

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

PRIDE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, October 18, 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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(We Stand)

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

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,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and gracious God,

**I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know the
thoughts and deeds of which I am ashamed, but some is known only to you. In
the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may
rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We
rest now in the peace of Christ and rise to serve.

Call to Worship: Marvelous Things

*Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him. Psalm 98:1*

**We give thanks to you, Lord,
for you have done marvelous things!**

**When we were walking in darkness
you were there, you were there,
when we were kneeling in weakness
you were there, you were there,
when we drew near feeling worthless
you were there, you were there,
when we were needing forgiveness
you were there, you were there,
when we were searching for your grace
you were there, you were there.**

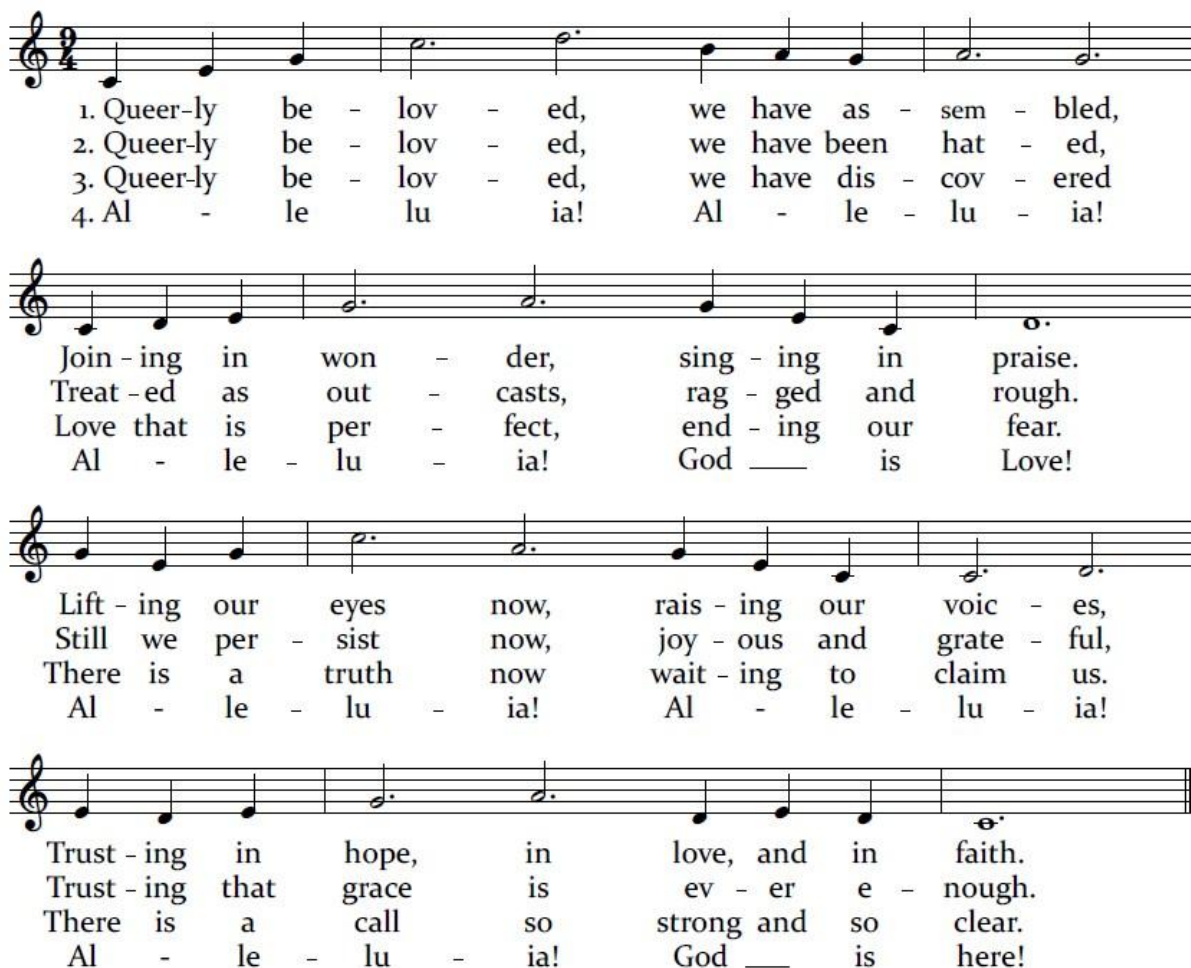
**We give thanks to you, Lord,
for you have done marvelous things and deserve our worship!**

