

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, October 12, 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

"I'm Going on a Journey"

ELW#446 (Red book)

(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.

GATHERING HYMN

We Have Come into This House

1. We have come in - to this house and gath-ered in HisName
2. So for - get a - bout your - self, and con - cen - trate on Him,
3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy HisName

to wor - shipHim. We have come in - to this house
and wor - shipHim. So for - get a - bout your - self,
and wor - shipHim. Let us lift up ho - ly hands

and gath-ered in His Name to wor - shipHim.
and con - cen - trate on Him, and wor - shipHim.
and mag - ni - fy His Name and wor - shipHim.

We have come in - to this house and gath-ered in HisName
So for - get a - bout your - self, and con - cen - trate on Him,
Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag - ni - fy HisName

to wor - ship Christ, the Lord;
and wor - ship Christ, the Lord;
and wor - ship Christ, the Lord;

Wor - ship Him, Christ the Lord.

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!**

The Beatitudes: A Litany
(based on Matthew 5:3-12)

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the lonely, for they will find friends
Blessed are the depressed, for they will be uplifted
Blessed are the broken, for they will be made whole
Blessed are the challenged, for they will win
Blessed are the impoverished, for they will receive

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are those who have suffered great loss,
for they will be healed
Blessed are the empty,
for they will be filled
Blessed are those who feel their spiritual poverty,
for they will become rich

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are the humble and modest,
for they will be rewarded

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are those believers who seek knowledge,
for they will be enlightened

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are those with sympathetic hearts and sincere compassion
for the spiritual needs of others,
for they will be cared for

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are those who are sincere with a true inward purity,
for they will find the truth

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.

**Blessed are those who are active for peace,
for they will find peace**

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Blessed are those who confess Christ before men
and are ridiculed for their faith,
for they shall triumph**

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me (Jesus).

**Blessed are those who are slandered for the true faith,
for they are children of God**

If not here on earth; then certainly in heaven.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray...

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, 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: Judges 6:11-16

A reading from Judges.

¹¹ Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. ¹² The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty warrior." ¹³ Gideon answered him, "But sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our ancestors recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has cast us off and given us into the hand of Midian." ¹⁴ Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian; I hereby commission you." ¹⁵ He responded, "But sir, how can I deliver Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." ¹⁶ The LORD said to him, "But I will be with you, and you shall strike down the Midianites, every one of them."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 111

Read responsively

¹ Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ **He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.

**¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever..**

SECOND READING: Second Timothy 2:8-15

A reading from Second Timothy.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Holy Ground



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

God Is So Good

1. God is so good, God is so good.
 2. God cares for me, God cares for me.
 3. I praise God's Name, I praise God's Name.
 4. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,

God is so good, God's so good to me.
 God cares for me, God's so good to me.
 I praise God's Name, God's so good to me.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The assembly stands for the baptism.

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Maria Joyce Marcella for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, William Ryan Marcella and Joanna Laurie Zaleski, do you desire to have Maria baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Maria to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Maria may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Maria grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Maria in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

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

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

Response:

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life.
Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

Maria Joyce Marcella, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.**

Alleluia.

Let us pray.

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

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

WELCOME

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

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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

The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.

Prayers of the Church and 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 starts on a whole note C4, followed by a half note D4, and then a quarter note E4. The bass line starts on a whole note C3, followed by a half note D3, and then a quarter note E3. The second system continues the melody and bass line. The melody starts on a whole note F#4, followed by a half note G4, and then a quarter note A4. The bass line starts on a whole note F#3, followed by a half note G3, and then a quarter note A3. The score ends with a double bar line.

Em Em/D Am/C D G/B C Am B

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

Em Em/D Am/C D Em/G Am7 B Em

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. 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) Carol Harrell, *daughter of Daisy Ritchie*; Deacon Dorothy "Dot" Jeffcoat, Alicia Jarvis, *Maria Gallego* (mother of Pastor Steven); *Tiffanie Reeves*; *Marcus Mann* (father of Marc Mann); *Joe Black* (father of Lynn Black); *Bill Black* (brother of Lynn Black); *Sharon Baldwin*; *Tracy Hamiter*; *Connie Pool*; *Emmy Reeves*; *Bobbie Prosser*; *Sarah Trani*; *Jeff Harrell*; *James Deckle*; *Candy Pennington*, (friend of Peg Thompson), *Sharon May* (wife of Peggy Thompson). God of grace,

O Lord, hear my prayer...

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

**When I Think of the Goodness of Jesus"
and "Jesus, Name Above All Names"**

Choir

*When I think of the goodness of Jesus
And what He has done for me,
My soul cries out, "Hallelujah!
Praise God for saving me!" {repeat}
Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God Is With Us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word. {repeat}*

Doxology

Praise God for Love We All May Share

Hymns of the Spirit, anonymous, 1937

Louis Bourgeois, 1539

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.

