



# Lutheran Church *of the* REFORMATION

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*Service of Holy Communion*  
*With the Rite of Ordination and Installation for*  
**Jayme Lynn Kokkonen**  
**February 21, 2026 3:00pm**



*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.

**Restrooms**, with changing tables, are on the lower level. An all-gender/wheelchair accessible restroom is on the sanctuary level, on the right front of the sanctuary near the elevator.

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.

**Children are most welcome in worship.** The Blue Room, to the left as you entered, is equipped with sound for caregivers. Parents are welcome to feed or breastfeed their infants anywhere they are comfortable, including the Sanctuary.

Today's offering will be going to two places, **ELCA Fund for Leaders Scholarship Program** and the **Reformation Capital Campaign**. Here is a little more about each:

**ELCA Fund for Leaders Scholarship Program:** The Fund for Leaders supports students attending one of the seven ELCA seminaries. In 2021, Jayme received a Fund for Leaders Direct Full-Tuition Scholarship, which enabled her to graduate from seminary with significantly less debt *and* empowered her to say 'yes' to God's call amidst life's uncertainties.

**Reformation Capital Campaign:** Reformation has launched a capital campaign to address immediate infrastructure needs, such as the elevator, HVAC systems, debt service, and future sustainability. The capital campaign is the first part of a multi-pronged sustainability approach, which will keep our congregation present and active on The Hill and beyond for years to come.

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

**Prelude**

*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*  
Paul Leavitt

ELW 763

**Welcome**

Deacon Katie Evans

**Processional Hymn**

*You Are Holy*

ELW 525

*The assembly rises in body and/or spirit and turns to greet the cross as it is processed.*



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

*\* May be sung in canon.*

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South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Bishop Milton

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins and water is poured into the font.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere; for the Potomac, Mangoky, and Shenandoah Rivers and for Lakes Michigan and Anna. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love, O God. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Greeting

Bishop Milton

*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

Bishop Milton

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty and merciful God, you built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and you instituted the office of the ministry of word and sacrament so that the apostolic and prophetic work might continue throughout the ages. Grant that Jayme, now to be ordained, may carry out this ministry faithfully in the power of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*Please be seated.*

☞ ☞ ☞ **WORD** ☞ ☞ ☞

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

**Isaiah 58:9-12**

Kyle and Conner Kokkonen

*A reading from Isaiah:*

9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
10 if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
11 The Lord will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 46

Kelsey Kokkonen

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,**  
**though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,**
- 3 **though its waters roar and foam,**  
**though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;**  
**God will help it when the morning dawns.**
- 6 The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice; the earth melts.
- 7 **The Lord of hosts is with us;**  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**
- 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 9 **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;**  
**he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;**  
**he burns the shields with fire.**
- 10 “Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.”
- 11 **The Lord of hosts is with us;**  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

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

*Refrain*

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?

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

The Holy Gospel according John.      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> [Jesus said] “You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. <sup>18</sup> If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.      **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

## **Sermon**

Rev. Kevin Vandiver, Ph.D  
Senior Pastor, Church of the Reformation

## **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.*



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the migr - ant seeks safe shelt - ter, a place to rest to - night.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

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## **Presentation**

*The assembly rises in body and/or spirit. Candidate for ordination gathers with presenters and participating ministers to be presented to the presiding minister and to the assembly.*

I present for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament Jayme Lynn Kokkonen, who has been prepared, examined, and approved for this ministry and who has been called by the church to this ministry through the Metro DC Synod and Lutheran Church of the Reformation.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Address and Questions**

Bishop Hirsch

*The presiding minister addresses the candidate.*

All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation.

According to apostolic usage you are now to be entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

Bryce Bommersbach: *A reading from John*: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (*John 20:21-23*)

Hannah Stairsrud: *A reading from Matthew*: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

Rev. Kylee Bestenlehner: *A reading from First Corinthians*: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*)

*The presiding minister addresses questions to the candidate.*

Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask:

Will you assume this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament?