GATHERING HYMN

Queerly Beloved

Amanda Udis-Kessler

Buinessan, trad. Gaelic



1. Queer-ly be - lov - ed, we have as - sem - bled,
2. Queer-ly be - lov - ed, we have been hat - ed,
3. Queer-ly be - lov - ed, we have dis - cov - ered
4. Al - le lu ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Join - ing in won - der, sing - ing in praise.
Treat - ed as out - casts, rag - ged and rough.
Love that is per - fect, end - ing our fear.
Al - le - lu - ia! God — is Love!

Lift - ing our eyes now, rais - ing our voic - es,
Still we per - sist now, joy - ous and grate - ful,
There is a truth now wait - ing to claim us.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Trust - ing in hope, in love, and in faith.
Trust - ing that grace is ev - er e - nough.
There is a call so strong and so clear.
Al - le - lu - ia! God — is here!

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!**

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
 "Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
 and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
 of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: NUN DANKET ALL, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹ The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD; bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**

⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

⁶ **Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Say among the nations, “The LORD is king!
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.
He will judge the peoples with equity.”**

¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar and all that fills it;

¹² **let the field exult and everything in it.**
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³ before the LORD, for he is coming,
for he is coming to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steven

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

from Songs for the Holy Other

BEACH SPRING 8 7 8 7 D



1. All the col - ors of the rain - bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
2. All the bod - y's parts are want - ed, nor can one de - spise the rest;
3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mus - ic when the words of peace ap - pear:
4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.



But their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - vealed to hu - man sight;
Head and hand must work to - geth - er, as must eye and ear and chest;
"Pax," "Sa - laam," "Ei - ri - ni," "Hei - wa," "Pa - ce," "San - ti," "Frie - den," "Mir."
Wean us from our self - ish hab - its; let us lis - ten, learn, for - give.



So the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
So the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - is - tries:
Though our tongues make sounds that var - y, all be - speak a com - mon home:
May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,



Breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
Var - ied gifts with one great miss - ion, "Do this for the least of these."
Long - ing for the end of con - flict, and new life in God's Sha - lom.
And be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

The service then continues with 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 Response

Cares Chorus

Rusty Edwards, 1997

from *Worship and Praise* #27

North American traditional

C G/B Am Cmaj7/G F 3

I cast all my cares up-on you; I lay all of my

C/E Dm Gsus G C G/B

bur-dens down at your feet. And an-y-time that I don't know

C/Bb F/A Fm/Ab Csus2/G G7sus G7 F/C C

what to do, I will cast all my cares up-on you.

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

I cast all my cares...

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering. We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

I cast all my cares...

We lift up before you, O God, the members of our human family around the world—for those who are afflicted or suffering at this time—for those who need healing, for those who require bread or shelter, for those who live in violent homes and communities, for those who are grieving, and for those whose needs are known to you alone, especially those we remember silently or in our hearts with voice upon our lips (*pause*) Jamale Jeffery (*friend of PJ Whitehurst*), Levi Boyd (*retired custodian of Reformation*), Lisa Gardener, Frosty Lohr, Micaela (*niece of Peggy Thompson*); Sharon May (*wife of Peggy Thompson*) Larry Harden, Nancy Beaver, Ava Jarvis (*granddaughter of Marc & Jill Mann*) 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;

Merciful God, ***I cast all my cares...***

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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

"Fearfully, Wonderfully Made"

Choir

DOXOLOGY

From All that Dwell Below the Skies

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Louis Bourgeois, ca. 1510-1561

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first line of the lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The melody is primarily in the right hand, with a simple harmonic accompaniment in the left hand. The lyrics are: "From all that dwell be - low the skies, Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Thru' ev - ery land in ev - ery tongue! A - men."

