

Christ is Risen! *Alleluia!*



The Women Arriving at the Tomb by He Qi (1999)

Easter Sunday

Service of Holy Communion

April 20th, 2025 † 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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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 157 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** 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 10-10:50am. 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.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Day



☪ ☪ ☪ GATHERING ☪ ☪ ☪

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

Prelude

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Arr. Walter Barnes

East Capitol Brass Quintet

Joe Krasinskas, Trumpet

Hollyn Slykhuis, Trumpet

Jennifer Sorgatz, French Horn

Daniel Xu, Trombone

John Taylor, Tuba

At the sound of the bells, please rise in body and/or spirit, facing the cross as it leads the procession.

Easter Proclamation

L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The stone has been rolled away. Alleluia!

C: From the mouth of the tomb! Alleluia!

L: He is not among the dead anymore. Alleluia!

C: The Living One is risen again! Alleluia!

L: Alleluia! Our hope is in Him!

C: And He will take us into glory. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365

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).

Greeting

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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

Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

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.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

☪ ☪ ☪ **WORD** ☪ ☪ ☪

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

Acts 10:34-43

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives, since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118

*Choir sings verses; everyone sings **Refrain**.*

Music by Paul Leavitt

ORGAN: REFRAIN:

On this day the Lord has
acted, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.
¹⁵There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous. **(Refrain)**
¹⁶"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. **(Refrain)**
²²The same stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
²³This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. **(Refrain)**

Alleluia

Please rise in body and/or spirit.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

John 20:1-18

This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to the 20th chapter of John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Kevin

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

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ELW 449

Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

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

The Peace of Christ be 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

Affirmation of Faith

Philippians 2:5–11

We join with Christians of the first century to proclaim our faith.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

☪ ☪ ☪ MEAL ☪ ☪ ☪

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!

Alleluia
Sung by the Reformation Choir

Randall Thompson

Alleluia.
Amen.

Offering Prayer

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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

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

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim in 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.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **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.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper to forgive sins and renew our lives. All who trust God's gracious presence in this meal are welcome to come and dine.

Today we receive communion by intinction, standing in the light of Christ's resurrection. At the invitation of the ushers, please come down the center aisle. When you reach the front, a minister will give you a wafer of bread. Gluten free wafers are available. Proceed to one of the two chalices. The silver chalice contains wine. The blue chalice contains grape juice. After you partake, you are welcome to pause and kneel at the communion rail for prayer.

Communion Hymns

During communion some people like to sing or read the lyrics to the hymns. Sometime before the 5th century CE, Syrian Christians began the tradition of singing "Lamb of God" upon the breaking of the bread. "Lamb of God" is one of the titles given to Jesus (John 1:29). This hymn is a quotation of that Bible verse. After the "Lamb of God" other hymns are suggested.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia

ELW 369

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW 462

When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and proclaim the peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ ✠ ✠ **SENDING** ✠ ✠ ✠

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

Charge to the People and Blessing

Sending Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367

The Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah

G.F. Händel

All who wish to sing this piece with the choir are invited to come forward to the chancel area and stand with the choir after the closing hymn. We have copies for everyone!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world Is become the kingdom of our Lord,

And of His Christ, and of His Christ;

And He shall reign for ever and ever,

King of kings, and Lord of lords,

Forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Sending Forth

Go in peace. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Please join us for brunch in the Parish Hall immediately following the 8:30am service and refreshments after the 11am service.

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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This Week at Reformation

Today	8:30 and 11am 9:30am	Worship Easter Brunch (Children's Festival at 10am)
Wednesday		Staff Meeting
Thursday	6pm 7:30pm	Contemplative Prayer Group (Fireside Room) Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	10am 11am	Children and Youth Mini-golf Outing Earth Day Cleanup
Sunday	11am	Worship (Care of Creation Sunday) - One service only

Save the Date

Thurs. 5/1 (8pm) & Sun. 5/4 (4pm)	Arioso Chorale and Orchestra Concert Series
Sat. May 10th @ 11am	Tim Allmond's Memorial Service (Visitation at 10am)
Sun. May 18th @ 1pm	Active Shooter and Emergency Response Training (repeat of April 12th training)
Sat. May 24th @ 7pm	Flamy Grant Concert (Door open at 6pm)

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PRAYER LIST

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate anniversaries this week:

Emily Sollie & Jonathan Ernst (4/24).

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Valerie Platz (4/20); Luca DeBiaso-Chandler and Michael Heise (4/21); Paul Cowden and Margot Lyddane(4/22); Katie Ly and Hannah Scofield (4/25).

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.

Disability justice.

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

Those affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles.

Those who have lost loved ones.

The family and friends of Tim Allmond.

The family and friends of Eva Steege.

The families, friends, and communities of various immigration statuses.

Kristina Wilfore, as she fights for justice in her life and work.

The Anacostia River.

Paul Wengert and family, on the death of Paul's father, Eugene M. Wengert.

Jonathan, Deborah, and Sophia on the death of Jonathan's father, Michael Mennuti.

Tim Teets, as he navigates health challenges.

Roger Dahlin, as his health recovers.

Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.

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

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

From our hearts for:

Angela Braxton, Bill Scott, Carolyn Walker, Emanuele and Emmajean Crupi, Gloria Wolf, Helen Stauderman, Leah Jones, Madge Selinsky, Marvin Jones, Ron Rhine, and Thomas Winter.

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

Easter flowers are given to the Glory of God and for the remembrance and celebration of the following. Alleluia!

Lily

In memory of Daniel P. Ernst by Joy Ernst.

In honor of all who contributed to Ashes to Easter by Karen Cowden.

In memory of Carol Grawey by Karen Cowden.

In memory of Rev. David and Sara Fae Heim by Laurie and Peter Heim.

