



We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

Reformation, a congregation of Christ's Church, is an affirming, loving and welcoming community on a faith journey. We provide worship, programs, ministries and pastoral care to all, regardless of ethnicity, age, physical or mental ability, family configuration, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, religious background, economic status, or national origin. We embrace and welcome diversity and full participation in this community of worship, where the love of God is the foundation of all that we say and do.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus – Galatians 3:28.



Overview for this Sunday: Tag—You're It!

Jesus has been raised from the dead and has appeared in a variety of ways to convince people of God's power. On Ascension Day, Jesus is taken to heaven, but not without promises and action plans for those who remain. Wait here! (Ready?) You will receive power to be witnesses throughout the whole earth. You will receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God. You will receive an inheritance. (Set . . .) You will know hope. You, the church, are Christ Jesus' body, even as his body disappears from sight. (Go!)

It's like a holy game of tag in which Jesus tags followers, saying, "You're it. Now, you're *me* in the world." These are words we gather in worship to wait for, and we don't have long to wait. As we dip fingers in the font, we touch promises. We're a part of Christ's family. As we meet at the table, we taste promises. We become Christ's body. And next Sunday is Pentecost—Holy Spirit, come—this is the one who comes as promised, to call, bring together, inspire, and make holy.

These promises connected to Jesus' ascension result in the biblical stories about followers who worship, bless God, gain hopeful attitudes and a sense of mission. The two men in white robes urged those gazing up toward heaven to get going! We also need a similar prompt: This living Jesus comes the same way as you saw him go. So watch for the presence of Christ, powerfully making the church his body. Watch for the presence of Christ, whenever the church pours itself out in love for others. As we come to know him and the hope to which he has called us, may we have open minds, enlightened hearts, and be clothed with power from on high.

THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

10:00 AM

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

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

By attending a Service in person, you agree 1. that you may appear on the livestream and 2. that the congregation can be notified that exposure could have happened at a service you attended if you become sick. Anyone not wanting to appear on camera may elect to sit in the Balcony OR view the service via the livestream instead of in person. Congregational singing is not permitted to keep attendees safe, and, in order to minimize spray, loud responses are discouraged.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace, hear our prayer. Let us pray, first in silence. *(Pause)*

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our relationships.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

We know that with you, nothing is impossible, not even our healing,

Not even the restoration of the whole world.

We pray that you will heal us, that you will heal our world,

So that we will be freed to serve and love and dream and be as Christ calls us.

Amen.

The assembly kneels or stands or remain seated. Silence is kept for reflection.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.
Alleluia! Amen!

The SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!
And also with you!

Time for sharing of the peace.

The PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The GREETING

May the Lord be with you as we gather for worship;
in prayer, hymnody, and word.
And also with you!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive

power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Here ends the reading.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Here ends the reading.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

The GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

The GOOD NEWS

Pastor Tim

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Jesus, name above all names

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (one sharp) and 12/8 time. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points: D, F#m7, Em7, A, D, F#m7, Em7, A7, D (with a fermata), and G/A A. The lyrics are: Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em - man - u - el, God is with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

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The assembly stands as together we confess our faith.

The AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – a modern creed

**We believe God is the creator,
Who has promised to love us always.**

**We believe Jesus Christ,
Fully God and fully human,
is God's promise living among us.
He experienced all the pain and joy
and challenges of human life.
God's forgiving selfless love was revealed to us
when Jesus suffered death on the cross.
His actions of selflessness resurrected God's love for us all,
and a promise of a new life in unity with God.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit is God's Breath,
breathing life into our spirits,
guiding us even through the darkest
and most difficult moments of our lives.**

**We believe God is among us in community.
Mysterious, yet very real,
in Creation, in Breath, in Flesh.
God promises to be with us always,
even to the end of the age.
This is our faith!**

The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.

The PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

You call the whole church on earth to worship and bless you. Empower your church to bear joyful witness to your love made known in Jesus Christ. You have gathered us in this congregation, enlightened our hearts, and given us a share of the immeasurable grace of your power. Help us love one another, be reconciled where we are divided, and share the riches of your grace with our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have fashioned a habitat for all your creatures and you fill the earth with your glory. Give rain where it is needed and rescue those inundated by floods. Mend what we have torn in the fabric of creation and replenish and nourish your world. In the majesty of your love, you rule the world with justice and mercy. Give those in authority the spirit of your love, so that all who are hungry and poor receive food and resources, and all people flourish and live in peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You heal those who are sick and bind up the brokenhearted. Attend to the cares and needs of the hurting and hopeless in our congregation, community, workplaces, schools, and families, especially those we remember silently in our hearts and with voice upon our lips (*pause*). In raising Christ from the dead, you put your great power to work in the world. Raise us and all who have died in the faith with Christ. We remember saints in our lives and in our community. Thank you for their gifts among us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Table

The WORDS OF BEGINNING

Holy One,
the beginning and the end,
the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you for the deliverance of your people.

Blessed are you for the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus Christ,

the Word made flesh,
the flesh made bread.

Blessed are you for your Presence realized,

Blessed are you for your Presence in our midst,

Blessed are you for your Presence in our homes,

Blessed are you for your Presence in us,

the Word made flesh,
the flesh made bread,
the bread made us.

On the night in which our Lord was betrayed...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,

Christ has died,

Christ is Risen,

Christ will come again!

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world. **Amen.**

The LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. **Amen.**

Pastor will instruct us on when and how to commune.

Worshippers will remove their masks briefly to eat and drink their communion elements.

The COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

The risen Christ invites us to partake of His body and blood.
Come, eat and be satisfied.
Amen!

The assembly is seated.

Communion Hymn

ELW#403 (Choir only)

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Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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The PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The BLESSING

The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The SENDING HYMN

ELW#855 (Choir only)

(Verse 1 only)

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Crown Him with Many Crowns



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



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



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



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

The OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Offering baskets are available as you enter or exit the Sanctuary.

The SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
Alleluia!

Please exit through the back doors in the Sanctuary.

Pastor will dismiss worshippers by row.

Trash cans are located in the back of the church.

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Reformation Lutheran

Worship Participants

Pastor Tim Bupp, Presiding Minister & Homilist
Sarah Trani, Lector

Gary Parish, Jim Prater, Shirl Lamontagne, Ushers
Joshua Greer, Colleen Clark, Ben Bullock, Music

Our Prayers

Sick and Homebound: Tracy Hamiter; Dot Perry; Barbara Prosser; Connie Pool
Bobbie Black; Carla Ray and Beth Mayer.

Health: Emmy Reeves; Landon Derrick; James Dekle; Rachel Stinnett; Richie
Wiggers; Pastor Jim Nichols; Sam Ruff; Thomas Mitchell, diagnosed with throat
cancer (son of Vivian Mitchell) a friend of Reformation and Mike Watson.

Christian Sympathy: To the Swing family at the death of Paul Swing. Paul was
the oldest son of the Reverend Stafford Swing, a former pastor of Reformation
Lutheran Church. Memorial plans are incomplete.

Announcements

Under current guidelines, we can have up to 50 people present in a worship
service. There are **39 spots available** for registration and 11 reserved for weekly
worship leaders. To help us comply with these guidelines, and to keep everyone
safe, to attend a service, we ask you to register one of the **3 ways** listed below.

OPTIONS TO REGISTER

- 1) Register using our reservation online tool - <https://rsvp.church/r/9lJqNQqF>
- 2) Visit our website and use our [Click to Register](#) blue link on the homepage of www.reformationcae.org
- 3) Call the church office at 803.252.1507 if you do not have internet access or an email address.

Members who can access the link on the homepage of the website and have an
email address are asked to register electronically. **To cancel registration:** If you
develop COVID symptoms after enrollment, become ill, test positive for COVID or
need to cancel RSVP for any reason, please reply to your confirmation email
immediately or call the church office: 803-252-1507.

