

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

The Third Sunday in Lent - Reconciling in Christ Sunday

Celebrating 100 years in ministry!

SUNDAY, March 8, 2026 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

Visitors: We welcome you to Reformation Lutheran Church and are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship God. We hope you find it meaningful for your faith life and that you will return.

Please complete a Visitor Card in the small pew rack and put it in the offering plate so we can thank you for coming. You may hand the card to the pastor or an usher. Also, please sign our guest register which is near the entrance.

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for our weekly fellowship time with food and beverage. Today's meal is a special potluck with baked chicken and beef stew supplied by the church and side dishes and desserts prepared by members. We express welcome and gratitude especially to the Rev. Bill Eiwen, who was the Pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church from 2007 to 2012, who is serving as our special anniversary guest preacher today.

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

PRELUDE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: RECONCILING IN CHRIST – OUR ROOTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may stand and 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,
in whose image each person is created,
whose mercy and steadfast love endure forever.

Amen.

We give you thanks, O God, for this water
that comes to us as a gift from our Creator,
the source of all that is good and life-giving.
You are a generous and loving God who blesses us through water
and who claims all people in the fullness of
gender identity, race, ethnicity, gender expression,
immigration status, beliefs, and abilities.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

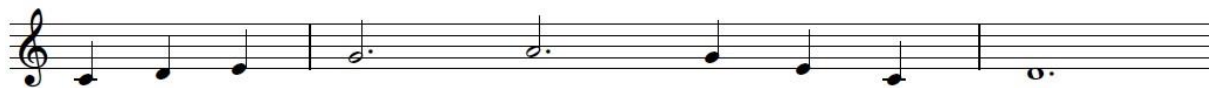
Queerly Beloved

Amanda Udis-Kessler

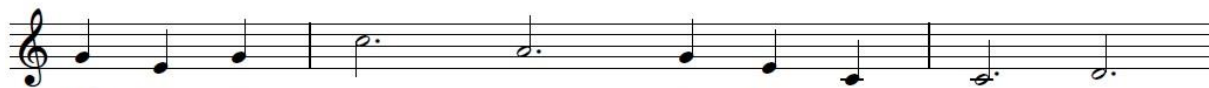
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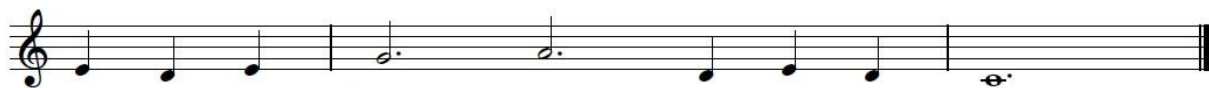
1. Queer-ly be - lov - ed, we have as - sem - bled,
2. Queer-ly be - lov - ed, we have been hat - ed,
3. Queer-ly be - lov - ed, we have dis - cov - ered



Join - ing in won - der, sing - ing in praise.
Treat - ed as out - casts, rag - ged and rough.
Love that is per - fect, end - ing our fear.



Lift - ing our eyes now, rais - ing our voic - es,
Still we per - sist now, joy - ous and grate - ful,
There is a truth now wait - ing to claim us.



Trust - ing in hope, in love, and in faith.
Trust - ing that grace is ev - er e - nough.
There is a call so strong and so clear.

