

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, August 3, 2025 10:00AM

REGULAR PRINT = PRESIDING MINISTER OR ASSISTING MINISTER

BOLD PRINT = CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

✠ = AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE, THE SIGN OF THE CROSS MAY BE
MADE BY ALL IN REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR BAPTISM

*The red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP service book and hymnal is used for the
liturgy.*

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We Stand)

*Words to be spoken or sung by the assembly are indicated in **bold type**.*

Prelude

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the
presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows. When all we can muster
are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those also. When we feel that we aren't even
worthy to approach God, the Spirit goes before us and with us and God welcomes us
with arms open.

Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Let us confess our sins together, saying,

God of amazing love and unexpected grace, open our eyes that we may see You especially in those times when we feel abandoned by You; forgive us that we so easily allow circumstance to blind us to Your Presence.

Touch our lives that we may know You especially in those times when we feel unable to cope; forgive us that we too frequently mistrust Your power.

Fill our hearts that we may become like You especially when Your message needs to be heard; Forgive us that we forget who we are: children of God with Your Spirit in us.

Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17-18)

Thanks be to God!

In the Morning When I Rise

Give Me Jesus



1 In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid - night was my cry, dark . . . mid - night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

II Corinthians 13: 13

And also with you.

LITANY OF WELCOME

God has shown us what is good, and what then is required of us?
**To act justly; to love mercy;
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Micah 6: 8

Jesus says, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me,
and anyone who welcomes me
welcomes the One who sent me."

Matthew 10: 40

The Spirit says, "Come."

**Let each one who hears the Spirit say, "Come,"
for all are welcome here.**

Revelation 22: 17

In this service, let us draw near to our Reconciling Redeemer,
who knows our hearts and is able to mend our souls,
to strengthen and sustain us,
to reconcile our broken relationships and heal our wounds.

Let us worship God now

**With words that proclaim God's inclusive love,
With works that bring forth God's powerful justice,
And with worship that rejoices in God's wondrous presence,
Now and always,
Amen!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

As the Wind Song through the Trees

Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020

Lim Swee Hong, 1963-

1. As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the breeze,
2. As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a - gain,
so it is with the Spir - it of God, as the heart made strange - ly warm,
so it is with the Spir - it of God, as the green - ing in the spring,
as the voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
as the kite high on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has blown
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come true,
bring - ing life, bring - ing pow'r to the world,
bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,
as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de - sire,
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the sweet wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spir - it of God.
so it is with the Spir - it of God.

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and psalm.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

Read responsively

¹ Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
² **both low and high,
rich and poor together.**
³ My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**
⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

**⁶ those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

⁷ Truly, no ransom avails for one's life;
there is no price one can give to God for it.

**⁸ For the ransom of life is costly
and can never suffice,**

⁹ that one should live on forever
and never see the Pit.

**¹⁰ When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together
and leave their wealth to others.**

¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.

**¹² Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from Colossians.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

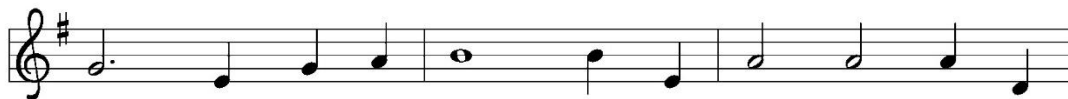
Pastor Steven

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.

Prayers of the Church and Response

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody is: C4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The bass line is: C3 (half). The second system has a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody is: C4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The bass line is: C3 (half). Chords are indicated above the notes: Em, Em/D, Am/C, D, G/B, C, Am, B.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, an-swer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come, and lis-ten to me.

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Command your angels concerning all who are sick, especially those we remember silently in our hearts and with voice upon our lips (pause) *Maria Gallego* (mother of Pastor Steven); *Tiffanie Reeves*; *Marcus Mann* (father of Marc Mann); *Joe Black* (father of Lynn Black); *Bill Black* (brother of Lynn Black); *Sharon Baldwin*; *Tracy Hamiter*; *Connie Pool*; *Emmy Reeves*; *Bobbie Prosser*; *Sarah Trani*; *Jeff Harrell*; *James Deckle*; *Candy Pennington*, (friend of Peg Thompson), *Sharon May* (wife of Peggy Thompson). God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The assembly remains standing for sharing the Peace.

PEACE

ELW pg. 106

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,

"Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

The OFFERING & OFFERTORY

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Offertory Anthem

"Somebody's Calling My Name!"

