

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Celebrating 100 years in ministry!

SUNDAY, March 15, 2026 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

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,
in whose image each person is created,
whose mercy and steadfast love endure forever.

Amen.

The Sun of righteousness shall rise
with shining beams of healing.
Let us gather under the wings
of God's mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God,
**we confess that we are sinners
and we confess our sins --
those known to us that trouble our hearts,
and those unknown to us but seen by you.
We know that before you nothing remains hidden,
and in you everything is revealed.
Free us from the slavery of sin;
liberate us from the bondage of guilt;
work in us that which is pleasing in your sight;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

With a heart full of mercy and compassion,
God saves us and forgives us all our sins.
Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us
and by the light of the Holy Spirit
guides our feet into the way of peace.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

GREETING OF THE DAY

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

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Cantor: In peace, in peace, let us pray to the

Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

For the reign of God and for peace through-out the world,

for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

For your peo-ple here who have come to give you praise,

for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy. *Help,*

save, and de-fend us, O God.

A - - men.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, 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: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

A reading from 1 Samuel.

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one."

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

(chanted in unison)

- ¹ **The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.**
- ² **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**
- ³ **You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.**
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.***
- ⁵ **You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.**
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.***

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from Ephesians.

⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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: Luke 15:11-32

The Word made flesh dwells among us.

Full of grace and truth.

¹¹ Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Word of Life!

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steven

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

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

The assembly stands for the Affirmation of Faith.

Affirmation of Faith

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

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead Christians in our community and across the globe in right paths for your name's sake. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all in special need this day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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*); 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.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

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:

"Consideration" by Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)

I have no one to which I run, only the Lord whom I can turn.

Lord, in your vast consideration, consider me.

Tide rolling high, billows defy. Lord, hear my pleading; don't pass me by.

Lord, when you smile on all creation, consider me.

Mad winds may blow; mad breakers roar; they beat on every side.

One thing I know, and to be sure, in Thee my soul can hide.

When I'm alone, without a home, friends and my loved ones all are gone.

Lord, when you give out heaven's reservations, consider me.

You know my needs; you know my deeds; you know my wishes; let me succeed.

Lord, when you bless those of the nation, consider me.

When in the storm, let me be calm, trusting thy promise. Do help me on.

Lord, when the world break all relations, consider me.

Lightning may flash, wild waves may dash the tempest's raging eye.

Send from above whispers of love; attend my feeble cry.

The day will come; life will be done. Lord, in your presence let me be one.

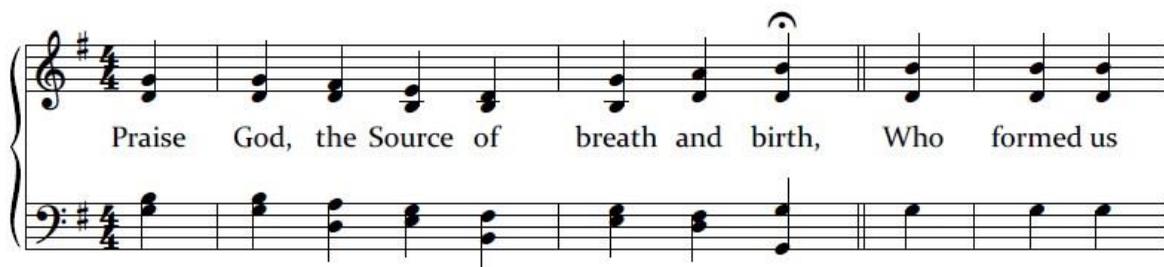
Lord, when you give out heaven's reservations, consider me.

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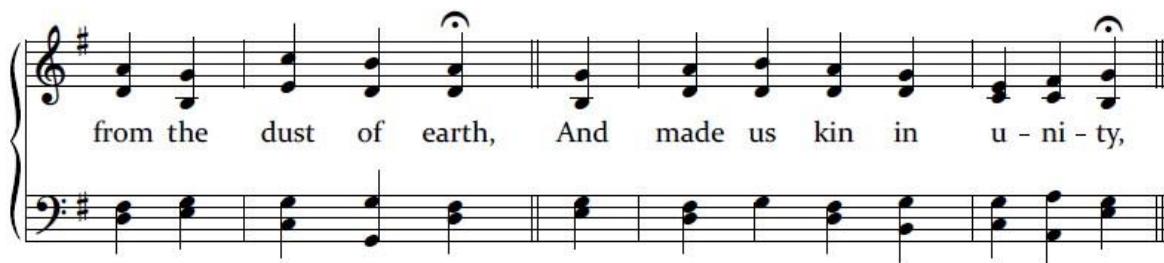
Praise God, the Source of Breath and Birth

