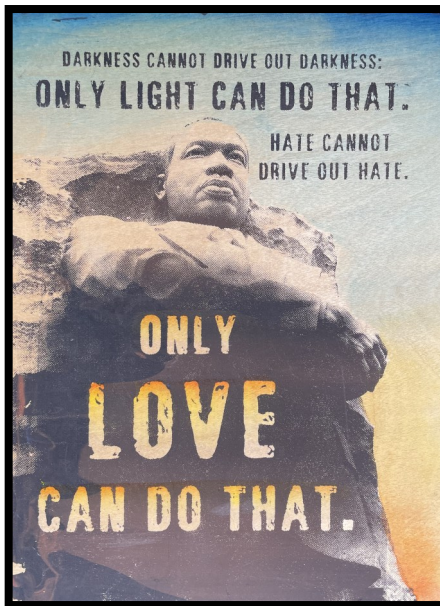


Lutheran Church of the REFORMATION

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Service of Holy Communion

January 19th, 2025 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 146 apartments for refugees over the past few years.

Reformation runs an "emergency" food pantry, in that we provide a bag of food (and in the colder months, hand-knitted hats and scarves) 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 10-10:45am. 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.

☪ ☪ ☪ GATHERING ☪ ☪ ☪

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

Prelude

Welcome

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

Gathering Hymn

Jesus, Come For We Invite You

ELW 312

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).

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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

Forgiveness

We hear God's forgiveness pronounced over us.

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **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.

Almighty God, we praise you for your servants through whom you have called the church to its tasks and renewed its life including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Raise up in our own day teachers and prophets inspired by your Spirit, whose voices will give strength to your church and proclaim the reality of your reign, 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.

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

- ¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- ² The nations shall see your vindication
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³ You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her
and your land Married,
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Spoken responsively.

⁵ Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**

⁷ How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸ **They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹ For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰ **Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

A Reading by Martin Luther King, Jr.

An Excerpt from "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" (April 16, 1963)

The Negro has many pent-up resentments and latent frustrations. He has to get them out. So let him march sometime; let him have his prayer pilgrimages to the city hall; understand why he must have sit ins and freedom rides. If his repressed emotions do not come out in these nonviolent ways, they will come out in ominous expressions of violence. This is not a threat; it is a fact of history.

So I have not said to my people, "Get rid of your discontent." But I have tried to say that this normal and healthy discontent can be channeled through the creative outlet of non-violent direct action. Now this approach is being dismissed as extremist. I must admit that I was initially disappointed in being so categorized. But as I continued to think about the matter, I gradually gained a bit of satisfaction from being considered an extremist. Was not Jesus an extremist in love? -- "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you." Was not Amos an extremist for justice? -- "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." Was not Paul an extremist for the gospel of Jesus Christ? -- "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Was not Martin Luther an extremist? -- "Here I stand; I can do no other so help me God." Was not John Bunyan an extremist? -- "I will stay in jail to the end of my days before I make a mockery of my conscience." Was not Abraham Lincoln an extremist? -- "This nation cannot survive half slave and half free." Was not Thomas Jefferson an extremist? -- "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." So the question is not whether we will be extremist, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate, or will we be extremists for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice, or will we be extremists for the cause of justice?

Second Reading

Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant.

² You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

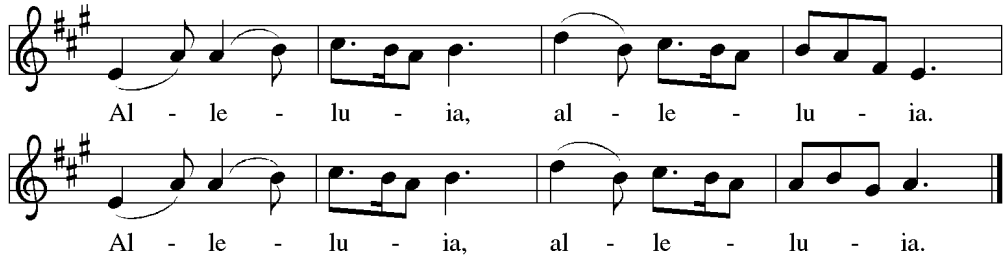
Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please rise in body and/or spirit, as we greet the living Word, Jesus Christ, with praise.