GREETING OF THE DAY

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,

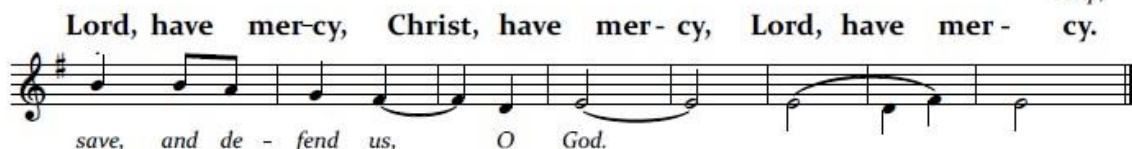
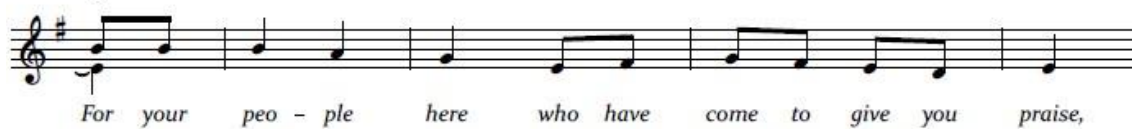
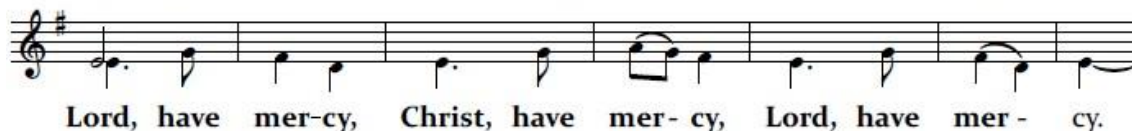
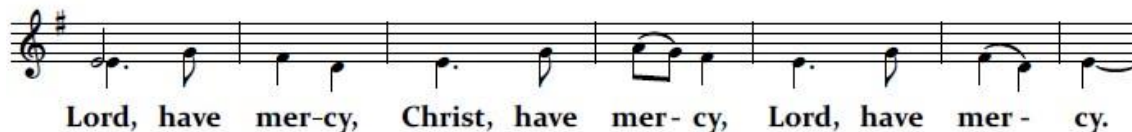
And with worship that rejoices in God's wondrous presence,

Now and always,

Amen!

Kyrie

Kyrie



A - - men.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Steven

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-6

(chanted in unison)

- ¹ **Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.**
- ² Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
- ³ **For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.**
- ⁴ In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.
- ⁵ **The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.**
- ⁶ Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.*

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

A reading from Romans.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

The Word made flesh dwells among us.

Full of grace and truth.

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour

is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Word of Life!

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Bill Eiwen

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

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



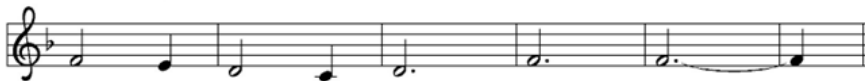
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

The assembly stands to receive new members.

Welcoming New Members to the Congregation Through Affirmation of Baptism Presentation of New Members

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for **Danette Todd, Eme Crawford, Michelle Schohn, Mary Glantz, Taylor Harmon, and Sandie Pressley**, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

Address and Questions

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place? If so, say I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for Danette, Eme, Michelle, Mary, Taylor and Sandie in their lives in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Let us welcome our siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks for our siblings in Christ, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

Holy Baptism

Presentation

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Hannah Harmon, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Each candidate responds:

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Hannah Harmon and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Hannah Harmon I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

Amen.

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Hannah Harmon with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Hannah Harmon, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH and SHARING of PEACE

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Creator in prayer.

A brief silence.

We pray for our pastors, deacons, bishops, and church leaders, that they may guide us well as we become a loving, welcoming, and resilient community in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for ReconcilingWorks and all of our Reconciling in Christ congregations and ministry partners. We pray that the whole church may someday become a blessed community where all our LGBTQIA+ siblings are celebrated. Spirit, intercede for us,

Send wholeness to our church.

We pray for our siblings all around the world. We pray that leaders everywhere recognize and respond to the suffering of the poor, marginalized, and persecuted. We pray that governments enact laws that protect them. We pray that your hand of justice defend them. Spirit, intercede for us,

Send wholeness to the nations.

We pray for people who have chaos swirling around and within them. We pray for those who have been told they are lesser, wrong, or outcast for who they are. We pray that all of us find true peace, joy, and wholeness in you. We pray for people who are victims of violence because of homophobia, transphobia, racism, sexism, and ableism. We pray for your mercy, love, and healing to care for them. Spirit, intercede for us,

Send wholeness to your children.

We pray for all who need your healing touch, especially those we remember silently in our hearts and with voice upon our lips (pause)... Jill Russell (aunt of Mark Russell); David Cossey (stepfather of Ben Bullock); Maria Gallego (mother of Pastor Steven); Tiffanie Reeves; 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)... Spirit, intercede for us,

Send wholeness to us all.

