

# THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

**SUNDAY, November 16, 2025 10:00AM**

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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

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*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.

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

## **Prelude**

*(We Stand)*

## **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.**

God of all, we are often oblivious to the ways in which we oppress and are complicit in the oppression of our neighbors. We have sinned through our actions and our lack of action. Our sins are unique and varied, yet we are all consumed by the same fire of sinfulness. We have not loved and welcomed every person in this community into the church with open arms and a mindset of re-imagining. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may live and serve you in newness of life, in your holy name.

**When we have had power,  
we have forgotten what it is for.  
We have raised ourselves up, and not others.  
We have not used our gifts to speak truth to power, in love,  
to lift up the voices of those beaten down.  
When we have been weak,  
we have let ourselves be told  
that we are broken beyond repair,  
and we have forgotten the promise  
that each of us is your child, made in your image.  
We have listened to the siren song of the world,  
that says what we get is what we deserve.  
We have forgotten your grace.  
In this space, remind us.**

Hear the good news!  
God has not watched from far away, but has come near to be with us,  
to free us from our pain, and to offer us new life.  
God has declared that we are not separate, but all children of one family,  
united in ☩ Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

## 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

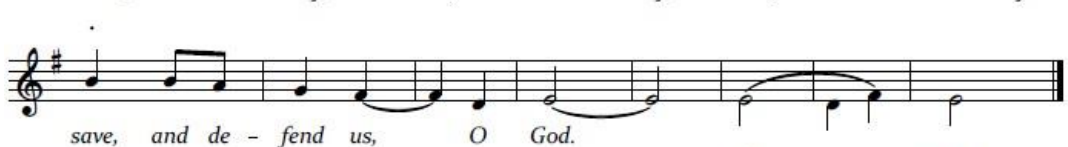
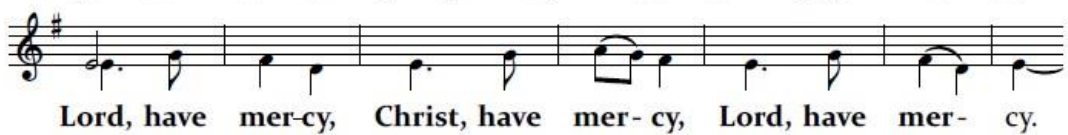
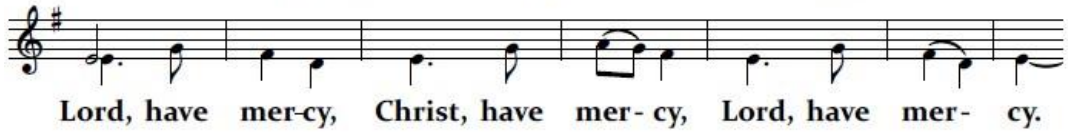
In this service, let us draw near to our Reconciling Redeemer,  
who knows our hearts and is able to mend our souls,  
to strengthen and sustain us,  
to reconcile our broken relationships and heal our wounds.

**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.

## The PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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: Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi.

<sup>1</sup> See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup> But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM: Psalm 98

**Read responsively**

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

**<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar and all that fills it,  
the world and those who live in it.

**<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy**

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Holy Ground



*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup> “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*



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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW#438 (Red book)

My Lord, What a Morning

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

*The assembly stands for the Affirmation of Faith.*

## **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), E4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The bass line is: C3 (half), E3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). The second system has a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The melody is: C4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The bass line is: C3 (half), E3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). Above the first system, the chords are: Em, Em/D, Am/C, D, G/B, C, Am, B. Above the second system, the chords are: Em, Em/D, Am/C, D, Em/G, Am7, B, Em.

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.

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God.

***O Lord, hear my prayer...***

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind. God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God.

***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*)... Jill Mann; David Cossey (*stepfather of Ben Bullock*); Sue ZurSchmeide (*wife of Lynn Black*); Alicia Jarvis; 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*). God of grace,

***O Lord, hear my prayer...***

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" (spiritual)

*Rf.: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;*

*Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.*

*1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home?*

*A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. [Rf.]*

*2. If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home,*

*Tell all my friends I'm coming, too, coming for to carry me home. [Rf.]*

*3. I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down, coming for to carry me home,  
But still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. [Rf.]*

*4. The brightest day that I can say, coming for to carry me home:*

*When Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. [Rf.]*

## Doxology

### Praise God for Love We All May Share

Hymns of the Spirit, anonymous, 1937

Louis Bourgeois, 1539

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Praise God for Love we all may share. Praise God for beau - ty ev - ery - where. Praise God for hope of good to be. Praise God for truth that makes us free. A - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on 'A - men'.