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Gospel

John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

The Holy Gospel according to the 2nd chapter of John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

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 *Commonwealth Is God's Commandment*

ACS 1036

(See hymn next page)

Nicene Creed

The Nicene Creed is the primary confession of faith of the Church, formulated over three Councils from AD 325-431. In affirming it, we join ourselves to the one true Church, in all times and in all places.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

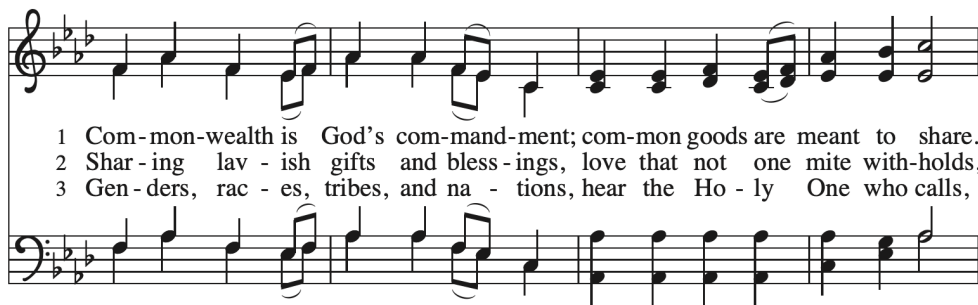
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

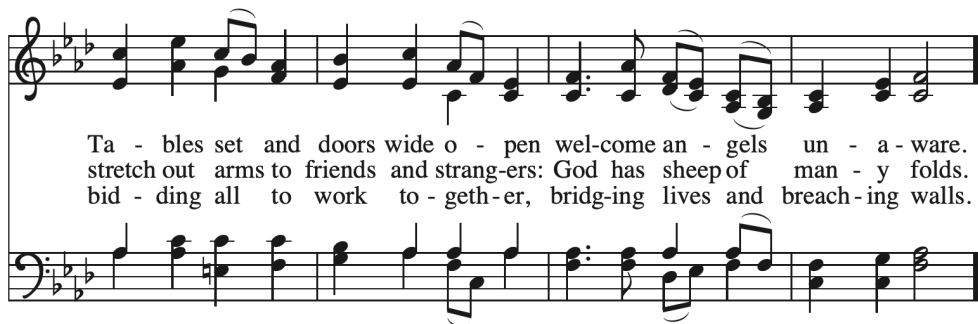
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment

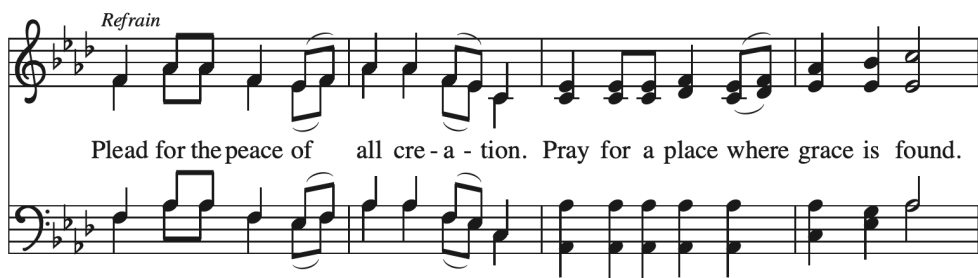


1 Com - mon - wealth is God's com - mand - ment; com - mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar - ing lav - ish gifts and bless - ings, love that not one mite with - holds,
3 Gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions, hear the Ho - ly One who calls,



Ta - bles set and doors wide o - pen wel - come an - gels un - a - ware.
stretch out arms to friends and stran - gers: God has sheep of man - y folds.
bid - ding all to work to - geth - er, bridg - ing lives and breach - ing walls.

Refrain



Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan - ti, pax, sha - lom, mas - la - ha: com - mon good is ho - ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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Prayers of Intercession

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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

After each prayer respond with:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **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

☪ ☪ ☪ **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 20. All gifts are beautiful to God!

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Doxology

ELW 884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. 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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

All people join the angels' song.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



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



san-na. Ho-san - na. 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glory, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy good. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, 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.

