# THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

# The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints Sunday SUNDAY, November 2, 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

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.

#### Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath er at the riv er, where bright an gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-'ry bur-den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys-tal tide for ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God? we will walk and wor-ship ev - er, all the hap-py gold - en day. grace our spir-its will de-liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown. soon our hap-py hearts will quiv - er with the mel-o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

# APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

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

II Corinthians 13: 13

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," Revelation 22: 17 for all are welcome here.

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!



#### The PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray...

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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

Mr. Harold Jefferies, M. Div.

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

A reading from Daniel.

<sup>1</sup> In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup> I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup> and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

<sup>15</sup> As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup> I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup> "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup> But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- <sup>2</sup> Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.
- <sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.
- <sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.
- <sup>5</sup> Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.
- <sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
- <sup>7</sup> to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,
- 8 to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,
- <sup>9</sup> to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11-23**

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable

greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

# Holy Ground



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

#### GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

- <sup>20</sup> Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:
  - "Blessed are you who are poor,
    - for yours is the kingdom of God.
  - <sup>21</sup> "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
  - "Blessed are you who weep now,
    - for you will laugh.
- <sup>22</sup> "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.
  - <sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup> "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

**SERMON** 

Mr. Harold Jefferies, M. Div.

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

# Come, We That Love the Lord We're Marching to Zion



- 1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
- 2 Let those re fuse to sing who nev er knew our God; 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
- 4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev 'ry tear be dry;



ioin a song with sweet ac - cord, join in song with chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but but chil - dren of the we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore fore we reach the we're march-ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march-ing through Im -



sweet ac-cord and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne. heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a-broad. heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold-en streets, or walk the gold-en streets. man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.





Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

#### **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,

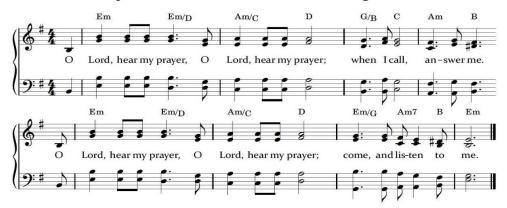
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

# Prayers of the Church and Response



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

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. God of grace,

#### O Lord, hear my prayer...

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. 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) Alicia Javis, *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...* 

God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed (those who have died during the past year may be named). Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God. **O Lord, hear my prayer...** 

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

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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** "God Envisions Full Redemption" by F. Richard Garland, 2014.

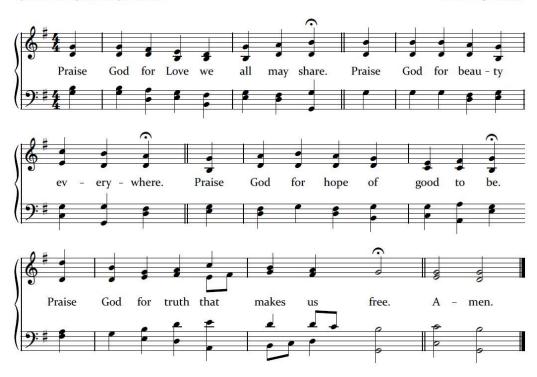
1. God envisions full redemption, yearns for all to be set free Through Christ's love and resurrection offered there eternally. In the Word of Christ the Spirit touched and healed and made us whole So that all might then inherit what God seeks for every soul.

- 2. When the grace of faithful living makes another's life complete, Let us give to God thanksgiving for the saints we daily meet. Each has taught us by example, serving God with humble deeds To become a true disciple seeing clearly the world's needs.
- 3. When in time our saints move forward, join the cloud of witnesses, May the deeds of their love out-poured multiply their kindnesses. We remember how they served you, God of Grace and Lord of Love; And entrust them now unto you, safe within your home above.

# Praise God for Love We All May Share

Hymns of the Spirit, anonymous, 1937

Louis Bourgeois, 1539



#### 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,

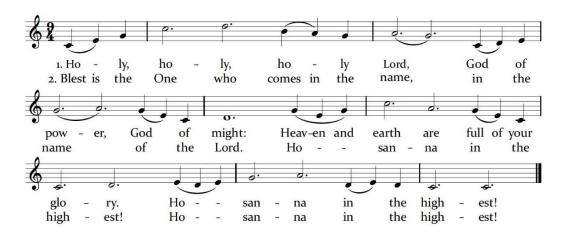
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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



#### 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



#### THE COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

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

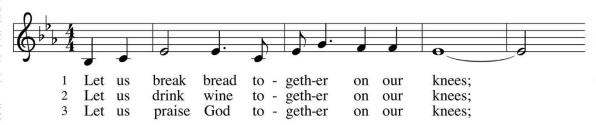
The assembly is seated.

#### 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









Text: African American spiritual Music: Break Bread Together, African American spiritual

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

# Jesus, Lamb of God, Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name; Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

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.

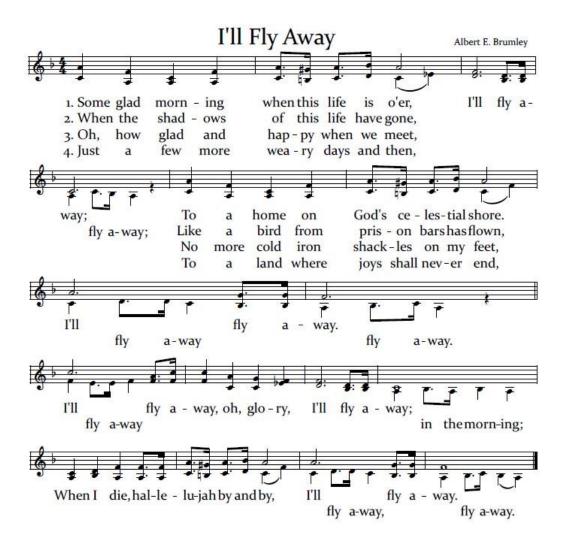
Grant to each individual their strength to carry your blessing from this place to the next.

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



#### DISMISSAL

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

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### Announcements

#### **Christian Sympathy:**

To Marc (Jill) Mann at the death of Marc's father, Marcus Mann, Jr. on Monday, October 27. Please pray for their family during this time of sorrow.

#### **Next Sunday**

RLC's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship on next week.

#### **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 gamesto 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 <a href="www.reformationcae.org">www.reformationcae.org</a> 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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Thank you for being connected and informed!