*The candidate responds:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

The church in which you are to be ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you therefore preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

*The candidate responds:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*The candidate responds:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world through word and deed, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

*The candidate responds:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

*The assembly responds:* **Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Emily Andre

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

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the holy universal church, that, filled with your love, it may hunger for truth and thirst after righteousness: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For all members of the church, that they may serve you in true and godly lives: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For Jayme, called to the ministry of word and sacrament in the church, that, sustained by your Holy Spirit, she may carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust, serve your people, build up your church, and glorify your name: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For all ministers of word and sacrament; for all ministers of word and service; for Phil, Phyllis, and Yehiel, our bishops; that, together with all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people, they may support one another in serving Christ: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the peace of the church, that our divisions may be overcome, so that, united in Christ, we may serve the world and bear witness to the good news: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and their leaders, that they may work for justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the whole creation, that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose and that we may exercise care for your diverse gifts: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

For the glorious company of all the saints, those who have died in faith and those who live in certain hope, we praise you. That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ: God of mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Hymn of Invocation**

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

ELW 808

*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). During the 4<sup>th</sup> verse, Jayme and all other rostered ministers and candidates come forward.*

## **Thanksgiving**

Bishop Hirsch

*The candidate may kneel. The presiding minister leads the assembly in giving thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, we bless you for your infinite love in Christ our Lord, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.

We thank you that by his death your Son overcame death, and that, raised by your mighty power, he gives us new life.

We praise you that, having ascended into heaven, Christ pours out his gifts abundantly on the church, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some deacons, pastors, and teachers, to equip your people for their work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.

*The presiding minister lays both hands on the head of the candidate. Other ministers may be invited by the presiding minister to participate.*

Eternal God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, pour out your Holy Spirit upon Jayme and fill Jayme with the gifts of grace for the ministry of word and sacrament.

Bless your servant's proclamation of your word and administration of your sacraments so that your church may be gathered for praise and strengthened for service.

Make Jayme a faithful pastor, patient teacher, and wise counselor. Grant that in all things, Jayme may serve without reproach, that your people may be renewed and your name be glorified in the church; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Giving of a Stole

*The candidate may remain kneeling. A stole is placed over the candidate's shoulders by her parents, Mark and Karla Kokkonen, as the presiding minister continues.*

Receive this stole as a sign of your work, and live in obedience to the Lord Jesus, serving his people and remembering his promise: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (*Matthew 11:28-30*)

## Charge

*The candidate stands. The following scripture passages are addressed to the candidate.*

**Mark & Karla Kokkonen:** *Hear the words of the apostles:* Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called. (*1 Timothy 6:11-12*)

**Bishop Milton:** *And again:* Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you guardians, to feed the church of God, obtained with the blood of God's own Son. (*Acts 20:28*)

**Rev. Dr. Kim Beckmann:** *And again:* Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not under compulsion but willingly, not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. (*1 Peter 5:2-4*)

**Rev. Kirsten Laderach:** *And again:* Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. (*1 Corinthians 4:1-2*)

*The presiding minister continues,*

Bishop Hirsch

Jayme, care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline yourself in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

## **Blessing**

Bishop Hirsch

*The presiding minister continues,*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing to God; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly rises in body and/or spirit.*

## **Acclamation by the Assembly**

Bishop Hirsch

*The ministers and candidate face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Will you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, receive Jayme as a messenger of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Let it be acclaimed that Jayme Lynn Kokkonen is a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ. Jayme has Christ's authority to preach the word of God and administer the sacraments, serving God's people as together we bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## Installation

*The assembly is seated. Conference Dean and all congregational representatives are invited forward.*

*Conference Dean, Pastor Lauren Jenkins:*

Having been authorized by the church to install Jayme Kokkonen, our co-worker in the gospel, as Associate Pastor for Community Formation and Engagement, I now ask for certification of this call.

*Reformation Council President, Craig Middlebrook:*

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Church of the Reformation, have called Jayme Kokkonen as Associate Pastor for Community Formation and Engagement. I present Jayme and this letter certifying the call.

*Pastor Lauren addresses the minister of word and sacrament.*

Jayme, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

*Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Will you carry out your duties in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.*

Jayme, the office of Associate Pastor for Community Formation and Engagement is now committed to you in the name of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen.**

*The presiding minister and the pastor face the place of **baptism**. Andrew Fuehrmeyer, as a representative of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins...

*They face the place of the **word**. Elizabeth Wirick, as a representative of the congregation, says:*

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news...

*They face the place of the **meal**. Paul Rensted, as a representative of the congregation says:*

You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's Supper...

*They face the doors to the **community**. Karen Cowden, as a representative of the congregation, says:*

You have been called to be among us to open our doors and hearts to serve neighbors and strangers...

*The presiding minister continues,*

People of God, I present to you Jayme Kokkonen, your Associate Pastor. Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.

