in 1972 as a Christian tape-lending library. Thanks to their unwavering commitment to the Word of God, Faith Comes By Hearing is now a recognized leader in Audio Bible production and engagement.

Through our wide range of listening programs—whether in a group centered on a physical Audio Bible device or personally through various digital means—hundreds of millions of people around the world have encountered God's truth in their heart language. Today, Faith Comes By Hearing provides God's audible Word in 1894 languages, and we press on to ensure that every translated language has Scripture by the year 2033.

Here are some staggering facts: the Earth's population is in the billions, and it's growing every day. There are over 7,100 languages spoken all over the world. 70% of people alive today primarily learn through audible communication, and 50% cannot read at a functional level. How will they ever hear the Gospel? There's no way that one ministry can complete this task alone. More than 180,000 men and women enter and leave military service every year, many of them unchurched. As well, veterans often struggle with post-traumatic stress, enduring physical and mental wounds that last decades. Thanks to thousands of chaplains, they can find answers to their questions; and thanks to you, they can receive the Word of God on a portable BibleStick.

The provision of God's audible Word to our service members and veterans through the Military BibleStick program is one branch of our efforts to record and provide God's Word in every language that needs it by 2033.

Family in Need – Steve and Lynn Robertson, former members of St. Peter's are in need of assistance. Lynn was diagnosed with a very aggressive type of brain cancer. Please pray for them. Lynn would love to have visitors. Their address is: **9117 Rugh Court, Huntley, IL.** Steve's cell number is 847.975.5208.

Honey Sundays – Today, October 29 through next Sunday, November 5, we will have forms available on a table in the narthex for you to purchase bottles of honey at \$11 each from the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch which is in North Dakota. The honey can be ordered for and sent to anyone you wish. Purchasing the honey supports this organization which provides treatment to traumatized children living at the Ranch with chapel services, psychiatric therapy, and trauma-informed care and helps them become their best selves. You may also order online at www.dakotaranch.org/honeysunday/; scroll down to click on Honey Online Order Form.

Seminary Family Christmas Gifts – The four Sundays in November a tree will be in the narthex with ornaments listing gift ideas for five St. Louis seminary families and 14 children. Please feel free to take any ornaments to buy gifts for them. Return the Christmas wrapped gifts, with your name and address on the inside by Friday, December 1. Be sure the family number on the ornament and the person's name is on the outside of the package. You can attach the ornament on the outside if you wish. Thank you for your generosity to these families.

Worship Assistants							
	Elder	Usher	Greeters	Reader	Altar Guild		
10/29	Jeff Pergande	Fern Petersen	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier	Bette Wine	Carol Wieg		
11/5	Bob Felbinger	Christy Petersen	Beth Jack, Betty Kurtz	Jeff Pergande	Kathy Pergande		
11/12	Steve Sporleder	Fred Rackow	Marilyn Eaves	Sonja Sporleder	Kathy Pergande		
11/19	Jeff Pergande	Nancy Heine	Bette Wine	Paul Tegtmeier	Kathy Pergande		
11/26	Bob Felbinger	Fern Petersen	Dave & Pam Neisendorf	Marilyn Eaves	Kathy Pergande		

Birthdays				
10/29	Valerie Dorwaldt			
10/31	Dick Bartels Leslie Stoner			
11/3	Ted Tegtman			
11/4	Claudia Andrews LeAnn Stuehler			
Wedding Anniversary				
10/31	Paul & Darlene Tegtmeier			
Baptism Anniversary				
10/29	Sydney Razo			
10/30	Carol Large			
11/1	Bart Needham			

Lutheran Hour

October 29

"What Are People Good For?"
Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Our family and friends are with us
in life but they can't shield us from
life and all its uncertainty. Where
will you find security?

November 5

"Times of Mourning, Times of Blessing" Rev. Dr. John Nunes We will all go through times of mourning, but we don't all necessarily face it the same way.

Broadcast Stations & Times: Sundays

WGN 720 AM, 6:30 am WGSL 91.1 FM, 4:30 pm WKKD 1580 AM, 9:30 am

This Week						
Sunday, 10/29	Worship Reformation Sunday Children's Sunday School Lesson: Magi Worship Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12)	9:00 am 10:00 am				
Wednesday, 11/1	Adult Bible Study Chapel - Deer Path	10:30 am				
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Thursday, 11/2	Ladies' Aid Bible Study Elders' Meeting	12:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm				
Looking Ahead						
Sunday, 11/5	Daylight Saving Time Begins Worship All Saints' Day Donut (hosted by Board of Outreach) & LWML* Mites Sunday	2:00 am 9:00 am				
	Children's Sunday School Lesson: Jesus Gathers Disciples (John 1:35-51) Adult Bible Study	10:00 am				
Wednesday, 11/8	Chapel - Deer Path Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Choir	10:00 am 11:45 am 7:00 pm				
Thursday, 11/9	Chapel - Little Saints Preschool Bible Study	11:15 am 1:30 pm				
Sunday, 11/12	Worship Armed Forces Remembrance Day Children's Sunday School Lesson: Jesus' Friends Go with Him to the Garden (Luke 22:31-65)	9:00 am 10:00 am				
	Adult Bible Study	10:30 am				
Wednesday 11/15	Chapel - Deer Path Choir	10:00 am 7:00 pm				
Thursday, 11/16	Pinochle Bible Study Preschool Board Meeting	1:00 pm 1:30 pm 6:30 pm				

^{*} Lutheran Women's Missionary League

"A big Thank You to everyone who helped Outreach with last week's Bake Sale. Whether you baked a goodie, bought a goodie, helped to sell the goodies, or prayed for us...Thank You!! The proceeds will be donated to the Prayer Shawl Ministry, Orphan Grain Train, Fern for May Tea, Burlington Food Pantry, and Seminary gifts at Christmas." - Beth Jack

Livestream St. Peter's Sunday Worship at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY-0ZhtspZkK7vIpJ7DEY1Q

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