

# THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

**First Sunday in Lent – Black History Sunday**

Celebrating 100 years in ministry!

**SUNDAY, February 22, 2026 10:00AM**

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REGULAR PRINT = PRESIDING MINISTER OR ASSISTING MINISTER

**BOLD PRINT** = CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

✠ = AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE, THE SIGN OF THE CROSS MAY BE MADE BY ALL IN REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR BAPTISM

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*The red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP service book and hymnal is used for the liturgy.*

## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

Please join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for our weekly fellowship time with food and beverage.

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

### **Prelude**

### **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 redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

## **CONFESSION from Rev. Dr. King**

**Most gracious and all wise God, before whose face the generations rise and fall; Thou in whom we live, and move, and have our being. We thank thee [for] all of thy good and gracious gifts, for life and for health; for food and for raiment; for the beauties of nature and human nature.**

**We come before thee painfully aware of our inadequacies and shortcomings. We realize that we stand surrounded with the mountains of love and we deliberately dwell in the valley of hate. We stand amid the forces of truth and deliberately lie. We are forever offered the high road and yet we choose to travel the low road. For these sins O God forgive.**

**Break the spell of that which blinds our minds. Purify our hearts that we may see thee. O God in these turbulent days when fear and doubt are mounting high give us broad visions, penetrating eyes, and power of endurance. Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, for a better distribution of wealth and for a brother/sisterhood that transcends race or color. In the name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

Hear and believe these words of grace:

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
But in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:17)  
And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

# GATHERING HYMN

## We Shall Overcome



1. We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come,  
2. We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,  
3. We shall all have peace, we shall all have peace,  
4. We are not a - fraid, we are not a - fraid,  
5. God is on our side, God is on our side,



we shall o - ver - come some - day.  
we'll walk hand in hand some - day. Oh, deep in my heart  
we shall all have peace some - day.  
we are not a - fraid to - day.  
God is on our side to - day.



I do be - lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day.  
we'll walk hand in hand some - day.  
we shall all have peace some - day.  
we are not a - fraid to - day.  
God is on our side to - day.

## **GREETING OF THE DAY**

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s greatness was anchored in his desire to serve, rooted in his obedience to his call, and guided by his strength to love. We celebrate Dr. King's personal sacrifice, and we recommit ourselves to his vision for a peaceful world founded on the powerful principles of love, nonviolence, and economic and social justice for the entire human family.

**May we nurture Dr. King's dream, plant it on the hearts and minds of our children, and live out its true meaning in our daily lives.**

May we, in the spirit of Dr. King, put on the whole armor of God and stand against the unjust actions and unfair policies of oppressive governments; join with our brothers and sisters to expose and reject all false teachings, regardless of their age or institutional cloak; and create new visions for our people.

**Dr. King's faith enabled him to overcome valley experiences while maintaining mountaintop hopes. Likewise, may we work to transform our lives and renew our minds, so that our faith will lead us through our desolate times to heights higher than the reach of spirits of despair, defeat, and unbelief.**

May we too learn to love with a perfect love, forgive with a healing spirit, and trust and follow the orders of God without falling prey to the spirit of double mindedness.

**May the teachings of Dr. King and the sinless life of Christ empower us to reject violence in all forms; in our families, homes, relationships, churches, schools, communities; and on every battlefield.**

May Dr. King's spirit infuse us with courage, discipline us with restraint, and equip us with hope.

**May we, as the beneficiaries of Dr. King's drum major leadership, understand that we are responsible for the stewardship of the earth and all that is within it; and that God, one day, will require us to give an accounting.**

May we not be afraid to seek the guidance of God, incline the ear of the Holy Spirit, and employ the assistance of the angelic host to overcome those negative forces that birth war and not peace.

**May we, like Dr. King, act with boldness but walk with humility, knowing that it is the power and grace of God that directs our path and provides all victories.**

May we dream dreams that have not been dreamt, conquer fears yet to be born, and build communities yet to be conceived.

**We celebrate, commemorate, and honor the life and works of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his family, and those who labored in the vineyard with them. We pray that our words will lift our own hearts and spur us to action, engage the disaffected, and enliven dry bones in broken communities to become shining lights of victory for this present generation and generations to come. Hear our Prayer, Oh God. Amen and Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father 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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, <sup>5</sup> for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 32

(chanted in unison)

<sup>1</sup> **Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!**

<sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

<sup>3</sup> **While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.**

<sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer. \*

<sup>5</sup> **Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- | ceal my guilt.**

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the  
guilt | of my sin.**

<sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

**<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.**

**<sup>8</sup> “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye. \***

**<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near you.”**

**<sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**

**<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. \***

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>12</sup> Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned <sup>13</sup> for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

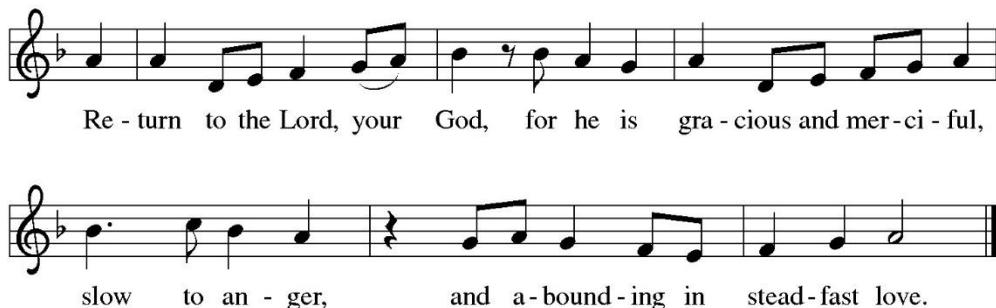
<sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man’s trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man’s act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

### **The Word made flesh dwells among us.**

Full of grace and truth.