We give you thanks for all our siblings who have gone before us in the fight for justice, freedom and peace, even when church and society ignored them and when many of your LGBTQIA+ children forgot them. Help us remember and honor the memory of the people who have boldly stood as themselves, revealing the person you created them to be, even when the world told them to hide. Spirit, intercede for us,

Send wholeness to this community and allies.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ, our holy wisdom.

Amen.

The assembly remains standing for sharing the Peace.

PEACE

The spirit-filled peace of Christ be with you always!

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with a sign of this spirit-filled peace, respecting the boundaries and honoring the consent of our neighbors.

After sharing the Peace, 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:

"Jesus Met the Woman at the Well" by Mahalia Jackson

Jesus Met the Woman at the well, Lord! (3 times)

And He told her everything she had done.

He said, "Woman, woman, where is your husband?" (3 times)

She said, "Lord, O my Lord, I have none."

He said, "Woman, woman, you have five husbands!" (3 times)

"And the one you have now is not your own!"

She went running, running, down to the city, (3 times)

said, "He knows everything I have done!"

Jesus Met the Woman at the well, Lord! (3 times)

And He told her everything she had done. Doxology

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, the Source of Breath and Birth

The Rev. Mary Luti

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God, the Source of breath and birth, Who formed us

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass clef. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note on 'birth' marked with a fermata. The bass line consists of block chords and single notes.

from the dust of earth, And made us kin in u - ni - ty,

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and bass line. It includes a fermata on the word 'earth' and another on the final 'ty'.

To love and set each oth - er free. A - men.

The third line of musical notation concludes the piece. It features a fermata on the word 'free' and ends with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, from nothing you created not only us as your beloved children, but everything we would need to have an abundant life. As we bring our varied gifts to you, strengthen us as we celebrate the diversity with which you have blessed us. Fill us with what we need, and help us recognize that there is more than enough for all, as we work to bring your love to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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.

Birthered into your beautiful creation, Jesus taught us to live in harmony
and wholeness. By the work of Christ, you call us to pursue justice
and abundant life for all people.

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:

SANCTUS (tune: "Morning Has Broken")

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (sanctus)

Buinessan, trad. Gaelic

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2. Blest is the One who comes in the name, in the
pow - er, God of might: Heav-en and earth are full of your
name of the Lord. Ho - - san - na in the
glo - ry. Ho - - san - na in the high - est!
high - est! Ho - - san - na in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God, Creator of this wild and wonderful world.
In the beginning, you called forth light from the shadows;
You filled land and sea with life;
You filled us with your own Spirit.
You so loved your own creation that you set your rainbow in the sky;
You promised life in a world that brings death;
You sent Jesus, your Son, to gather us close to you,
Who, on the night in which he was betrayed,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this, and remember me.
Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it to those gathered at the table, saying:
This cup is the new promise in my blood,
shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this, and remember me.
As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of many names, pour out your Spirit upon us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this meal of shared life for the sake of the world,
and fill us with your own thirst for beauty and hunger for justice,
that we may continue in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ.
All things bright and beautiful are entrusted to us by you,
and with all creation we praise you, O God,
blessed and Holy Trinity, now and always.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

Heavenly God, giver of life, holy is your name,

your blessed community come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.


Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For you reign in power and glory now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (tune: "Amazing Grace")

Lamb of God

(tune: Amazing Grace)



O Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of all the world.
Have mer - cy on us, Lamb of God, and grant to us Your peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

This table belongs to Jesus and the meal is offered by Jesus, and so all of God's children are welcome to celebrate. Jesus is made known to us in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine. Come, for the Table is ready.

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 HYMN:

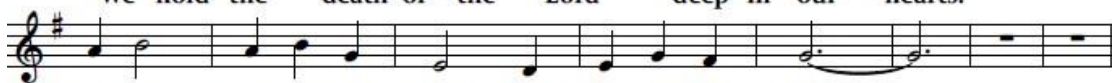
Now We Remain

David Haas

REFRAIN (repeated after each verse)



We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.



Liv-ing, now we re - main with Je - sus the Christ.