In honor of Pastor Kevin and Vicar Jayme.

In memory of Robert Josphehs by Dina Finkel.

In memory of Aunt Katie by Karen Cowden.

In memory of Ed and Aune Manty by Elizabeth Tuckermanty.

In memory of Frank and Leah Papke by Karen Cowden.

In honor of Don and Hope Schultz by Laurie and Peter Heim.

In memory of Eva Steege by Valerie Platz.

In memory of J. Gordon Swanson by Joy Ernst.

In memory of John Swanson by Joy Ernst.

In memory of Al Swingle by Matthew and Stephanie Fouse.

In memory of Al Swingle by Nancy Swingle.

In memory of Claire Thompson by Mike Thompson.

In memory of Bob and Mary Rose Tucker by Elizabeth Tuckermanty.

In memory of Jean Uehling by Carly Uehling.

In memory of Eugene M. Wengert by Paul Wengert.

Daffodil

In honor of Resi Daub by Sara Daub.

In memory of Ed and Aune Manty by Elizabeth Tuckermanty.

In memory of Arlene Meyer by Jeffrey Ding and Joelle Brown.

In memory of Anna and Adolph Platz by Valerie Platz.

In memory of Bob and Mary Rose Tucker by Elizabeth Tuckermantry.

Azalea

In memory of Hildegard and Parry Carlson by Karen and Parry Carlson.

In memory of Joanne and Paul Cochrane by Karen and Parry Carlson.

In memory of Grandpa Cunningham by Jane Tobler.

In honor of Mimi Cunningham by Jane Tobler.

In honor of Johannes Daub by Sara Daub.

In honor of my loving parents Carol & Dick Loewecke by Kim Loewecke.

In memory of Bertha Mata by Mary Versa Clemens-Sewall.

In memory of Kars Van Schaik by Dina Finkel.

In honor of Nancy Swingle by Matthew and Stephanie Fouse.

In memory of Grandma and Grandpa Tobler by Jane Tobler.

In honor of Ethan and Miles Vandiver by Jane Tobler.

In honor of Our Reformation Family by Jane Tobler.

At the close of the Easter services, if you have given a flower, please feel free to take it home with you or give it to a family member, friend, or homebound member.

Know someone (or yourself) whose Easter might be brightened by fresh flowers, but didn't order any? Please take a flower to them as a gift of the Congregation. The flowers, like each of us, won't do much good hiding in an empty room. Use them to spread God's love outside our doors!



REFORMATION HAPPENINGS

Have an announcement for the Weekly Word? Please submit to miller@reformationdc.org by Tuesday at midnight.

🌿 🌿 🌿 Creation Care Sunday: April 27th 🌿 🌿 🌿

Compost at Reformation. Reformation now has compost bins! Please put all food waste and compostable utensils, cups, and plates into the green and grey container next to the recycling and garbage cans in the kitchen. Questions? Please feel free to reach out to Dan O'Brien.

Creation Care Week at Reformation. Join us for a week of climate-focused action, reflection, and celebration! After an Earth Day documentary screening (*Common Ground* from 6 - 8 PM in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, April 22nd) and a river clean-up (Saturday, April 26th), the week culminates with Creation Care Sunday (April 27th). There will be one worship service at 11am— a Space for Grace service including the commissioning of our new Garden Ministry. ***Come early for a 9am forum*** with Christine Moffett (ELCA Advocacy) leading a letter-writing campaign and our very own Dan O'Brien offering a training on Reformation's sustainability efforts. We live as Easter people by practicing resurrection through climate care. Join us—for one or all of these events!

Volunteer Usher Opportunities. Are you looking for a way to become more involved with creating a welcoming and safe space for our Reformation community? The ushering team needs you! We are expanding our usher teams for the 11:00 a.m. service to four members per week. Your commitment would be one Sunday per month. If you are interested or would like additional information, please reach out to David Froemming at david.froemming@outlook.com.

Reformation Camp-a-roo June 14-15 at Pohick Bay Regional Park in Lorton, VA. Join us for fun, fellowship, and a waterpark trip! Come for the day or stay overnight! Want more details or to sign up? Check out the Weekly Word.

We're Going Mini Golfing! Join us next Saturday, April 26, at 10:00 am at the East Potomac Park Mini Golf Course for a fun morning with our Sunday School crew. The church will cover the cost, and Pr. Kevin & Vr. Jayme will be there to join the fun! This event is for all our Sunday School kids—parents are welcome too!

Flamy Grant Update. Early bird tickets are now on-sale for an Evening with Flamy Grant at Reformation on May 24th! We are partnering with DC World Pride for this event so please plan to attend and share this information widely. For more information and to purchase your tickets, use the link in the Weekly Word. Doors open at **6pm** (with a bag check); the show begins at **7pm**.

Contemplative Prayer Group meets on Thursdays from 6–7:30 PM, both in-person and online. Each week, the group engages with scripture, conversation, and silence, opening to God's presence more fully. Contemplative practices like Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina guide our time together. Join us anytime! Contact Vicar Jayme for more information.

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

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kevin Vandiver

Assisting Minister: Vicar Jayme Kokkonen

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

Tellers: Karen Cowden, Jackie Maddox

Cantors: Gabbi Levy, Alexa Newlin, Ruslan Bondar, JP Barringer

8:30 am

Greeter/Ushers: Stephanie & Matt Fouse

Brunch Coordinator: Kim Benoit,
Chari Voss

Last Sunday's Attendance

In person: 131

Online: 237

11:00 am

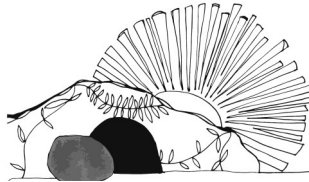
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