The Rev. Mary Luti

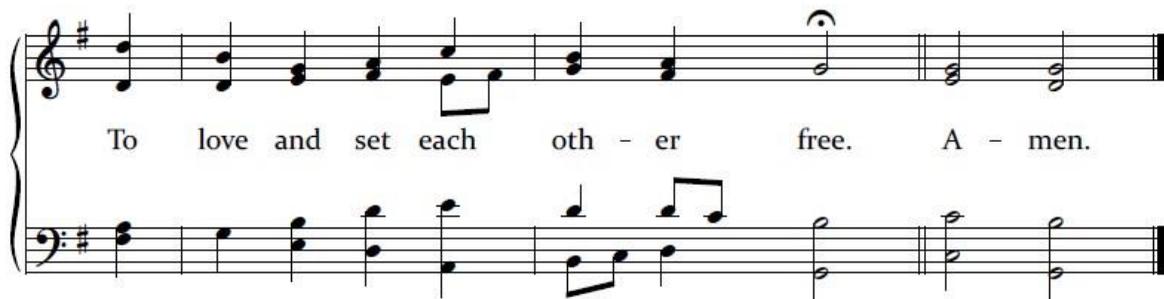
Louis Bourgeois, 1551



Praise God, the Source of breath and birth, Who formed us



from the dust of earth, And made us kin in u - ni - ty,



To love and set each oth - er free. A - men.

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.

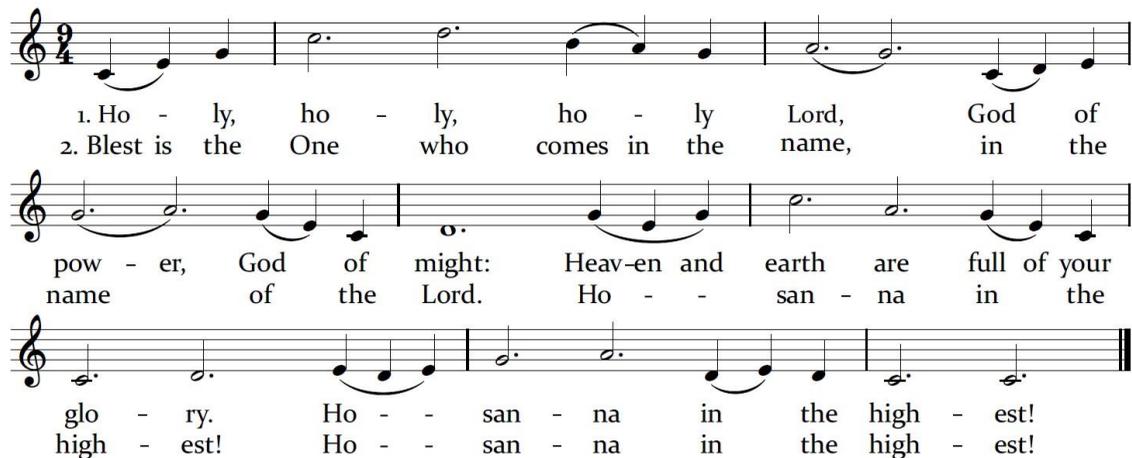
Birthered into your beautiful creation, Jesus taught us to live in harmony
and wholeness. By the work of Christ, you call us to pursue justice
and abundant life for all people.

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

Blessed are you, O God, Creator of this wild and wonderful world.
In the beginning, you called forth light from the shadows;
You filled land and sea with life;
You filled us with your own Spirit.
You so loved your own creation that you set your rainbow in the sky;
You promised life in a world that brings death;
You sent Jesus, your Son, to gather us close to you,
Who, on the night in which he was betrayed,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this, and remember me.
Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it to those gathered at the table, saying:
This cup is the new promise in my blood,
shed for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this, and remember me.
As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of many names, pour out your Spirit upon us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this meal of shared life for the sake of the world,
and fill us with your own thirst for beauty and hunger for justice,
that we may continue in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ.
All things bright and beautiful are entrusted to us by you,
and with all creation we praise you, O God,
blessed and Holy Trinity, now and always.
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.

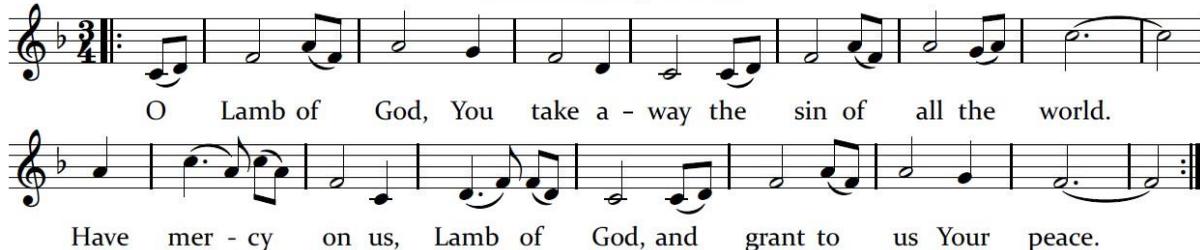
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

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:

Now We Remain

David Haas

REFRAIN (repeated after each verse)



We hold the death of the Lord deep in our hearts.



Liv-ing, now we re - main with Je - sus the Christ.

VERSES (Cantor, Choir, or Congregation)



1. Once we were peo-ple a - fraid, lost in the night. Then by your



cross we were saved; dead be-came liv-ing, life from your giv-ing,



2. Some-thing that we have known, some-thing we've touched,



what we have seen with our eyes, this we have heard: life-giv-ing Word.



