



Lutheran Church *of the* REFORMATION

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

September 15th, 2024 8:30 am and 11 a.m.



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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Mission Statement: Embraced by God's love, Lutheran Church of the Reformation gathers, welcomes, and nurtures a spiritual community to love and serve the world in Christ's name.

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Reformation! For 154 years, Reformation has enjoyed a unique location near the nation's Capitol. We celebrate God's presence in everyone, including the great variety of members and friends who call Reformation their church home.

Everyone matters to God. You matter to us. Reformation has long been involved in social justice and helping organizations throughout the D.C. area, including Samaritan Ministry. We have helped Good Neighbors of Capitol Hill to equip 139 apartments for refugees over the past few years.

Reformation runs an "emergency" food pantry, in that we provide a bag of food to DC residents that contains items sufficient to sustain a family of four for two days as they make more permanent connections toward food security. It is open on Mondays and Tuesdays (closed on government holidays) from 9AM-5PM; please bring a government issued ID.

Reformation welcomes and supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ Christians and their families in all aspects of the church's ministry. Since 1987, we have belonged to ReconcilingWorks, a national Lutheran LGBTQ+ ministry. We honor the Nacotchtank and Piscataway peoples upon whose land we live and worship.

If you are new to Reformation and would like more information about our church ministry, a baptism, a wedding, or another interest, please fill out an information card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

We all may mask or not, according to our preferences. *Reformation will no longer require masks to be worn in Worship.* Let us all be respectful of others' needs, choices, and boundaries. *If you need a mask, just ask an usher!*

Children are most welcome in worship. The Blue Room, to the left as you entered, is equipped with sound for caregivers. A **professionally staffed nursery** and **restrooms with changing tables** are on the lower level of the St. John's building. **Sunday School will resume next Sunday, 9/22** and is open to children **4-12 years old** in our historic **Children's Chapel** on the 2nd floor. **Children's Choir** is from 9:45-10am; **Bible Lessons** from 10-10:45am. All children receive an age appropriate Bible to take home!

An all-gender/handicapped accessible restroom is on the sanctuary level, on the right front of the sanctuary near the elevator.

Reformation is in partnership with the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (www.elca.org)**, one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States. It has 3.3 million members in more than 8,900 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region as well as 27 Lutheran Colleges and Universities, 7 Seminaries, 400 worldwide missionaries, hundreds of Lutheran camps and campus ministries, one of the largest non-profit social service networks in the U.S., and Lutheran World Relief.

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

Prelude

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Welcome

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark, too, the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

Gathering Hymn

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

ELW 651

Please rise in body and/or spirit. Refer to the red hymnal in the pew in front of you. Note that hymns are located in the back 2/3rds of the hymnal (the hymn number is not the page number). Large print hymns are available in the back or online at reformationdc.org/worshiponline.

Confession

*Here we confess our individual and mutual sin before a gracious and forgiving God.
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 creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Forgiveness

We hear God's forgiveness pronounced over us.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Greeting

These words are a mutual greeting which brings us together into union with our heavenly God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

The Prayer of the Day is typically a prayer focused around the texts appointed for the day and is led by a presiding minister.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Message For All People

Jesus embraced children, placing them in the center of the Christian community as models for discipleship. Children are invited to come forward at this time.

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

- ⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
- ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
- ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-9

Read responsively.

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹**I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.**

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Any one who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

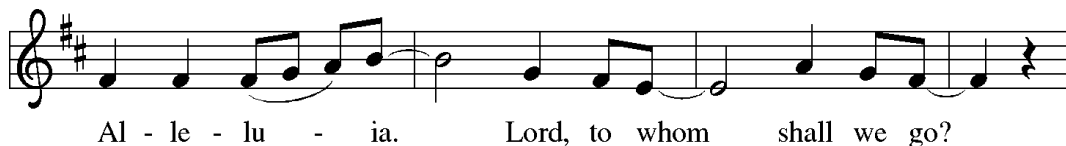
How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please rise in body and/or spirit.



Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

The Holy Gospel according to the 8th chapter of Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Vicar Jayme

Silence for Reflection

We listen and meditate on the Word of God. We hold silence for the Spirit to speak.

Following the sermon, please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God together by singing the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day

O God, My Faithful God

ELW 806

Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Apostles' Creed

The text of the Apostles' Creed was developed in southern Gaul around the 5th century from a lineage of professions of faith dating back to the 1st century A.D. It has been confessed by the Universal Church for centuries.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary.

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

An assisting minister invites the congregation into prayer for the church, the world, and all those according to their needs.

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the earth and all its inhabitants. Protect lands at risk of wildfire and heal dying forests. Where fire brings destruction, raise up new growth. Guide us in tending precarious ecosystems. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who govern nations, tribes, and cities. Open them to the cries of people in need. Direct them in shaping policies that prioritize the health and well-being of all who struggle with hunger and housing insecurity. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are ill, all who are lonely or anxious, and all who grieve. Draw them close to you and soothe them with the promise of your enduring love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who experience exclusion due to sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ability, race, nationality, ethnicity, or any other distinction people would make: Enable us to confront the intersection of oppression in our society, work for inclusion, and make all your lambs welcome in your church universal. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for teachers, professors, librarians, school administrators, staff, and all who support the education of young people. Sustain them as they shape learning communities, rooted in equity and authenticity. We pray for children of all ages in their learning. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We remember our beloved dead, who with the great cloud of witnesses bear witness to your saving grace. Accompany us in our pilgrimage of faith, that we too place our hope and trust in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

The minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The Peace of Christ is with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with one another by saying "Peace be with you."

Ministry Announcements

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God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering of Gifts and Musical Offering

We reflect on the gifts we have, and the gifts we can offer to the Lord: our selves, our time, and our possessions. If you would like to make a monetary offering to the work and ministry of Reformation, please place it in the offering plate as it comes by, or, to do so by phone/online, turn to page 15. All gifts are beautiful to God!

8:30am: *Ubi Caritas*

11am: *Abendlied*

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Josef Rheinberger

German

Bleib bei uns
Denn es will Abend werden
Und der Tag hat sich geneiget
Sich geneiget (der Tag hat sich geneiget)

English Translation

Bide with us, for evening shadows darken,
and the day will soon be over.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Generous God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

This portion of the liturgy comes to us, modified yet recognizable, from the 3rd century.

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.**

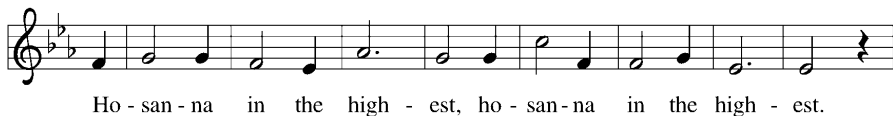
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Schubert)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

All people join the angels' song.

Arr. Paul Leavitt



Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God,
creator of heaven and earth.
You rescued your covenant people,
led them on all their journeys,
and taught them by the prophets.
You so loved the world
that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
may not perish but may have eternal life.

Words of Institution

This is the portion of a Christian Communion service based on the words of Mark 14:22-24 and used as the grounds from Jesus Christ for the continued celebration of the Eucharist.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4

We conclude the thanksgiving with the prayer Jesus taught us. You can say this or another translation you know by heart.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom 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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

We trust that God who raised Jesus from the dead to be alive with us now also joins us together in this moment of Holy Communion. Whether we are in the sanctuary or in our homes, the Holy Spirit comes and brings Christ's presence in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice when we share this meal together. You are joined to the body of Christ—the church—through this holy meal.

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

ELW 808

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

ACS 966

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O God in Heaven

ELW 748

Prayer after Communion

Please rise in body and/or spirit.