You will need to sign up for the specific service you will be attending as well as the number of people joining you. **One slot = one individual, it does not equal a slot per family.** For example, if three people wish to join for in-person worship, you will need to select three slots for worship at the desired 10 a.m. service.

Please register and reserve your spot online no later than Noon on each Thursday before the date you wish to attend. The slots are first come, first served. Sunday, May 23 and May 30 are available for online registration.

For those who are not yet ready and feel safer worshipping at home, we will continue to offer worship via live-stream at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

These guidelines and protocols are in an effort to make you as safe as possible when you choose to join Reformation for in-person worship.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible soon!

What to expect at Reformation's in-person worship service

— Wearing a mask will be required following public health guidelines. Worshipers are encouraged to put their mask on before they exit their cars. Worship leaders will remove their masks while reading or singing. We wear face coverings in worship so we can love our neighbors as ourselves. *We take comfort in knowing that nothing can hide or separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

— All attendees who are physically able to climb steps will be asked to enter the Sanctuary by the front steps or the side door into the BreezeWay. Others will have access through the Fellowship Hall.

— An usher will greet you outside and may ask you to wait outside for a brief time to control the number of people in the Narthex.

— Once you enter the Narthex, you will pick up your own Bulletin, Communion cup, and Offering Envelope (if needed), and will have your reservation confirmed before you enter the Sanctuary. An Usher can help direct you in the Narthex and then into the Sanctuary.

— Hand sanitizer and trash cans are available as you enter the Sanctuary.

— Available seating will be marked on the end of pews, ensuring individuals or family groups are seated at least six feet apart and that worshipers are at a safe distance from worship leaders. If hearing is an issue for you, please be aware of possible outside noise impact in the back pews as you select your seat, because all doors will remain open during the Service to increase air circulation in the Sanctuary.

- Communion cups with wafer and wine in a sealed disposable container will be available for attendees as they enter, as has been our practice at our Drive In Services. Pastor will instruct us on when and how to commune. Worshipers will remove their masks briefly to eat and drink their communion elements.
- Offering baskets will be available as you enter or exit the Sanctuary.
- By attending a Service in person, you agree to possible capture on the livestream video, and that the congregation can be notified that exposure could have happened at a Service you attended if you become sick.
- There will be no Nursery or Fellowship Time after Service, as we continue to keep our children, members, and visitors safe.
- At the end of the service, Pastor will dismiss worshippers by row. Worshipers can greet each other outdoors respecting social distancing guidelines. Worshipers are asked to continue to wear their masks until they enter their cars.

Full details can be found in the Updated Transition Plan found on Reformation's website. Please follow up with Ginny Eiwien or Pastor Tim if you have questions or concerns.

Adult Sunday School Update

Adult Sunday School meets from 8:30 to 9:30 each Sunday morning. Participants can join the class in person in the Parlor or by Zoom. This earlier time gives any who want to do Sunday School via Zoom but worship in person time to drive to the building after Sunday School. The Zoom Meeting ID for the new Sunday School time is: 863 6536 3737. We are exploring various faiths and denominations using *Honoring Our Neighbors' Faith* materials, but you don't have to have the book to participate.

May 16 and 23 Methodist Church
May 30 Moravian Church
June 6 Presbyterian Church
June 13 Religious Society of Friends
June 20 Roman Catholic Church

Sunday Worship In Person and Livestream 10:00 AM-10:45 AM

In order to attend, please register by visiting our website and registering online – www.reformationcae.org. Look for the Click now to Register link on the homepage. Follow us on Reformation Lutheran Church on Facebook. The bulletin can be found at www.reformationcae.org

Wired Word Wednesday

Wired Word Wednesdays is a great time to meet with others (by Zoom) and discuss news topics and how our Christian faith relates to them. The Wired Word Wednesday group meets virtually every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Join one session or as many as you can. The zoom ID to sign in is 814 3966 2558. We meet about one hour. Anyone is welcome to join the group. Topical resources arrive each week and are sent to all who wish to participate. (You can sign up to receive the resource for individual reading and reflection.) To sign up for the group discussion or the resource, send an email to dotjeffcoat@aol.com.