3. He chose to give of him - self, be-came our bread; bro-ken,



that we might live; love be-yond love, pain for our pain.



4. We are the pres-ence of God; this is our call;



now to be - come bread and wine, food for the hun-gry, life for the



wea-ry; for to live with the Lord, we must die with the Lord.

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.

Jesus our Friend and Savior, your life, death, and resurrection changed our world.

May this bread and wine bless us and sustain us

in the building of a blessed community that welcomes all people,
that sees all people, and that works for justice for all people.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

As we leave this space may God's face shine upon us,

God's love sustain us, and God's peace inspire us and give us peace.

May God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer – fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may live in hope of a blessed community where humanity's diversity is celebrated. **Amen.**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

SENDING

Go in peace to seek justice for all people.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Bible Study – 9:15 AM

Join Pastor Steven each Sunday at 9:15 AM as we explore trees throughout Scripture and their connection to humanity, including reflection on the Tree of Life. All are welcome.

Holden Evening Prayer – Wednesdays During Lent

During Lent, we gather on Wednesday evenings for fellowship and worship. A light supper will be served at 6:00 PM, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM.

Come as you are for a meaningful midweek pause during this holy season.

EASTER LILY PLANTS

To order a plant in honor or in memory of someone for Easter Sunday worship, fill out form in the bulletin, narthex or fellowship hall. Place form in offering plate. Make check payable to RLC “Easter Lily”. Plants are \$14.00. Names will be listed in Easter Sun. bulletin. Deadline – Mar. 29.

Saturday, March 21 – Big Flea (8:00 AM–12:00 PM)

Reformation will host a church table at the Big Flea. We are seeking volunteers to greet neighbors, answer questions, and share information about our church. You are welcome to serve for part of the morning.

If you would like, you may also sell personal items at our shared church table. Our focus during the Big Flea is to invite our community to worship with us the following day.

Sunday, March 22 – Come & See Sunday

We encourage everyone to invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to join us for worship. We are aiming for 100% participation as we open our doors wide in welcome.

Book Discussion – March 29 at 12:00 PM

As part of our Black History Month reflection, Pastor invites you to read *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* by James Cone. We will gather for a second discussion session on March 29 at 12:00 PM in the conference room.

Palm Sunday Visit to Cristo Rey

Join Pastor Steven in accepting an invitation from Pastor Jorge of Cristo Rey to attend their **Palm Sunday service on March 29 at 5:00 PM.**

As a gesture of support, we will be collecting **canned goods for their food pantry** to bring with us. If you would like to write **letters of encouragement for this Spanish-speaking congregation**, please email them or hand them to **Pastor Steven** in advance.

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. Javis Memorial Food Pantry.



T-Shirt Orders

T-shirt orders are still being accepted. The first batch has been distributed, and a second order will be placed soon. Download the order form and return it to Pastor Steven or Deacon Dot Jeffcoat on Sunday or email your order to pastor@reformationcae.org. Payment may be made by cash, check (please note "t-shirt" in the memo), or online.

Palm Sunday – March 29 – 11:00 AM

Our Palm Sunday worship will begin in the Fellowship Hall where we re-enact the palm procession following Jesus. We will take our palms and walk from the Fellowship Hall, down the sidewalk (weather permitting), to the Church following the cross. On the steps of the church, we will pause for the reading of the Processional Gospel and then enter the church singing our "hosannas" for this day. Those who cannot participate in the walk, proceed to the nave and take a seat and await the procession.

Maundy Thursday - April 2 - 7:00 PM (A service of Communion and Foot washing) Jesus gathered with his disciples, washed their feet, instituted the Lord's Supper, and offered a prayer before going out to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. At Reformation, we will include these events in our worship for the evening: foot washing as well as Holy Communion. The service ends with the dramatic and moving "stripping of the altar" where all items are removed, and the lights turned out – symbolic of the coming of Good Friday and the death of Jesus.

Good Friday Worship - April 3 - 7:00PM (Hear the gospel reading of the death of Jesus) In the evening, we gather in the dimly lit church with the cross draped in black. It is a somber time and reminds us of the severity of Jesus' death.

Easter Sunday – Sunday, April 5 – 10:00 AM (Resurrection of Our Lord)

Celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with us on this most joyful day of the Christian year. Experience the beauty of Easter through uplifting music, Word, and Sacrament as we rejoice in the Risen Christ. All are welcome at Christ's table! The sanctuary will be adorned with lilies, and the celebration will include special music and a message of hope.

After Worship

Easter Potluck Brunch – Bring something to share!!!

Easter Egg Hunt for Children – Children are invited and welcome!!

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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Easter Lily Plant

ORDER FORM

*Yes, I want _____ Lily plant(s)
at a cost of \$14.00 EACH*

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BY: _____

I plan to pick up the plant(s) after the Easter Worship Service

YES _____ NO _____

If "NO", the plant(s) will be given to a homebound person
OR

If you would like your plant(s) to go to a certain individual, then it will be your responsibility to pickup and deliver the plant(s). Deadline to order March 29.