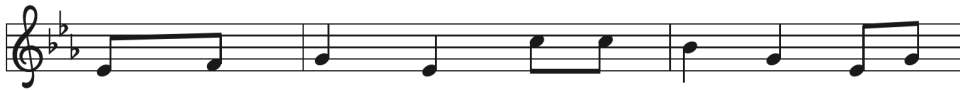
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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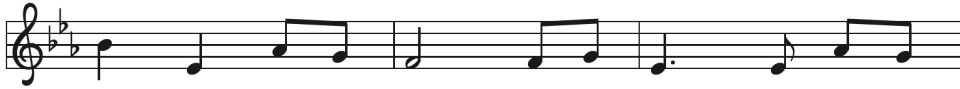
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Charge to the People

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



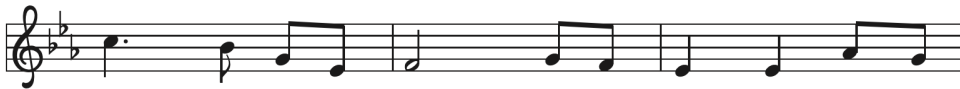
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. May God make God's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

Sending Forth

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in Bb

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Please join us outside on the Plaza after the service for coffee and refreshments.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Your Offering Empowers Our Ministry

Thank you! Supported by your time, your talents, and your financial support, Lutheran Church of the Reformation continues its mission to gather, welcome and nurture a spiritual community to love and serve the world in Christ's name.

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PRAYER LIST

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Kathryn Dahlberg (9/15); Thomas Polanic (9/16); Dale Manty (9/19).

WE PRAY FOR ...

The people of Sudan, Congo, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Ethiopia.

The families, friends, and communities affected by gun violence.

Elder and homebound congregation members.

The families, friends, and communities affected by natural disasters.

Those who are immunocompromised, those whose lives are affected by Long COVID, and anyone who is suffering physically or mentally amidst the ongoing pandemic.

Those experiencing anxiety, loneliness, and distance from family and friends.

Chari Voss' mother, who recently went into the hospital.

The migrants who are bused throughout the country.

Helen Stauderman, as she recovers from a compression fracture in her back.

Tim Teets, as he navigates health challenges.

Roger Dahlin, as his health recovers.

Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.

The Anacostia River.

For our congregational and family members in military and foreign service:

Deborah, Jonathan, and Sophia Mennuti, Matt Oskam, Drew Shealy, Diane Kohn, Melinda Manning, Jon Jones, Kim Loewecke, and family members of those in service here and around the world.

From our hearts for:

Tim Allmond, Angela Braxton, Emanuele and Emmajean Crupi, Bob Hedrick, Leah Jones, Marvin Jones, Ron Rhine, Bill Scott, Madge Selinsky, Eva Steege and her family, Carolyn Walker, Thomas Winter, and Gloria Wolf.

Please email your prayer requests to miller@ReformationDC.org.

REFORMATION HAPPENINGS

Have an announcement for the Weekly Word? Please submit to miller@reformationdc.org by Tuesday, 9/24 at midnight. The next publication date will be Friday, September 27.

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Fall Schedule at Reformation.

- **Sunday, September 22nd:** Back to Church Sunday, Space for Grace service, Sunday School Festival
- **Sunday, September 29th:** New Members Class

Sunday School Update. There's a lot to be updated on, so mark your calendars.

- We're in need of teachers. Please reach out to Ivy Finkenstadt (ivy.lange@gmail.com)
- **Sunday, September 22nd:** Back to Church Sunday, Sunday School Festival
- Sign up to be an acolyte using the link in the Weekly Word

Potluck for Back to Church Sunday. On September 22nd, we are going to do a potluck after the 11am service instead of Fellowship Hour. If you are able, please bring some snacks or a dish to share after the service. I'll also need a few hands to help pitch in with clean up. Barring rain, we will hold it on the plaza in front of the church. If you have questions, please reach out to Kim Benoit (kimberlyfigel@gmail.com).

New Members Class on Sunday, September 29th. We are seeing the Spirit move at Reformation! To welcome those who are interested in becoming members, we will be hosting a class after the 11am service (start time will be around 12:30pm) to learn more about the congregation. If you'd like to attend, please RSVP in the Weekly Word so we can ensure there is enough food for everyone!