Praise God for Love we all may share. Praise God for beau - ty  
ev - ery - where. Praise God for hope of good to be.  
Praise God for truth that makes us free. 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

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.

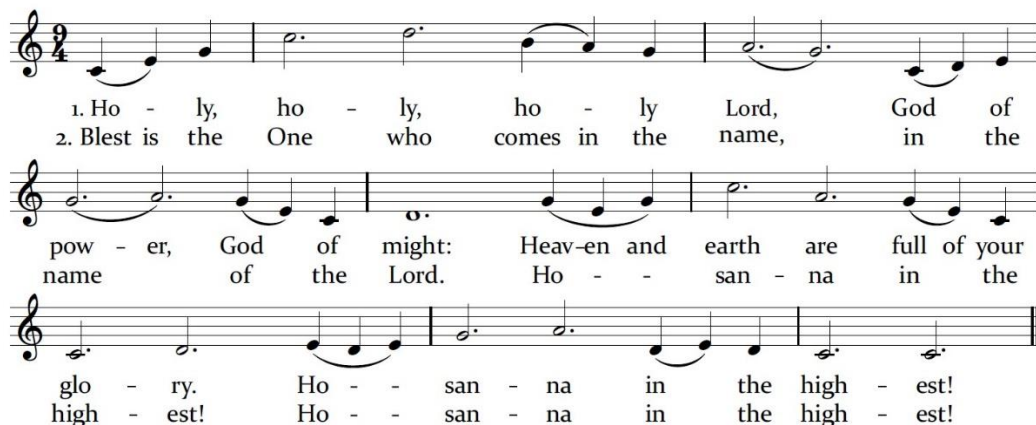
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (sanctus)

Bunessan, trad. Gaelic



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the  
2. Blest is the One who comes in the name, in the  
pow - er, God of the 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

Beloved children of God, as we gather here this morning, we are the church!  
**We are the church!**

In this moment, we respond to the words of Jesus, who tells us:

"...where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

It is with the power of Christ that we proclaim that this table is open to all — no matter who you are, or what you've been told.

Here at the Lord's table we remember the simple gathering of a chosen family that came together for a meal that proclaimed a new way of being in this world. We remember God's radically inclusive love made real in the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus:

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

We remember the One who befriended the forgotten, embraced the outcast, and saw

the Image of God in all people.

We remember the One who confronted every power that disconnected, marginalized, oppressed, and “other-ed.”

It is here at this table that we find hope and imagination to see God’s dream and promise of a world of wholeness,

It is here that we receive the nourishment and strength  
to continue on the paths of justice.

We recall that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

“This is my body that is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood, my very life, poured out for you. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

God, we thank you for breathing this world into existence and proclaiming from its birth: “It is good.” We come to you with gratitude for the endless blessings that we see, feel, and know on our journeys of life.

We celebrate the rich diversity of your creation — every beautiful body, every shade of skin, every expression of love.

Through your Spirit, open our hearts to the joy we can find in the midst of life’s challenges.

Remind us that we are loved — fiercely and forever. And however the world may try to hold us down or tell us who to be,

remind us that nothing can separate us from your presence,  
and your love, through our Savior Jesus Christ,

**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**

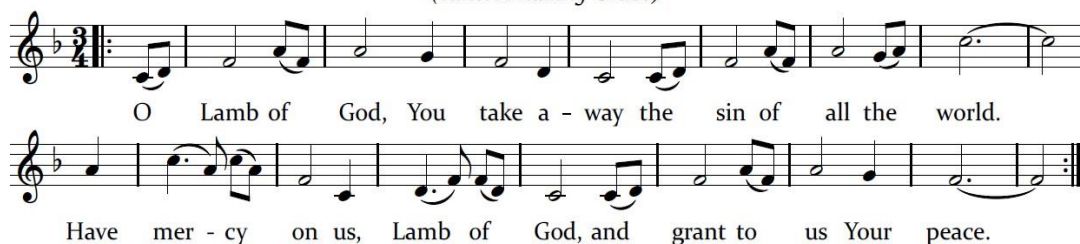
**who trespass against us;**

**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**

*(tune: Amazing Grace)*



## **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.*



## Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## 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

In the Name of the Divine Trinity, let us pray:

Loving God, you have called us into being through love.

