



Lutheran Church *of the* REFORMATION

5th Sunday after Epiphany
Service of Holy Communion
February 8th, 2026 11 a.m.



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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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 156 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 180 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.

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

Meditation

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Welcome

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW 532

Prayer of 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, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Forgiveness

We hear God's forgiveness pronounced over us.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ☩ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. 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

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

❖ ❖ ❖ WORD ❖ ❖ ❖

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

Inspirational Moment

Throughout Black History Month, we pause to learn from and honor the lives and legacies of various Black saints.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn, and your healing shall spring up
quickly; your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will
answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say,
“Here I am.”

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9

The Psalm is read responsively.

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;**
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;**
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;**
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,**
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

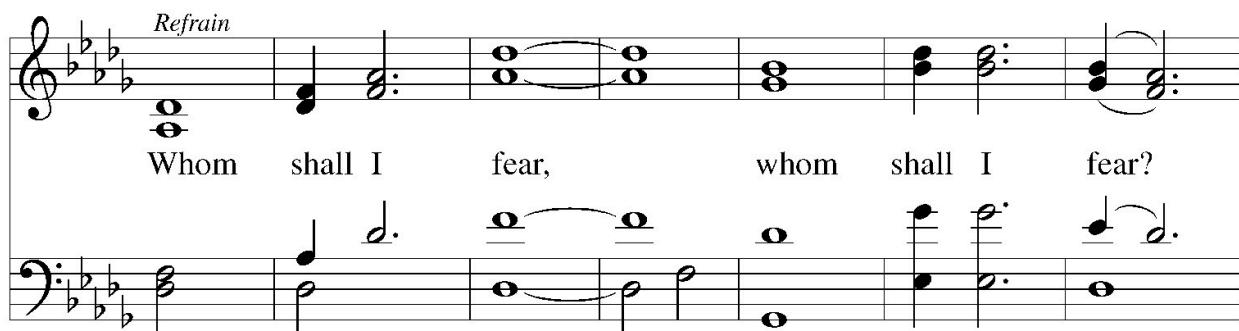
Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

TFF 61 - The Lord is My Light - Refrain



Refrain

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?



The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I fear?

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The Holy Gospel according Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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.

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935
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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.

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Your church does ministry in many and various ways. Keep the baptized true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Restore polluted air, soil, and water sources to wholeness. Guard honeybees, elephants, great whales and songbirds from harm, and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your people in every nation suffer injustice, poverty, and the threat of violence. Guide those in authority to govern with compassion, and bring peace to war zones. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all who experience exclusion due to sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ability, race, 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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 & Minute for Mission

More information and announcements can be found starting on page 21.

Souper Bowl of Caring Baked Goods Auction Today! The major fundraiser for our Emergency Food Pantry is the Souper Bowl of Caring Baked Goods Auction held every year on Super Bowl Sunday.

From Ashes to Easter Devotional Thank you to everyone who volunteered to write a Lenten devotion for this seasons FATE publication. For our writers please keep in mind that all submissions are due **Tomorrow, February 9th**! If you have any questions please contact Ivy Finkenstadt (ivy.lange@gmail.com).

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent! We will gather on Wednesdays from **Feb. 25th-March 25th** for a meal and programming at the church from **6:30-8pm**.

Lectio Divina on Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm in the Small Chapel All are invited to join for this time of sacred Scripture reading and contemplation in community. Contact Pastor Jayme with any questions.

Please sign up to bring a dish to share or to volunteer for the reception following Pastor Jayme's ordination on Saturday, February 21st. The link to the sign up page can be found in the Weekly Word. Please contact Kim Benoit for any questions.

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 19. All gifts are beautiful to God!

Set Me as a Seal Upon Your Heart

Eleonor Daley

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm
For love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.
If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in My love.
Love one another as I have loved you;
Then shall your joy be complete.

Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offering Prayer

God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**

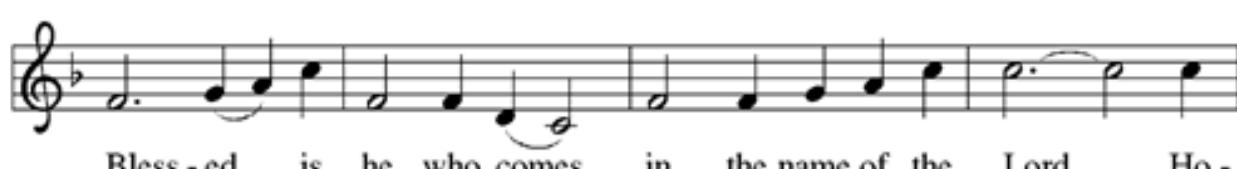
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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, through Christ our Lord; 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 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.



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.

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.