Ushers Needed. As we "usher" in the fall season at Reformation, there is a need for a few people who would be able to serve as a greeter and usher. It's a vital role on Sunday mornings which requires minimal training, and you'd be serving on a rotating basis (likely once a month). If this sounds like something you'd like to be involved in, please reach out to Stephanie Fouse at stephaniejfouse@gmail.com.

Go "Teller" on the Mountain. The Teller team is in need of a few volunteers to help count offering each week after worship. It would be on a rotating basis so it wouldn't be a huge time commitment. Please reach out to Julie at miller@reformationdc.org if interested.

The Directory is Here! After faithful work over the past few months, the new Reformation Member Directory has come to fruition. They will be available for distribution after each service. Thank you to everyone who helped make this project become a reality. Let's continue to be community to one another!



Sign Up Your Child for Sunday School. In order to best prepare for the new year, please use the link in the Weekly Word to register your child(ren). Thank you!

Let's Meet About Service and Justice! The Service & Justice Committee invites you to its next meeting on *Monday, September 16 from 7-8 p.m.* via Zoom. All are welcome. Please contact Jenna Jablonski (jjablon1@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

☺ ☺ ☺ Fellowship 🍷 🍷 🍷

September's LGBTQ & Allies Potluck. Mark All are welcome! Come join Mike Thompson and Pete Hillman on *Saturday, September 21st at 6:30pm* at their home in Capitol Hill for fellowship, food, and games. We'll enjoy a variety of retro appetizers, drinks, and desserts. Feel free to bring your favorite appetizer or dessert from your favorite decade! Please email Pete Hillman (pshillman@gmail.com) for address and any questions.

New Tables on the Plaza. Thanks to Community Forklift's grant to Reformation, we moved them on Friday, September 7th. Thanks to Good Neighbors heavy lifters Dale Manty, Dan Smith and Errol Mazursky, assisted by Pastor Kevin and Vicar Jayme, they are now installed!

September's Book Club. The September Book for the Reformation Book Cub is Birman Wood by Eleanor Catton. An eco-thriller with literary leanings, this novel evokes Shakespeare's MacBeth in title and theme. We will meet at a time and location TBD at the end of September.

Sign Up for Fellowship Hour. It's fall, which means it's time for another season of offering delicious snacks and beverages after service! Please sign up using the link in the Weekly Word.

Metro DC Synodical Women's Organization Mini Convention. Join the women of the ELCA as they gather on Saturday, September 21st for the first time since 2019! The event will be held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield, VA from 8:30am-2pm. For more information and to register, go to <https://dwyercl2.wixsite.com/welca-metrodcsynod> or use the link in the Weekly Word.

☪ ☪ ☪ **Service & Justice** ☪ ☪ ☪

Support of Ukrainian refugees and those in Israel and Palestine by using the links in the Weekly Word.

This Week at Reformation

Today	8:30am & 11am 12:30pm	Worship In-Person Council Meeting
Wednesday		Staff Meeting
Saturday	6:30pm	LGBTQ and Allies Potluck @ home of Mike Thompson and Pete Hillman
Sunday,	8:30am & 11am	"Back to Church", Sunday School Festival, Space for Grace service

Save the Date

Sun., 9/29 New Members Class

Thanks be to God for today's Worship Leaders...

Presiding Minister: Vicar Jayme Kokkonen

Altar Care: Dan O'Brien, Jenna Jablonski, Elizabeth Wirick

Teller: Karen Cowden, Jacqueline Maddox

Cantors: Gabbi Levy (8:30am soloist), Alexa Newlin, Ruslan Bondar, JP Barringer

8:30 am

Greeter/Ushers: Stephanie and Matt Fouse

Reader: Vicar Jayme

11:00 am

Reader: Matt Cook

Assisting Minister: Vicar Jayme

Greeter/Usher: Kiri Nicholson, Pete Hillman
Mike Thompson

Stream Team: Kirsten and Corey Petree

Communion Assistant: Matt Cook

Acolyte: Ramona Benoit

Fellowship Hour: Rebecca Lindhurst



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