From all that dwell be - low the skies, Let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise!

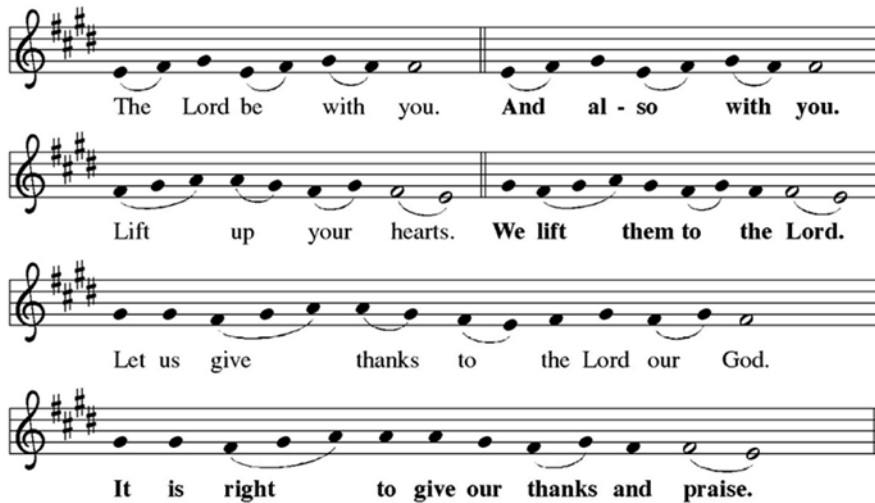
Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Thru' ev - ery land in ev - ery tongue! A - men.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE and SANCTUS

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a repeat sign at the end. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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, in remembrance of 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 in remembrance of 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name;

Your king-dom come, Your will be done on earth as in heav-en.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins

as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us.

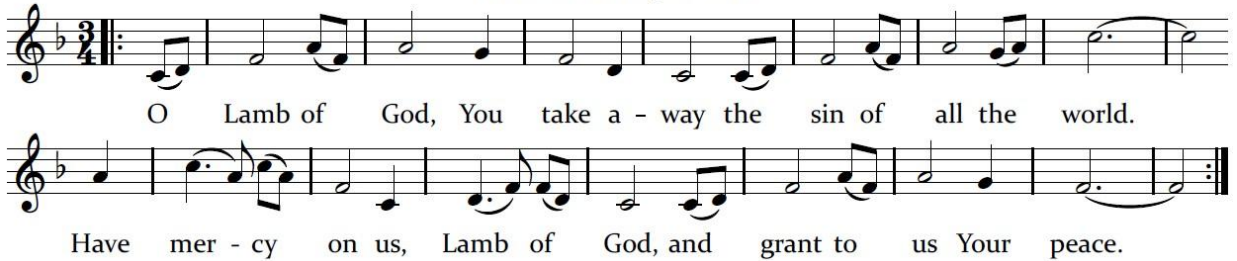
Save us from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from e-vil,

for the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er.

LAMB OF GOD

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

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.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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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.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Peter Scholtes (1938-2009)

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord.
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand.
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side.
4. All ____ praise to the Fa - ther, from ____ whom all things come,

We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord.
We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand.
We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side.
And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His ____ on - ly ____ Son,

And we pray that all un - i - ty may one day be re - stored:
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save ____ each one's pride:
And all praise to the Spir - it who makes ____ us ____ one:

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

DISMISSAL

(inspired by Isaiah 61:1, Luke 4:18-19)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us!

**We have been called,
we have been anointed,
we have been given a task.**

So go out from this place
into the mission field that is the world.

**We go carrying Good News to the world:
news about freedom from oppression
and healing for the afflicted.**

**The time of the Lord's favour is now!
Hallelujah! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPDATES

Welcome to Reformation's PRIDE Sunday as we worship together and celebrate a church where all are welcome, valued, and loved.

Alicia Javis Food Pantry

Help stock the Alicia Javis Food Pantry by bringing canned goods and placing them on the counter near the church office. Your donations help provide food for neighbors in need. If you have questions, please see Pastor Steven.

