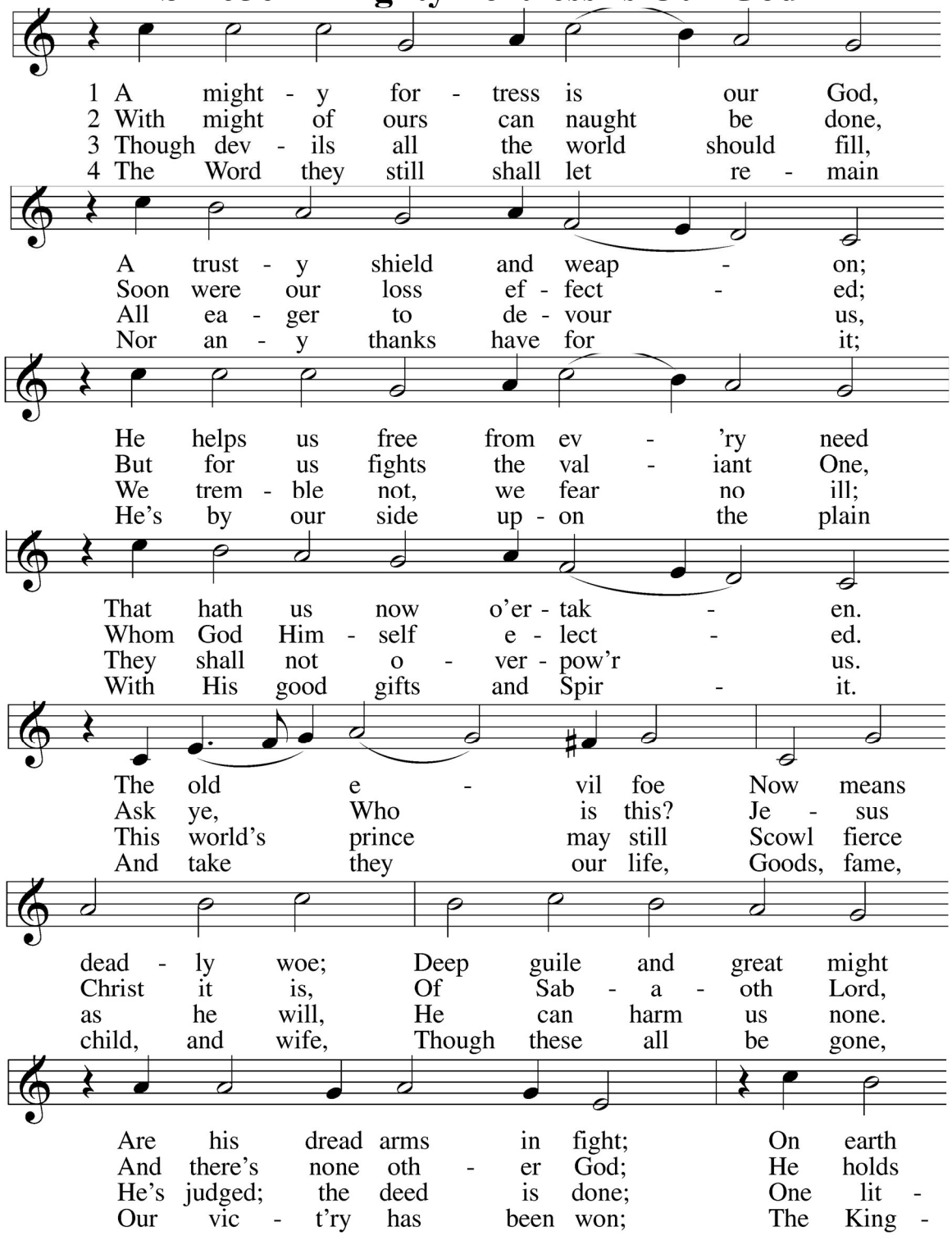
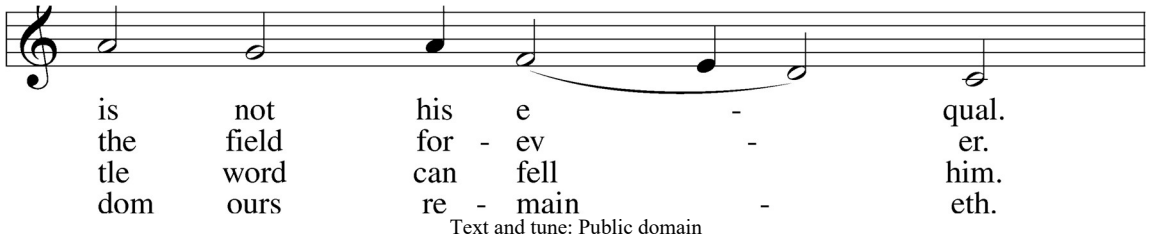
Pastor's Bible Study

October 21, 2026 – Reformation Weekend (Observed)

LSB 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God





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Read Psalm 46:

1. Why is this psalm fitting for the Reformation celebration?
2. What does this psalm tell us about God?
3. To what does this psalm point us?
4. Why might verse 10 stand out among all the verses of the psalm?

Read John 8:31-36:

1. How does this passage connect to Psalm 46?
2. What does freedom mean in this passage?
3. To what is this freedom connected?

Devotional Thought:
The almighty and Most High God controls nature, safeguards His chosen city against attacking foes, and stands over all nations at war. He is our sure fortress. In mercy, He makes Himself accessible and is therefore, "God with us." We as individuals, and as the Church, experience many troubles in this life on account of the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature. Yet amid every crisis of body or soul, God is with us in His Son so that we may face every upheaval *(TLSB, pg. 892)*.

Prayer: O Lord, make us to know You as our refuge and strength, our very present help in every trouble. Amen.