

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

SUNDAY, November 23, 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.

Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

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

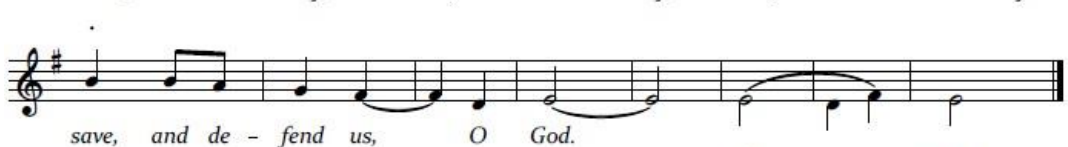
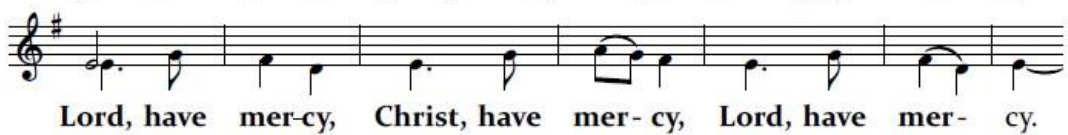
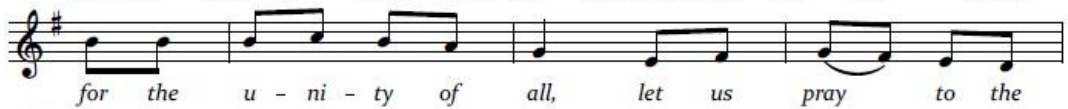
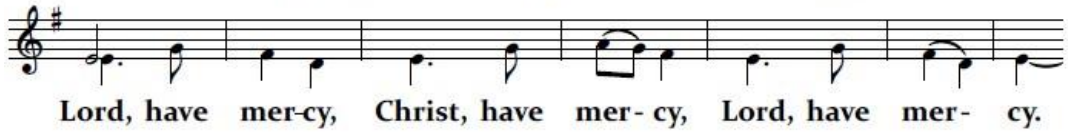
In this service, let us draw near to our Reconciling Redeemer,
who knows our hearts and is able to mend our souls,
to strengthen and sustain us,
to reconcile our broken relationships and heal our wounds.

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, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, 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: Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present^{ial} help in trouble.**
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
- ³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**
- ⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
- ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**
- ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**
- ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”
- ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him

God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Holy Ground



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:18-26

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steven

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

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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 image shows a musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: '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.' The chords for the piano part are: Em, Em/D, Am/C, D, G/B, C, Am, B, Em, Em/D, Am/C, D, Em/G, Am7, B, Em.

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

A brief silence.

We pray for the church in the world, its leaders, and its mission to share the good news of healing and restoration. Inspire us to embody the beloved community in ways that faithfully witness to the Holy Spirit. We pray for the trembling mountains and glad streams of creation. Preserve and renew your coastlines, deep seas, forests, and grasslands. Guide all who tend flocks or care for creatures of all kinds. We pray for leaders and advocates in government, civic life, and public safety. Support equity across the globe, and heal division with accountability and truth. Hear us, O God.

O Lord, hear my prayer...

We pray for any who are hungry, living in poverty or desperation, weary in body or spirit, or sick. Comfort all in need of your tender care. We pray for this part of the body of Christ gathered around word and sacrament. Bring us into authentic community where all ages are valued and experience God's faithfulness together. 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 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...

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

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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 *"Be Still, My Soul"* by Katharina von Schlegel/Jean Sibelius

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;

Leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly friend thru' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future as in ages past;

Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

*Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt
below.*

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord,

When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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.