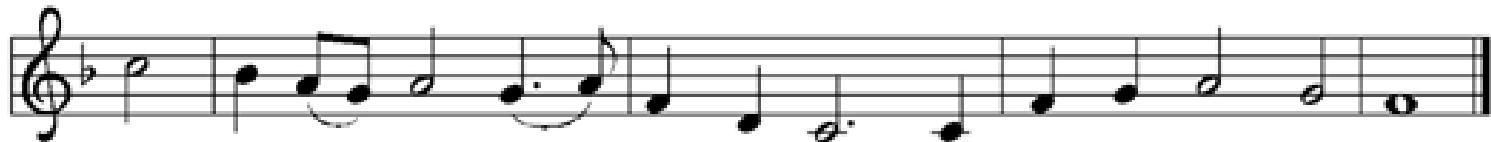
Invitation to Communion

We 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 of Light (arr. Leavitt)*

ELW 688

Jesus, the Light of the World (next page)

ACS 914

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

ELW 688 - Lord of Light!

Howell E. Lewis (1860-1953)

Arranged by Paul Leavitt

$\text{♩} = 72$

Soprano

1. Lord of the light, your name
 2. By the toil, of your faith - ful work - ers
 3. Grant that knowl - edge, still in - crea - ing,
 4. By the prayers of faith ful watch - ers,

5

all in the stars and suns of space,
 in some far out ly ing field,
 at your feet may low ly kneel;
 nev - er si - lent day or night,

9

use by our tal ents in your king - dom
 with the cour - age where the ra - diance
 by your grace cross our tri - umphs hal - low,
 by the the cross our Je - sus bring - ing

13

as of the ser - vant of your grace;
 with your to cross is still re - vealed,
 peace your char - ty our zeal;
 to all and heal ing light;

17

use by us to ful - fill your pur - pose
 lift by the vic - to - ries of meek - ness,
 by the na - love ful - tions from shad - ows
 by the love that pass - es knowl - edge,

21

in through the gift of Christ, your Son -
 to mak - ing re - proach glad ness suf - fring won:
 25 mak - ing all of your chil - dren sun:
 Son - one:

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Cre - a - tor, as in high - est hea - ven,
 so on Earth may your will be done.

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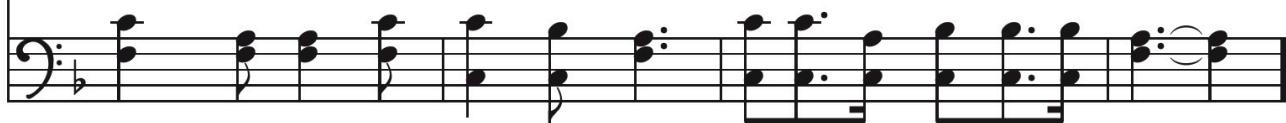
Jesus, the Light of the World



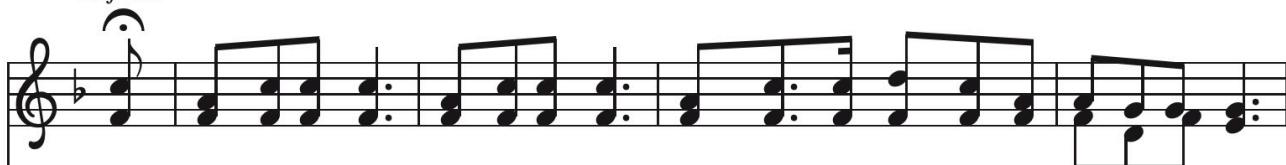
1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



“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 righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.



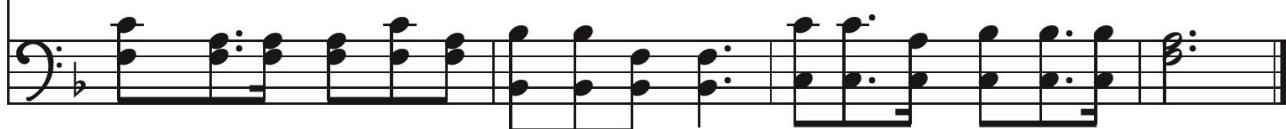
Refrain



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.

Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in 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

God's Work, Our Hands (next page)

ACS 1000

Sending Forth

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Fiat Lux

Theodore Dubois

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the Parish Hall immediately following service.

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God's Work, Our Hands

1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:

build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your gos - - - pel.
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Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

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This Week at Reformation:

Sunday, Feb. 8 th	8:30 am	Worship (in-person)
	9:45 am	Sunday School & Confirmation
	11:00 am	Worship Service (in-person and online)
	12:15 pm	Souper Bowl of Caring and Auction
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Lectio Divina (Small Chapel)
Wednesday		Staff Meeting
	6:30-8 pm	Wednesday Night Bible Study
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal <i>(all are welcome! Talk to Paul for more info)</i>
Sunday, Feb. 15th	8:30 am	Worship (in-person)
	11:00 am	Worship (in-person and online)
	1:15 pm	DC Youth Group Service Project

Lenten Wednesday Programming

Wednesday, Feb. 18th	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesdays Feb. 24th- March 25th	6:30-8 pm	Meal & Lenten Programming

Save the Date:

Saturday, Feb. 21st	3:00 pm	Pastor Jayme Kokkonen's Ordination and Installation Service (Reception in the Parish Hall)
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Prayer List:

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate birthdays this week: Bryan Anderson (2/8), Alex Ertel (2/8)

For those who celebrate anniversaries this week: Meghan & Michael Cieslak (2/14)

WE PRAY FOR ...