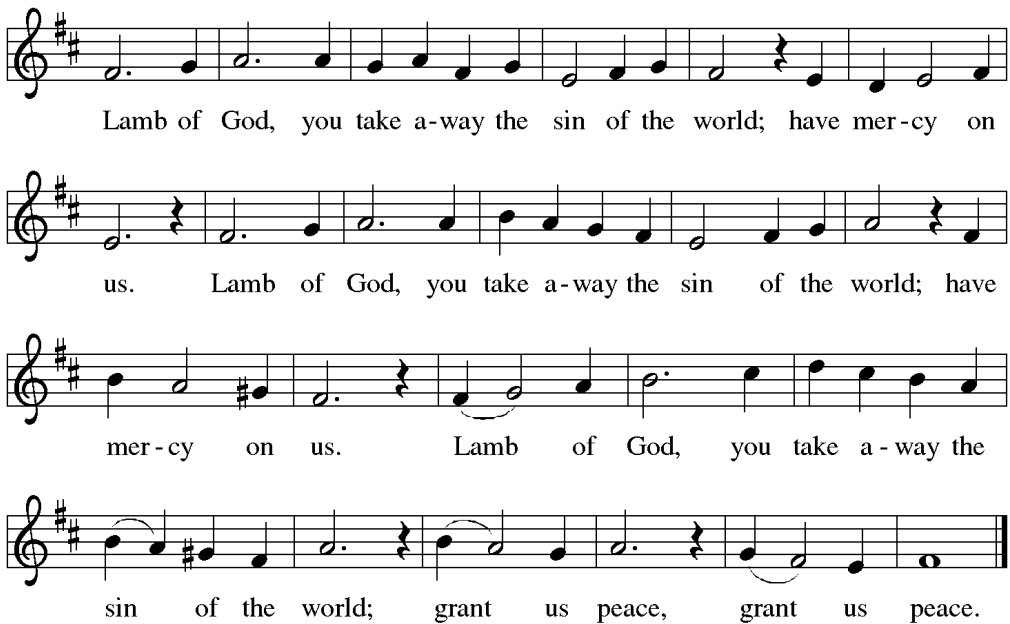
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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



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

Jesus, the Light of the World (See hymn next page)

ACS 914

Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness

ELW 488

Now the Silence

ELW 460

Jesus, the Light of the World

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;

“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of right - eous - ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.

Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain
Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

Prayer after Communion

Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ **SENDING** ✠ ✠ ✠

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

Charge to the People and Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576

Sending Forth

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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This Week at Reformation

Today	11am	Worship (No Sunday School)
Tuesday	7pm	Reformation Book Club (Hybrid: Reformation/Zoom)
Wednesday		Staff Meeting
Thursday	6pm	Contemplative Prayer Group
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	6pm	LGBTQ+ Potluck at Reformation (Library/Fireside Room)
Sunday	8:30 and 11am	Worship (RIC Sunday)
	9am	Food Pantry Bagathon
	11am	Rock Creek Singers Ensemble from Gay Men's Chorus of Washington

Save the Date

Sun., February 2nd	12:15pm	Congregational Potluck with Kairos
Sun., February 9th	12:15pm	Souper Bowl

Music at Reformation

Thurs. 2/4 & Sat. 2/8 @ 8pm	Arioso Chorale Concert Series
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PRAYER LIST

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Sienna Gloger Scavo (1/19); Emmett Antonen and Laurie Heim (1/20); David Stawick and Del Voss (1/21); Sophia Mennuti and Mim Vander Linden (1/23); Ivy Finkenstadt, Harrison O'Connell, and Eric Welch (1/24).

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.

Those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton and everyone helping in the aftermath.

Those affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles and everyone helping in the aftermath.

Ella Petree, as she heals from a hospital stay.

Madge Selinsky, as she heals from a fall.

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, 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, Eva Steege and her family, Gloria Wolf, Helen Stauderman, Leah Jones, Madge Selinsky, Marvin Jones, Ron Rhine, Thomas Winter, and Tim Allmond.

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 at midnight.

Reformation Book Club. Reformation Book Club will meet at **7:00 p.m. on January 21st** in the Fireside Room at Reformation. We will also have a Zoom call-in option for those unable to attend in person. Please contact Ivy Finkenstadt for the call-in information or if you have any questions. Our book is "The Day the World Came to Town" by Jim DeFede.

Congregational Potluck with Kairos. Save the date of **Sunday, February 2nd** for an important meeting with Rev. Jeff Kjellberg of Kairos at 12:15pm. This is an opportunity for everyone in the congregation to provide input on how you see the mission and ministry of Reformation and what you hope it will be in the future. Please let your voice be heard!