You have joined us to one another in love.

How good and pleasant it is when your people dwell together in unity!

Shine your light upon all your children –

we of every identity, every gender, every race, every skin –  
that we can see the glory of eternal life.

Grant to each individual their strength

to carry your blessing from this place to the next.

May each one be at home in any land, for all the earth is yours.  
 May each one's hope be set on your rule of justice and peace.  
 May the lamp of your Word guide each one on the unsure paths of life.  
**Amen.**

The blessing of Almighty God be with you  
 and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

ELW#818 (Red book)

### O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

## DISMISSAL

Go out into the world doing justice, practicing kindness, and walking humbly with God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# POSTLUDE

## Announcements

REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

# 10<sup>th</sup> Sights and Sounds FESTIVAL OF NATIVITIES

1118 Union Street, Columbia SC 29201

**Saturday, December 6, 2025 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 7, 2025 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

An event for the community to kick off the Advent/Christmas season with a self guided tour. Come and enjoy. Stay as long as you wish. It is all at your own pace.

- ❖ See 200 plus nativity sets and collections, all shapes and sizes, creatively displayed
- ❖ Hear the sounds of Christmas music; sing along with Christmas Carols
- ❖ Enjoy fellowship and refreshments in a creative atmosphere
- ❖ View Nativity Story stations
- ❖ Enjoy a live nativity with our children and youth (as scheduled)

**Free Event.**

**Donations requested at the event to support our Lutheran response to Disasters**

**All are welcomed.**



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## Help us Welcome the Community

### SIGN UP TO HELP AND BE INVOLVED

RETURN IN OFFERING PLATE OR GIVE TO DOT JEFFCOAT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### Check/circle all ways you can help (more information to follow):

- ☐ Loan a nativity set(s)/collection : Reserve space with [dotjeffcoat@aol.com](mailto:dotjeffcoat@aol.com)  
Set up your set/collection on Dec 5 from 2-5; pack/pick up your display Dec 7 at 7
- ☐ Bring FINGER FOOD refreshments for Sat and Sun or both (label and leave in kitchen)
- ☐ Provide music (20 min segment on Sat or Sun or both)
- ☐ Help with food set up \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 7
- ☐ Be an event greeter/host on \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 7
- ☐ Help open/clean up each event day \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 7
- ☐ Help prepare and decorate: (check possible days; watch email for schedule)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 15 (Saturday) check lights, candles, batteries, and prepare to decorate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 23 (after church) decorate Church, Chrismon trees, outside, courtyard
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 30 (after church)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 4 complete fellowship Hall set up
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 5 (Friday) final touches & welcome displayers to set up their nativities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jan 6 ish (Epiphany) will be take down and pack up time

**\_\_\_\_\_ Invite and bring family, friends & neighbors. Share invites through social media. Help get the word out about this special event.**

## Winter Clothing Drive

As we recognize National Homeless Awareness Month this November, Trinity Recovery is launching a Winter Drive to help meet the urgent needs of our neighbors facing cold weather without adequate shelter or clothing.

From now until the end of the month, we'll have two donation boxes and a coat rack set up at the church to collect gently used or new items such as:

**Coats**

**Hats**

**Gloves**

**Blankets**

**Scarves**

**Warm socks**

**Any other winter essentials**

## 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 **Pastor Steven**. 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](mailto: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](http://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.

### Stay Connected!

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 YouTube: [@Reformation1118](https://www.youtube.com/Reformation1118)

### Stay Informed!

**Visit [reformationcae.org](http://reformationcae.org) and click the red box at the bottom of the page to sign up.**

*Google Group: Reformation Church Group News, Announcements*

*Constant Contact: Sympathy Notices, Weekly Announcements, Upcoming Events*

**Thank you for being connected and informed!**