Reformation T-Shirts Available

Only eight Reformation crew neck T-shirts remain! Available sizes are Small, Medium, and X-Large. Shirts are \$26 each. Contact Dot Jeffcoat or Lynn Black to purchase yours while supplies last.

Volunteers Are Always Needed

Ministry at Reformation happens because members generously share their time, talents, interests, and passions. Opportunities to serve include worship, Christian education, the Justice Team, SafeSpace, the Kindness Team, outreach, stewardship, communications, fellowship, property, finance, archives, and more.

Interested in getting involved? Speak with a ministry team leader or the pastor, or update your information form so we can help connect you with an opportunity to serve.

Stay Up to Date

Stay connected with what is happening at Reformation! Watch for the pastor's weekly "Happenings" and church news through our Google Group and Constant Contact communications. Contact the church office if you would like to be added. Weekly bulletins and announcements are also available at reformationcae.org.

Support the Ministry of Reformation

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of Reformation Lutheran Church. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate by check or cash or given through our online giving options.

Thank You, Levi Boyd

Because of his health, our longtime and faithful sexton, Levi Boyd, has decided to retire. We are deeply grateful for his many years of dedicated service caring for our church, both inside and out. We invite the congregation to contribute to a love offering in appreciation for Levi's service. Please designate your gift "**Love Offering.**"

As we prepare to hire a new sexton, **volunteers are also needed** to assist with basic inside and outside church upkeep.

Volunteer Duties:

Mow, edge, weed-eat, and maintain church grounds

Pick up trash and blow leaves

Trim trees and spray weeds

Sweep, mop, and vacuum floors

Clean and restock bathrooms, empty trash

Restock soap, toilet paper, and paper towels

Installation of Bishop Wade Roof | October 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Save the date for the installation of Bishop Wade Roof on Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m. Additional information will be shared as the date approaches.

Anniversary Closing Celebration | October 25

Join us and currently known guests:

Rev. Tim Bupp, Rev. David Donges, Rev. Kim Trabold.

Others may be pending.

Plan to be part of this event as we transition our anniversary celebration from looking back to looking forward as we consider the theme "A Future With Roots." Rostered leaders and their families, as well as staff, who have shaped Reformation over the years have all been invited to attend and participate in a leadership procession. The day will include worship, a covered dish meal (meat provided), recognitions at lunch. Stay tuned for more details as they continue to emerge.

The team has set two goals for the event: To have 100 people at least attending that day and to invite as many as can to make additional anniversary contributions in grateful thanksgiving for the ministry of Reformation – maybe \$100 or whatever you can.

Trunk or Treat | October 31– 5:30-8:00

Trunk or Treat is one of Reformation’s biggest opportunities to welcome our community! In recent years, 250–300 neighbors have joined us for decorated trunks, candy, food, fellowship, and hospitality. There are several ways to participate. Decorate a trunk and bring candy, donate candy for the church tent or booth, or come help us welcome our neighbors. The church will provide hot dogs and chips, and we plan to continue our reputation for having “the best candy!” Watch for additional details from the Kindness Team.

Hospitality at the Poll | November 3

Reformation continues its focus on radical hospitality by providing a presence and cookies and coffee during the time the polls are open in our fellowship hall. We need volunteers to work in two hour shifts from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Gloria Preslar is coordinating the schedule. If you can help out with one of the shifts, contact Gloria.

Narcan Presentation | November 8

RLC will host a Narcan Presentation on Sunday, November 8. This educational presentation will provide important information about Narcan and its role in responding to an opioid overdose. Time and details are pending.

Scheduled Meetings

Weds at 7	Choir Rehearsals – Harold Jefferies, Director of Music
Oct 18	Congregation Council after worship – Matthew Klopfenstein, Pres.
Oct 25	Safe Space Team after worship
Oct 28	Discipleship at 6 p.m.
Nov 1	Kindness Team Meets (1st Sun) – Dot Jeffcoat, chair
Nov 3	Election Hospitality
Nov 8	Annual Meeting of the Congregation – Matthew Klopfenstein, Pres.
Pending	Walk Humbly Team – Ben Bullock, Chair
Pending	Justice Team –
Pending	Anniversary Team, if needed – Dot Jeffcoat, Chair

WORKING CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS – see details in announcements

Bulletin Deadline is Mondays at noon. If you have announcements, please send to the church office prior to the deadline. Include basic information: Who, what, when, where, why. Details help people get involved.