Food Pantry Bagathon on Sunday, January 26th. Join us beginning at 9am and after the 11am service to provide more bags of food for the Food Pantry. Thank you for your help in providing this ministry to our community!

From Ashes to Easter (FATE) is Reformation DC's daily Lenten Devotion written by Reformation Members and friends! We need approximately 40 writers (and 2-3 editors) to submit devotional readings. Devotions are a maximum of 250 words and reflect what an assigned scripture means to you in the journey of Lent. Please use the link found in the Weekly Word to sign up. *All FATE submissions are to be turned in by Tuesday, February 18th.*

You're Invited to LGBTQ+ and Allies Games & Grub Night. All are welcome, so come join us for a night of food, fun and fellowship on **Saturday, January 25 at 6:00pm** in the Fireside Room/Library for Games & Grub. Bring your favorite game day food to share and whatever you like to drink. If you simply prefer food, drink and conversation that's great too. Feel free to bring a friend. If you have questions, please contact Paul Rensted at prested@hotmail.com or 443 822 6650. Whether you're a seasoned board gamer or just looking for a great evening with friends and conversation sans gaming, we've got something for you. Test your wordsmith skills with a round of **Scrabble**. We live it every day—heroes and villains competing for dominance in familiar places—now play the boardgame version of **Monopoly DC**. Try a round of **Gay Trivia** (1985 edition) or **Queer Trivia** (2024 edition), full of fascinating facts and obscure information. We've also got **UNO, Dominoes, Clue, Sorry** or **Here I Stand: The Board Game of the Reformation** to choose from.

The Souper Bowl of Caring will take place on **Sunday, February 9th, directly after the 11am service**. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a baked goods (and any other food) auction

sponsored by our Youth Group. The money raised by the auction benefits our Food Pantry and is the main fundraiser for it. Last year we raised over \$6K! To make this fundraiser a success, we ask the Sunday School children to make baked goods for the auction, and anyone else who is able. We need 6 soup makers to make and serve 2 gallons of soup each for our lunch, and a few people to bring bread. Soup makers and bread people can contact Karen Carlson at: KarenCarlsonHome@outlook.com.

California Fires. Over the last few days, multiple wildfires have broken out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 100,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed homes and businesses and have led to injuries and loss of life. This disaster is just one of many — including hurricanes, war and famine — to which Lutheran Disaster Response is still responding. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond quickly and generously, wherever and whenever disaster may strike. Please use the link in the Weekly Word if you wish to give now.

Living Faithfully in Fractious Times. Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Fairfax is excited to invite you and your faith community to join us for an exceptional opportunity to spend an afternoon with Dr. Diana Butler Bass. She will speak on "Living Faithfully in Fractious Times," followed by a book signing and reception. We are honored to host this prolific author and renowned commentator on contemporary Christian issues. (www.dianabutlerbass.com) This community-wide event is co-sponsored by the Metro DC Synod of the ELCA and will be held on *Saturday February 22, from 3:00-5:30 p.m.* To register, please use the link found in the Weekly Word.

Reformation's Justice Library. Launched in December, the Justice Library is parked in the Blue Room and is filled with justice-related books and zines for you to explore. Let's use this new resource to keep learning, growing, and acting as a community!

☪ ☪ ☪ Worship ☪ ☪ ☪

Choir Rehearsal is every Thursday at 7:30pm (there is no rehearsal this Thursday, 1/16). All are welcome to join! If interested, please email Paul Leavitt at pdleavitt0918@gmail.com.

☪ ☪ ☪ Spiritual Growth ☪ ☪ ☪

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: Rev. Richard Graham

Vicar: Jayme Kokkonen

Altar Care: Jenna Jablonski, Dan O'Brien, Melissa Lord

Tellers: Karen Cowden, Jackie Maddox

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

Greeter/Usher: Kiri Nicholson, Andrew Robb,
Sara Daub

Stream Team: Andy Weaver, Chari Voss

Communion Assistant: Philip Moeller

Last Sunday's Attendance

In person: 125

Online Views: 179



If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at 202-543-4200, ext. 103. You may also email Pastor Kevin at vandiver@reformationdc.org.


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