Choir

Hush! Hush! Somebody's callin' my name! *(3 times)*

O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?

Sounds like Jesus! Somebody's callin' my name! *(3 times)*

O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?

Soon, soon, death come creepin' in my room! *(3 times)*

O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?

Hush, Hush, Somebody's callin' my name...

Hush, Hush, Somebody's callin' my name...

Hush! Hush! Somebody's callin' my name!

O my Lord, O my Lord, what shall I do?

Doxology

Praise God the Father, Christ the Son

Irish traditional

Louis Bourgeois, 1539

The musical score is written for a piano in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a simple harmonic accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God the Fa-ther, Christ the Son, And Ho-ly Spir-it, Three - in One;
God's love pro-claim from shore to shore, For - ev-er and for - ev-er-more. A-men.

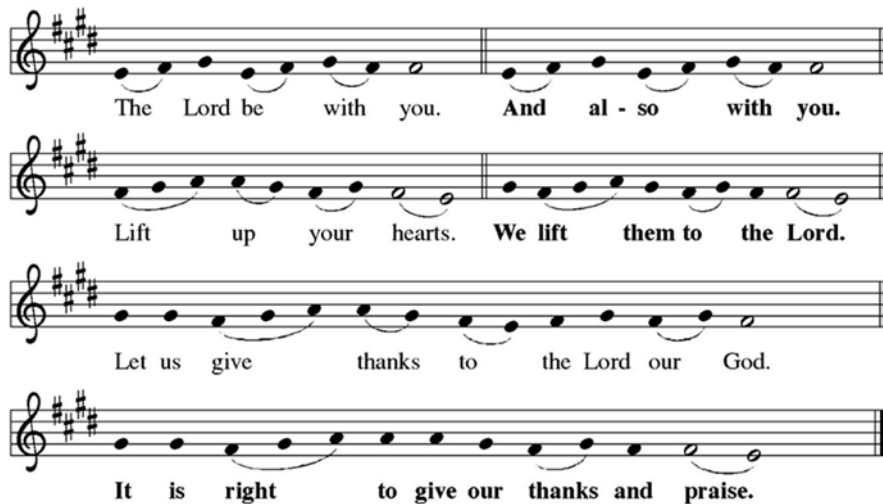
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE and SANCTUS

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful
God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting, and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

All creation sings your praise.

Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory.

Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

With Sarah and Abraham, we go out in faith, trusting your promise.

With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage.

With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love.

With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship.

With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus, the Holy One.

With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary, we give thanks for the blessings of family.

With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near.

With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me,

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us. You are our heart's desire.

You are our priceless treasure. You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine. Come among us, O passionate Fire.

Come within us, O Spirit of unity. Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty.

Bless our table and the feast we share. Bless us with gladness of heart. Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

At this table, make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace.

Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Praise to you, Author of creation.

Praise to you, O Beloved One.

Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.

Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORSHIP IS THIS SHARED MEAL

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us as members of God's family in Christ, as we share in this powerful gift of God's love and grace for the whole human family. We gather around the altar, kneeling or standing, wherever there is a place. The presiding minister offers wheaten wafers but can provide a gluten free wafer by request.

The assisting minister offers individual cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) for you to choose. The church also affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. If you prefer to commune in your pew with a prepackaged communion set, please alert an usher.

COMMUNION SONG

ELW#461 (Red book)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
- 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
- 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, Lamb of God



The assembly stands and the presiding minister says a table blessing.

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.. **Amen.**

COMMISSION and BENEDICTION

Go now, and live before God in openness and integrity.

Set your minds on the ways of God,

not clinging to your own life,

but taking up your cross and following Jesus.

And may God give you a share in the eternal covenant;

May Christ Jesus be proud of you when he comes in glory;

And may the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in faith

and lead you in the ways of righteousness.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Announcements

100th Year Anniversary Committee Meeting today

We will meet today after worship to plan the 100th year anniversary celebration of Reformation Lutheran Church. We welcome all who would like to participate. **See Dot Jeffcoat with questions.**

NEXT SUNDAY - Congregational Meeting Sunday August 10

All members of Reformation are encouraged to attend a **congregational meeting** after the service on **August 10** to discuss church finances and consider action related to the church's mission support giving and the possible sale of the small parking lot. Please contact Pastor Steven or any member of council with any questions.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

The next Wednesday night fellowship opportunity is going to be bowling on **August 6**. Pastor would like to know if you could attend, which bowling alley location would be most helpful, either the one in Cayce or the one in Irmo. Contact Pastor Steven – pastor@reformationcae.org.