October

- 18 SC PRIDE and PRIDE Sunday
- 24 Installation of Rev Wade Roof as new SC Synod Bishop
- 25 Reformation Sunday: 100th Anniversary Event (Anniversary/Kindness Team)
- 31 Halloween: Trunk or Treat (Kindness team)

November

- Thanksgiving Service Projects (pending)
- 1 All Saint's Day – Daylight Savings Ends
- 3 Election Day Polls at RLC: Hospitality by Member Hosts (Kindness team)
- 8 Annual Meeting of the Congregation as set by Constitution
- 8 Narcan Presentation
- 11 Veterans Day
- 22 Christ the King Sunday (Begin Advent decorations after church on Nov 22 & 29)
- 26 Thanksgiving Day
- 29 5th Sunday: Welcome/New Members –Advent Begins (continue decorating)

December

- Holiday Service Projects (pending)
- 1-4 Set up week for Sights and Sounds
- 4 Nativity Set Displays set up by those sharing sets for display
- 5-6 Sights and Sounds Event for Community (Kindness team)
- 21 Longest Night/Blue Christmas Worship
- 24 Christmas Eve Worship
- 27 Lessons and Carols

ADD or KEEP YOUR CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE
Complete any new information below, tear it out and put it in the offering plate. If you are not receiving information, it may be because we do not have contact information.

Name(s) _____
Current Mailing Address _____

Name	Current email	Current Phone

We would like to be involved in planning and leading Reformation activities:

Kindness Team (outreach	Justice Team (service	Humbly Team (worship
Blessing of Animals	Service/Season Projects	Worship leader
Trunk or Treat	SC PRIDE	VBS Event
Sights and Sounds	Safe Space	Clean up/work days
Poll Host in 2 hr shifts	100 th Anniversary--Oct	Other:

REFORMATION LUTHERAN IS AN INCLUSIVE, LGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING congregation



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.

Do Justice:

Below is information on ways to contact your elected officials to voice your opinion on issues.

SOUTH CAROLINA ISSUES

SC state legislative issues: SC Womens' Rights and Empowerment Network (WREN) keeps you informed about legislation that affects women's rights in the state. The American Civil Liberties Union of South Carolina is broader in scope and addresses all legislation affecting civil liberties. Both sites have an "Action" section which allows one to sign petitions and call or write state officials regarding issues. Each organization also provides talking points for calls and letters; prewritten letters which can be modified are also provided. It's easy to identify your legislators on both websites.

The URLs below take you to the action section of each organization:

scwren.org/act-now
aclusc.org/actions

NATIONAL ISSUES

A popular national website for letters and petitions is resistbot. It provides an easy way to write or petition both federal and state legislators. Choose from a variety of already written letters and petitions, or write your own. Emailing officials is free with the service, or you can buy "coins" to either fax or send your correspondence via first class mail.

The URL is below:

resist.bot/petitions

If you prefer to call your federal legislators, 5Calls provides the names and phone numbers of your Congressperson and Senators, and scripts for a variety of national issues that you can use when calling them. It also provides additional talking points for each issue so that you can customize your message.

The URL is below:

5calls.org

Ask the Pastor

Have a question about the Christian faith, worship, Scripture, or life?

Pastor Steven welcomes your questions—anonymously!

Wondering why we celebrate Holy Communion? Curious about the meaning of the hanging cross in our sanctuary? Have questions about theology, marriage, Lutheran beliefs, prayer, baptism, or other topics of faith?

Simply write your question on the blank sheet provided in the back of this bulletin, or pick up an "Ask the Pastor" form from the table in the Narthex.

Place your question in the offering plate during worship. Questions may be submitted anonymously.

Listen for additional details and answers from Pastor Steven through future newsletters, educational forums, classes, and church communications.

No question is too simple or too complex. We invite you to ask, learn, and grow in faith together.

ASK YOUR QUESTION