## Sharing of Peace

Bishop Hirsch

*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."*

☪ ☪ ☪ **MEAL** ☪ ☪ ☪

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## Offering of Gifts and Musical Offering

*We offer and gather gifts for the mission of the church here and around the world. Today's offering will go to **ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program** and the **Reformation Capital Campaign**. More information about these ministries can be found on the inside of the front cover of this worship bulletin.*

*Please designate your contribution "**Ordination**" to be distributed appropriately. You may also place your offering in the plate as it comes by. All gifts are beautiful to God!*

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*Luther's Words*

By Paul Leavitt

This life therefore is not righteousness,  
but growth in righteousness,  
not health, but healing,  
not being, but becoming,  
not rest, but exercise.

We are not yet what we shall be,  
but we are growing toward it.

The process is not yet finished,  
but it keeps going on.

This is not the end,  
but this is the road.

All does not yet gleam in the glory,  
but all is being purified.

*Text by Martin Luther*

## Offering Prayer

Emily Andre

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Jayme

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

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. 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'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

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.**

### 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.*

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out the the gift of your Spirit, O God:

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.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us to our Creator, our Mother, **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

Pastor Jayme

*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

*As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW 465

*One Bread, One Body*

ELW 496

*Build a Longer Table (See next page)*

ACS 1062

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## Prayer after Communion

*Please rise in body and/or spirit.*

Emily Andre

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**Words of Gratitude from the Newly Ordained**

Pastor Jayme

*All may be seated as the minister of word and sacrament addresses the assembly.*

**Charge to the People and Blessing**

Pastor Kevin

**Sending Hymn**

*Blessed Assurance (This is Our Story)*



1. Bles - sed as - sur - ance, love un - con - fined!  
 2. In - fin - ite My - st'ry, bound - less and free,  
 3. You bring your full self, and I will bring mine,  
 4. When faith - ful to our - selves, we're faith - ful to You,



Oh, what a fore - taste of won - der di - vine!  
 Knit us to - ge - ther in com - mu - ni - ty,  
 We'll join the en - fleshed Christ through bread and the wine.  
 Pro - voked by the Spi - rit in all that we do.



Source of all Be - ing, ten - der and kind,  
 Work - ing and wait - ing for jus - tice to reign,  
 Here in our bo - dies, our voi - ces ar - rayed,  
 You know our fear and ho - nor our doubt,



Made in Your im - age our hearts are en - twined.  
 Bound to each oth - er our pow - er pro - claimed.  
 In each their own lang - uage, our hopes are con - veyed.  
 Then claim and ig - nite us and send us out.

*Refrain*



This is our sto - ry, this is our song, pas-sion-ate Ma - ker, to whom we be - long:



This is our sto - ry, this is our song, em-bo-dy-ing God's love all the day long.

## **Sending Forth**

Emily Andre

Our worship has ended; our service continues.

Go in peace to love and serve your neighbor!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*  
*Paul Leavitt*

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**THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!**

*Please continue the celebration downstairs with a reception following the postlude!*

*Jayne will take photos with family and colleagues and is excited to greet you during the reception.*

*Many thanks to our wonderful reception and hospitality hosts!*

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

**Presiding Minister:** Bishop Phil Hirsch, *Metro D.C. Synod*

Bishop Phyllis Milton, *Virginia Synod*

**Preaching Minister:** Rev. Kevin Vandiver, Ph.D.

**Assisting Minister:** Emily Andre

**Altar Care:** Sarah Stauderman

**Readers:** Kelsey, Kyle, and Conner Kokkonen

Bryce Bommersbach

Hannah Stairsrud

Rev. Kylee Bestenlehner

Karla and Mark Kokkonen

Rev. Dr. Kim Beckmann

Rev. Kirsten Laderach

**Congregational Representatives:** Andrew Fuehrmeyer

Craig Middlebrook

Elizabeth Wirick

Paul Rensted

Karen Cowden

**Communion Assistant:** Philip Moeller

**Greeter/Ushers:** Kiri Nicholson, David Froemming

**Stream Team:** Matt Cook, Kerry Hydrick, Jeff Hale

**Fellowship Hosts:** The saints of Church of the Reformation

**Music:** Paul Leavitt and the Reformation Choir

**Acolyte:** Hannah Fuehrmeyer

*Jayme's ordination stole was made lovingly by her great aunt, Barbara Zirkle.*



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