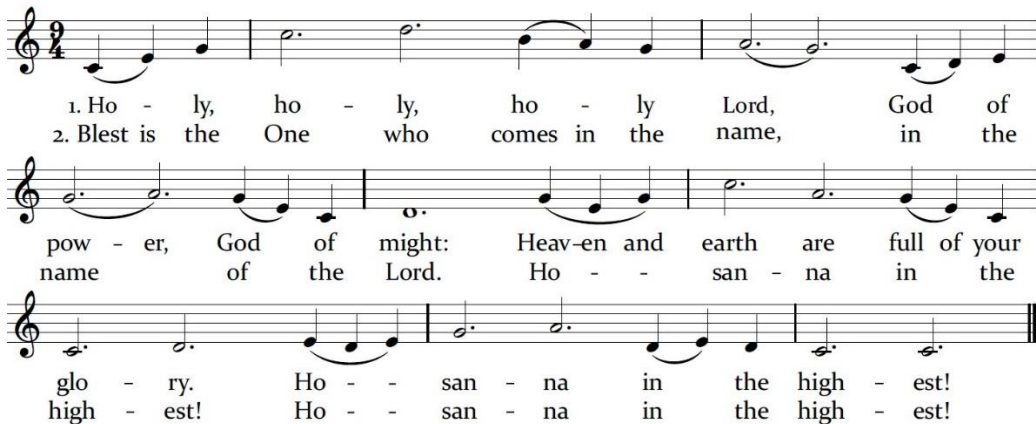
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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;

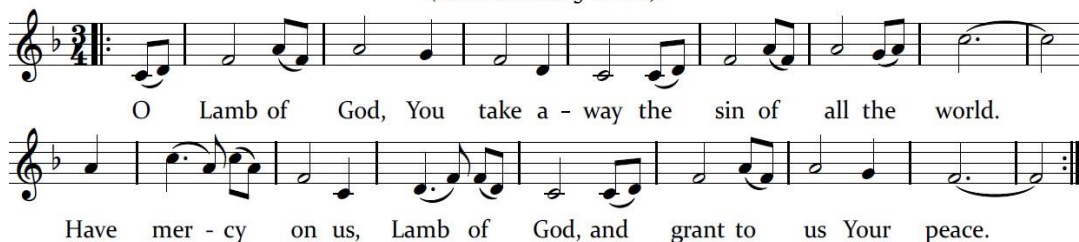
and forgive us our trespasses,

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.

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, Lamb of God



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

THE TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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

COMMISSION and BENEDICTION

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

Have You Thanked the Lord?

Bill LaMotta, 1919-1980

Refrain F B \flat Gm C7

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?

F B \flat G7 C

Don't you know that no to-mor-row is quite the same?

F B \flat Gm C

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,

F B \flat F/C C F

and re-joiced that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?

Verses F Gm7

1. Hal-le-lu-jah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea,
 2. Hal-le-lu-jah! Par-a-dise we taste where we are;
 3. Hal-le-lu-jah! Joy and peace the Sav-ior will bring.

C7 Fmaj7

ev'-ry star at night that shines for you and me.
 sum-mer breez-es, win-ter warmth are nev-er far.
 Grace a-maz-ing! So we lift our voice and sing.

F Gm7

Bless-ings so man-y come our way:
 God's love is ev-er on dis-play:
 Grate-ful when clouds are bright or gray:

F B \flat C F

have you thanked the Lord to-day?

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Blessing of the Animals – October 12

Bring your pets. We will gather on the front lawn of Reformation today at 3pm.

Candy Donations for Trunk or Treat

We are hosting Trunk or Treat and need your support with candy. Please bring individually wrapped candy to the narthex of the sanctuary. Your help is appreciated. Thanks for your continued support.

Trunk or Treat Oct 31st 5-7 pm

Join Pastor Steven as we participate in the Halloween festivities and provide a safe space for children to have some fun. Visit the link below to let us know if you can participate. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050845AFA929A0FA7-59242454-trunk#/>

Potluck Dinner

Reminder that on October 26th we will be having a traditional potluck in order to launch our 100-year anniversary celebration.

New Blue Envelopes Available in the Pews

Thank you to all who faithfully use the blue pew envelopes to support the mission and ministry of Reformation Lutheran Church. Your gifts sustain the wide variety of programs, outreach efforts, and worship life of our congregation. The pew racks have been replenished, making it easier to make a recorded contribution. If you are behind on your 2025 pledge or haven't started giving, we encourage you to do what you can to catch up. We are currently behind in our anticipated giving and appreciate any effort to help close the gap. A special thank you to those who continue to give faithfully and regularly — your generosity helps us serve God and neighbor through Reformation Church.

Would You Be Willing to Make Prayer Shawls?

The Kindness Team is excited to share that we will be replacing coffee mugs in our new member welcome bags with handmade *prayer shawls*—a more personal and meaningful gift for each household. If you knit or crochet, we would love for you to

join us in this ministry. We typically receive new members quarterly (on 5th Sundays), with an average of 5 or more households joining each time. There is no specific pattern or color required, though **red** is a meaningful color for Reformation. A typical shawl measures approximately **57–58 inches long** and **24–36 inches wide**, but the design is left to the creative heart of the maker. If you're willing to contribute, please contact **Lynn Black** or **Dot Jeffcoat** to get involved.

Coffee Hour

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

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

REFORMATION LUTHERAN IS AN INCLUSIVE, LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING church



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

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

OPPORTUNITIES of WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

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

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

Welcome to Reformation Lutheran Church

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

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