Candace Lilyquist's brother Clinton (Rusty), who is in an intensive care unit in Pensacola, FL

Evan Shrake and family as he mourns the loss of his grandfather, Paul Schrage.

Guidance as we find ways to unite and make "Good Trouble."

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 disaster.

Those suffering from Long Covid.

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

Those who have lost loved ones.

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

The Anacostia River.

Valerie Ashley, as she navigates health challenges.

Liz Tuckerman, as she navigates health challenges.

George Hutchinson as he navigates health challenges.

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

Drew Shealy, 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, Carolyn Walker, Emanuele and Emma Jean Crupi, Gloria Wolf, Helen Stauderman, Madge Selinsky, Ron Rhine, and Thomas Winter.*

Please email your prayer requests to dunkel@reformationdc.org



REFORMATION HAPPENINGS

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

Read Up On Black History in DC Celebrate Black History Month by reading something from the Reformation Justice Library, which now contains 70+ books and 40+ zines and is located in the Blue Room. Pick up the book *Rhythms of Resistance and Resilience: How Black Washingtonians Used Music and Sports in the Fight for Equality* by Maurice Jackson, or find out about hyper-local history through the zines Ivy City Voice and Crummell for Community. Read and share what you learn with others!

Join us on Wednesdays in Lent! Throughout the season of Lent, we will gather on Wednesdays from **Feb. 25th- March 25th** for a meal and programming at the church from **6:30-8pm**. Over the course of 5 weeks, we will explore our Lenten theme of “Faith for Uncertain Times” through prayer, music, education, and fellowship. The programming will look different each week and more details will come soon!

Lectio Divina on Tuesdays from 6:30-8pm All are invited to join for this time of sacred Scripture reading and contemplation in community.

Let's Go to the Theater! Mosaic Theater on H Street is premiering *Young John Lewis: Prodigy of Protest*, a musical by Mosaic's Playwright-in-Residence Psalmayene 24 honoring the legendary “Conscience of Congress,” John Lewis. Focusing on the Congressman’s formative years of ages 18-28, this performance reveals the humanity and heart of this mighty historic figure.

Reformation has a limited number of tickets on hold for anyone who would like to attend as a group! Show times are **Saturday, March 28th at 7:30pm** or **Saturday, April 18th at 3:00pm**. Tickets are \$43.00 each but you may pay what you can. Payments can be made via check, Venmo, cash, or through the church website. Please contact Pastor Jayme by **Feb. 25** if you'd like to attend!

Reformation's Children, Youth, & Family Monthly E-Newsletter!

This will be a way to streamline communications about upcoming CYF events at Reformation as well as share regular updates about these ministries. Use this QR code to get signed up to receive the newsletter or email Pastor Jayme.



Pastor Jayme will be ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and **installed** as Associate Pastor for Community Formation and Engagement on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 3pm. The service will take place at Reformation and online, with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. **All are welcome!**

Please sign up to bring a dish to share or to volunteer for the reception following Pastor Jayme's ordination on Saturday, February 21st. The link to the sign up page can be found in the Weekly Word. Please contact Kim Benoit for any questions.

Support the Food Pantry!: Food Pantry funding (mostly exclusive to the congregation), has been reduced over time and is estimated to run out of funds by mid-2026 at the current distribution rate. Please read the update by following the QR code for more details and consider making a one-time or recurring donation to provide food for our neighbors.



Join our Signal chat for a quick-response hub to support Reformation's mobilizing efforts. This is a space to share information and ways to take action together. This private chat is for our Reformation community- all members must join through an admin in an effort to protect the safety and focus of the group. Join the signal chat by scanning this QR code or via the link in the Weekly Word. Ask Pr. Kevin if you need support getting Signal on your smart phone!



Altar Guild Opportunities. Are you looking for a way to become more involved with worship at Reformation? The Altar Guild needs you, especially at the 8:30 AM service. Guild members prepare the sacrament of communion every week for both services, and clean up. Your commitment would be one Sunday per month (or less if enough people can help). If you are interested or would like additional information, please reach out to Sarah Stauderman (sarah.stauderman@gmail.com).

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

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Preaching Minister: Pastor Jayme Kokkonen

Assisting Minister:

Altar Care: Melissa Lord

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Reader: Gloria Kenyon

Cantors: Gabbi Levy, Alexa Newlin, Jacob Mitchell, JP Barringer

Communion Assistant: Philip Moeller

Greeter/Usher: Matt Aviles, Nisa Kibona

Stream Team: Andy Weaver, Matt Cook

Acolyte: Ben Kenyon

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church office at 202-543-4200, ext. 103.

You may also email one of the pastors directly.

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