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

<sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ” <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Word of Life!**

*The assembly is seated.*

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW#768 (Red book)

Lead Me, Guide Me

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*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

for if you lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to sec.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*The assembly stands for the Affirmation of Faith.*

## **Apostles' Creed**

Let us join together in proclaiming our faith:

**We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being,  
author of heaven and earth, architect of time,  
quilter of the cosmos.**

**You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground,  
and by your breath we are given life.**

**We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Jesus Christ,  
the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human.**

**You lived among us to reveal your justice,  
died among us to break the bonds of sin and death,  
and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

**We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit,  
draws us into community, moves us to action,  
and inspires us to hope against hope.**

**You breathe new life into a fallen world  
and equip us to proclaim the Good News of resurrecting love.**

**All thanks and praise to you, O God,  
our beginning and our end. Amen.**

*The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH and SHARING of PEACE

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God.

**receive our prayer.**

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Hear us, O God.

**receive our prayer.**

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God. **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who need your healing touch, especially those we remember silently in our hearts and with voice upon our lips (*pause*)... David Cossey (*stepfather of Ben Bullock*); Sue ZurSchmeide (*wife of Lynn Black*); Maria Gallego (*mother of Pastor Steven*); Tiffanie Reeves; Joe Black (*father of Lynn Black*); Bill Black (*brother of Lynn Black*); Sharon Baldwin; Tracy Hamiter; Connie Pool; Emmy Reeves; Bobbie Prosser; Sarah Trani; Jeff Harrell; James Deckle; Candy Pennington (*friend of Peg Thompson*); Sharon May (*wife of Peggy Thompson*)... Spirit, intercede for us,

**Send wholeness to us all.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

*The assembly remains standing for sharing the Peace.*

## PEACE

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

### And also with you!

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

*After sharing the Peace, the assembly is seated.*

## The OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

### Offertory Anthem: "Guide My Feet"

#### Guide My Feet



1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

## Doxology

# Praise God, Whose Image We All Bear

The Rev. Dr. Mary Luti

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise God, whose im-age we all bear; Praise Christ, whose mer-cy we all share; Praise Spir-it, mak-ing just-ice grow-- One God from whom all bless-ings flow! A-men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The piece concludes with a final chord and a double bar line.

## OFFERING PRAYER

*Let us pray.*

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

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS (tune: "Morning Has Broken")

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (sanctus)

Bunessan, trad. Gaelic

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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us thus far on the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time you sent your chosen servant to preach the good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say: Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say: Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we may live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Heavenly God, giver of life, holy is your name,  
your blessed community come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

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

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

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

**LAMB OF GOD** (tune: "Amazing Grace")

## Lamb of God

(tune: Amazing Grace)



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

## THE COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

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

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORSHIP IS THIS SHARED MEAL

*ALL ARE WELCOME to join us as members of God's family in Christ, as we share in this powerful gift of God's love and grace for the whole human family. We gather around the altar, kneeling or standing, wherever there is a place. The presiding minister offers wheaten wafers but can provide a gluten free wafer by request.*

*The assisting minister offers individual cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) for you to choose.*

*The church also affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone.*

*If you prefer to commune in your pew with a prepackaged communion set, please alert an usher.*

## COMMUNION HYMN: "I Come with Joy"

### I Come with Joy



1. I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2. I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4. The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ un - seen, but ev - er  
5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us makes us one, and  
near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, We'll go with joy to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - nu - nion bread.  
stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## COMMUNION HYMN: “Jesus, Lamb of God”

### 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 God’s grace.

**Amen!**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

with this bread of life and cup of salvation

you have united us with Christ,

making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue forever in the risen life

of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## LITANY OF CALL

A child once dreamed the Voice was calling his name...

Fisherman once heard the Voice when a young man bid them follow; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

Moses protested vehemently as the Voice spoke at the burning bush; Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending birth; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus; Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice as the bullet shattered; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

The Voice beckons from humble places... in the tears of hungry children, in the cries of the frail and frightened elderly, in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice; A struggling church hears the Voice and turns; And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

In a time of accelerating change: in climate, technology, and societal make-up Perfumed by polarization, partisanship and passionate outrage; The Voice calls us to walk in the Way of Jesus: to love our neighbor as God first loves us. To proclaim the year of God's favor to all those made in God's image. To not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream. And still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

**Here I am. Send me.**

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,  
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet  
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,  
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last  
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

## SENDING

Go out into the world doing justice,  
practicing mercy, and walking humbly with God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We warmly **welcome Pastor Leroy and Helen Cannon** to worship with us this morning at RLC. Thank you for sharing in worship and for bringing the Word. We are grateful for your presence, your ministry, and your willingness to serve with us today.

**Book Discussion** - For Black History Month, pastor is inviting folks to read the book *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone. We will get together to discuss the book on the fourth Sunday of February which is the 22nd at 12 pm in the conference room.

**Dungeons and Dragons** - Join the pastor on Wednesday, February 25th for another D&D session and begin a campaign. Bring your own characters.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - A reminder that our Welcome Sunday and 100th anniversary celebration will be on March 8th. Pastor Bill Eiwen will deliver the message, and we will welcome new members into the church. If you are interested in joining the others who are scheduled, please let Pastor Steven know.

## Can you help a Bunny out?

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



## Coffee Hour

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

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

## REFORMATION LUTHERAN IS AN INCLUSIVE, LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING church

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

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



## OPPORTUNITIES of WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

In Person Sunday Worship Livestream - 10:00 am-11:00 am [www.reformationcae.org](http://www.reformationcae.org)

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

### ***Welcome to Reformation Lutheran Church***

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

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