On **August 20th** we continue with the fourth installment of Lutheranism 101. Bring your dinner and have some great conversations about what it means to be Lutheran.

Saturday, August 9 – Save the Date and save your appetite!!

There will be a BBQ Fundraiser held at Reformation on Saturday, August 9 from 5pm-7pm to support Gamecock Lutheran. This is a fundraiser sponsored in part by the Reformation Church Council. Make sure you join us!

Back-to-School Supply Drive – Help Us Bless Local Families!

Reformation Lutheran Church is collecting school supplies to support children and families in need as they prepare for the 2025–2026 school year. Your donations will help equip students with the tools they need to succeed!

We are especially in need of:

- Backpacks
- Notebooks
- Pencils and Pens
- Crayons and Markers
- Glue Sticks and Scissors
- Folders and Binders

Donations can be dropped off in the designated bins located in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall through **Sunday, August 11**. Let's come together as a church family to share God's love and help our neighbors start the school year strong!

Rally Day September 7th

Join us for 100% attendance on Sunday and Rally Day on September 7th. We will have a potluck, games, the dedication of the nursery, and the launching of Kids Kingdom.

God's Work Our Hands

On Sunday, September 7th, we will be participating with the rest of the South Carolina Synod in volunteering in our community. We will have different types of volunteering depending on mobility and ability. Projects may include things like yard work, making prayer shawls, and going to the food bank. The idea is to gather for a shortened service, go out and serve, and then share our stories.

New Blue Envelopes Available in the Pews

Thank you to all who faithfully use the blue pew envelopes to support the mission and ministry of Reformation Lutheran Church. Your gifts sustain the wide variety of programs, outreach efforts, and worship life of our congregation. The pew racks have been replenished, making it easier to make a recorded contribution. If you are behind on your 2025 pledge or haven't started giving, we encourage you to do what you can to catch up.

We are currently behind in our anticipated giving and appreciate any effort to help close the gap. A special thank you to those who continue to give faithfully and regularly — your generosity helps us serve God and neighbor through Reformation Church.

Would You Be Willing to Make Prayer Shawls?

The Kindness Team is excited to share that we will be replacing coffee mugs in our new member welcome bags with handmade *prayer shawls*—a more personal and meaningful gift for each household. If you knit or crochet, we would love for you to join us in this ministry. We typically receive new members quarterly (on 5th Sundays), with an average of 5 or more households joining each time. There is no specific pattern or color required, though **red** is a meaningful color for Reformation. A typical shawl measures approximately **57–58 inches long** and **24–36 inches wide**, but the design is left to the creative heart of the maker.

If you're willing to contribute, please contact **Lynn Black** or **Dot Jeffcoat** to get involved.

Coffee Hour

If you can help out with coffee hour, check with Alicia Javis. You can help by providing foods and/or by helping her set up and clean up. This is an important part of our hospitality and kindness ministry. Kindness is contagious.

Announcements to share - To include information from your committee or task group, submit brief messages (2-4 sentences) to the church office by **Monday at Noon** – officeofreform@gmail.com.

REFORMATION LUTHERAN IS AN INCLUSIVE, LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING church



that believes Christ calls us to serve others with joy. Safe Space Dinners, a ministry for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth, including people of color. The ministry is simple. On the second and fourth Thursday of each month, these youth (14-23 years old) are offered a safe space and time to gather for a time to rest and recharge, a home-cooked meal, a haircut, and a backpack of items they will find helpful in their day-to-day life. There are always a number of games to play, including video games. Sometimes we have entertainment from the community. There is no preaching, no conversion therapy attempts; only support and comfort. This is a ministry of giving – nothing more.

OPPORTUNITIES of WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

In Person Sunday Worship Livestream - 10:00 am-11:00 am www.reformationcae.org
Coffee Hour is held after the worship service in the Reformation Fellowship Hall.

Welcome to Reformation Lutheran Church

Whether you are visiting today or a longtime member, we are grateful to gather with you in worship. Our community is rooted in love, service, and the grace of Christ. If you're visiting, please fill out a visitor card located in the back of the pew and place it in the offering receptacle. We would love to keep in touch with you.

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