VERSES (Cantor, Choir, or Congregation)



1. Once we were peo-ple a - fraid, lost in the night. Then by your



cross we were saved; dead be-came liv-ing, life from your giv-ing,



2. Some-thing that we have known, some-thing we've touched,



what we have seen with our eyes, this we have heard: life-giv-ing Word.



3. He chose to give of him - self, be-came our bread; bro-ken,



that we might live; love be-yond love, pain for our pain.



4. We are the pres-ence of God; this is our call;



now to be - come bread and wine, food for the hun-gry, life for the



wea-ry; for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN: “Jesus, Lamb of God”

Jesus, Lamb of God

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Lamb of God". It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;" for the first system and "Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name." for the second system. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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 God’s grace.

Amen!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Jesus our Friend and Savior, your life, death, and resurrection changed our world.

May this bread and wine bless us and sustain us

in the building of a blessed community that welcomes all people,
that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

As we leave this space may God's face shine upon us,

God's love sustain us, and God's peace inspire us and give us peace.

May God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer – fill us with all joy and peace in
believing, that we may live in hope of a blessed community where humanity's diversity is
celebrated. **Amen.**

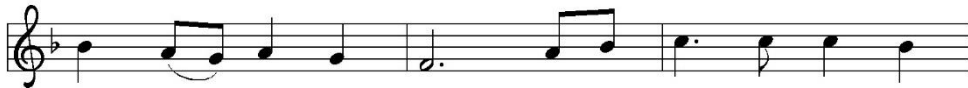
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

SENDING

Go in peace to seek justice for all people.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers on the altar today are given by Reformation Church with thanks and grateful appreciation to the many people, members and non-members, who supported and encouraged us on our RIC journey and ministries.

We especially remember those who helped lay the foundation:

Pastor Jim Nichols, Henry Fulmer, Pastor Bill and Ginny Eiwen, Harriett Hancock, Michael Haigler, Bishop Emeritus Herman Yoos, Julia and Jim Prater, Michael Reames, Harold Crout.

Christian Sympathy: To Jim (Julia) Prater at the passing of Jim's mother, Frances Williams Prater on February 27.

Sunday Worship – March 8

This Sunday we are pleased to welcome Pastor Bill Eiwen and Ginny Eiwen to worship with us. Pastor Bill will be sharing the sermon.

We will also receive new members into the life of the church. We give thanks for the ways God continues to grow our community.

Sunday Bible Study – 9:15 AM

Join Pastor Steven each Sunday at 9:15 AM as we explore trees throughout Scripture and their connection to humanity, including reflection on the Tree of Life. All are welcome.

Holden Evening Prayer – Wednesdays During Lent

During Lent, we gather on Wednesday evenings for fellowship and worship. A light supper will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM. Come as you are for a meaningful midweek pause during this holy season.

Saturday, March 21 – Big Flea (8:00 AM–12:00 PM)

Reformation will host a church table at the Big Flea. We are seeking volunteers to greet neighbors, answer questions, and share information about our church. You are welcome to serve for part of the morning.

If you would like, you may also sell personal items at our shared church table. Our focus during the Big Flea is to invite our community to worship with us the following day.

Sunday, March 22 – Come & See Sunday

We encourage everyone to invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to join us for worship. We are aiming for 100% participation as we open our doors wide in welcome.

Book Discussion – March 29 at 12:00 PM

As part of our Black History Month reflection, Pastor invites you to read *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone.

We will gather for a second discussion session on March 29 at 12:00 PM in the conference room.

T-Shirt Orders

T-shirt orders are still being accepted. The first batch has been distributed, and a second order will be placed soon. Download the order form and return it to Pastor Steven or Deacon Dot Jeffcoat on Sunday or email your order to pastor@reformationcae.org. Payment may be made by cash, check (please note “t-shirt” in the memo), or online.

Can you help a Bunny out?

- I have the eggs but need candy etc. to fill them for our children's Easter Egg Hunt following service on Easter Sunday.
- Please put your donations in the “Bunny Box” across from the Alicia S. Jarvis Memorial Food Pantry.



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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.

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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