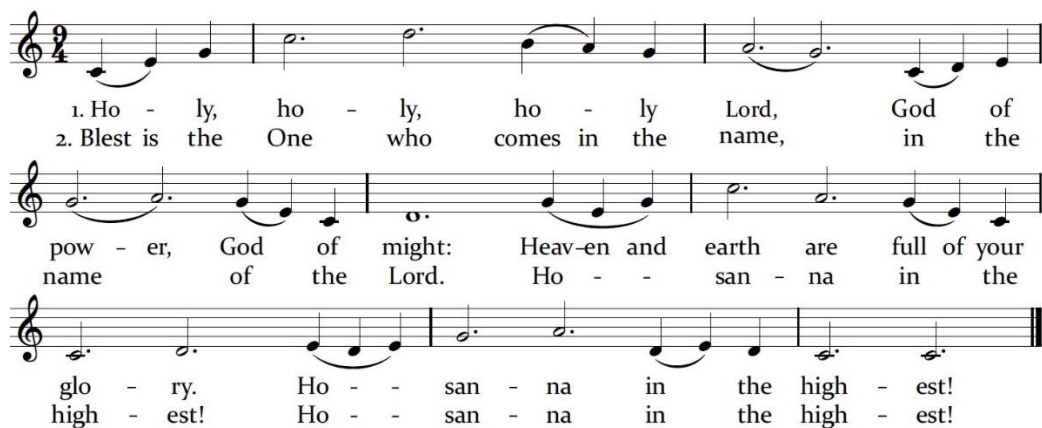
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, enthroned forever at your right hand,
intercedes for us as our great high priest.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
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

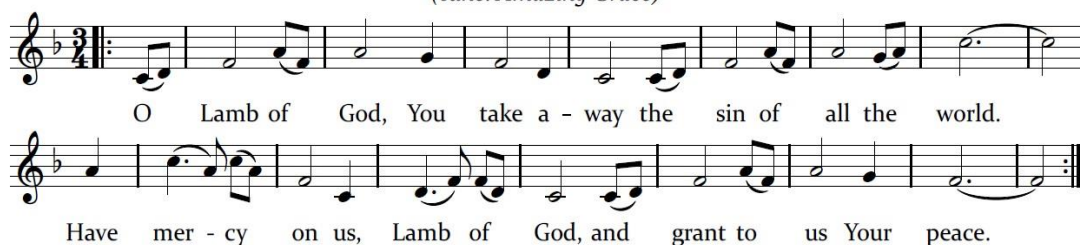
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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

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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

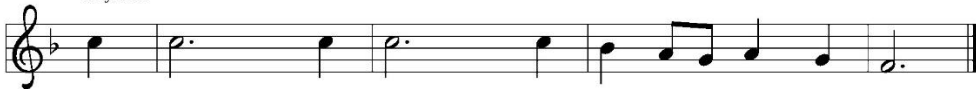


- 1 Re - jice, ye pure in heart! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - jice! Re - jice! Re - jice, give thanks, and sing!

- 5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Announcements

This year marks 100 years since the establishment of Christ the King Sunday, first proclaimed in 1925 through the encyclical *Quas Primas*. Written in a time of growing unrest, it reminded the Church that our true hope and allegiance rest in the reign of Jesus Christ. The encyclical described His kingdom as one of truth, holiness, justice, love, and peace, calling believers to lift high Christ's sovereign rule above every earthly power. On this centennial, we join Christians around the world in declaring: Christ is King—now and forever.

Excerpt from *Quas Primas* (1925)
Establishing the Feast of Christ the King

"Christ must reign in our minds,
which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief
to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ.

"He must reign in our wills,
which should obey the laws and precepts of God.

"He must reign in our hearts,
which should spurn natural desires
and love God above all things,
and cleave to him alone.

"He must reign in our bodies and in our members,
which should serve as instruments
for the interior sanctification of our souls....

"It is Our fervent desire, Venerable Brethren,
that those who are without the fold
may seek after and accept the sweet yoke of Christ,
and that we, who by the mercy of God
are of the household of the faith,
may bear that yoke, not as a burden
but with joy, with love, with devotion."

Quas Primas, Encyclical of Pope Pius XI, December 11, 1925

The Blessing of the Animals service will be held today Sun. November 23rd at 3 pm.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE! ENJOY THE HOLIDAY.

REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

10th 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.**



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
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.

REFORMATION LUTHERAN IS AN INCLUSIVE, LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING church

that believes Christ calls us to serve others with joy. Safe Space Dinners, a ministry for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth, including people of color.

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



OPPORTUNITIES of WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

In Person Sunday Worship Livestream - 10:00 am-11:00 am www.reformationcae.org

Coffee Hour is held after the worship service in the Reformation Fellowship Hall.

Welcome to Reformation Lutheran Church

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

Stay Connected!

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

Stay Informed!

Visit 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!