

Good Samaritan Church

Las Vegas, NV

Sunday, October 26, 2025
Reformation Sunday

MESSAGE OUTLINE

Bible Reading: Psalm 46

I Will Face _____

Psalm 46:2-3 – “Though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea...”

 **Key Point:** Life is full of uncertainty—emotional, spiritual, cultural. I can’t escape the storm, but I can be honest about it.

 **Historical Insight:** Martin Luther wrote the hymn, *A Mighty Fortress*, in the middle of massive personal and cultural storms—threats from the Church, political upheaval, spiritual despair. He didn’t hide from the chaos; he named it, then looked higher.

I Can Trust in _____

Psalm 46:1 – “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Isaiah 25:4 – “You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress...”

 **Key Point:** I don’t need to be strong—I need to be sheltered. God is not distant or delayed. He is very present, right in the middle of the mess.

 **Historical Insight:** Luther called God a “fortress”—the strongest image of protection in his world. Today, I might say ***“shelter”***—**a place of safety from the storms I cannot control.

I Can Claim _____ —Now

Psalm 46:10 – “Be still and know that I am God...”

John 16:33 – “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

 **Key Point:** Victory in Jesus isn’t something I earn—it’s something I step into by faith. Even while storms rage, I can stand in the finished work of Christ.

 **Historical Insight:** Luther wrote: “One little word shall fell him.” That “word” is Jesus—the Word made flesh. The Reformation wasn’t about winning arguments; it was about returning to the Word and finding the victory already written.

