

Lutheran Church of the REFORMATION

10th Sunday after Pentecost Service of Holy Communion July 28th, 2024 10 a.m.



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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

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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 134 apartments for refugees over the past few years.

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

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

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

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

Children are most welcome in worship. The Blue Room, to the left as you entered, is equipped with sound for caregivers. A **professionally staffed nursery** and **restrooms with changing tables are** on the lower level of the St. John's building. **Sunday School will resume in September** and is open to children **4-12 years old** in our historic **Children's Chapel** on the 2nd floor. **Children's Choir** is from 10-10:15am; **Bible Lessons** from 10:15-11am. All children receive an age appropriate Bible to take home!

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

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

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

Prelude Minuet Antique Ravel

Welcome

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

Gathering Hymn

The Church of Christ in Every Age

ELW 729

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

Confession

Here we confess our individual and mutual sin before a gracious and forgiving God.
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

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

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

Forgiveness

We hear God's forgiveness pronounced over us.

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

Greeting

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

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

Prayer of the Day

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

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:10-18

Read responsively.

- ¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.
- ¹¹ They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,
- ¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

- ¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶ You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.
- 18 You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

Gospel Acclamation

Please rise in body and/or spirit.





Gospel John 6:1-21

In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

The Holy Gospel according to the 6th chapter of John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

Sermon Pastor Kevin

Silence for Reflection

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

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

Hymn of the Day

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary.

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering, families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Iesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

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

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

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

Ministry Announcements

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God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering of Gifts and Musical Offering

We reflect on the gifts we have, and the gifts we can offer to the Lord: our selves, our time, and our possessions. If you would like to make a monetary offering to the work and ministry of Reformation, please place it in the offering plate as it comes by, or, to do so by phone/online, turn to page 16. All gifts are beautiful to God!



Offering Prayer

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

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

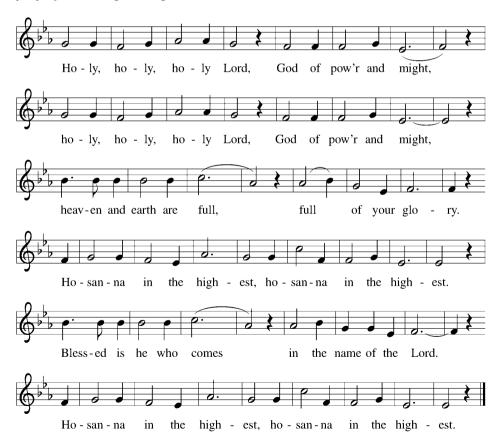
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Schubert)

All people join the angels' song.

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Arr. Paul Leavitt



Thanksgiving at the Table

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

Words of Institution

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

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



Communion Hymns	All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly	ELW 461
-	Let Us Break Bread Together	ELW 471
	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	ELW 484

Prayer after Communion

Please rise in body and/or spirit.

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

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

Charge to the People and Blessing

Sending Forth

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

Your Offering Empowers Our Ministry

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

Regular donations can be set up at reformationdc.org/give or by reaching out Julie Miller. our Church Administrator, at 202-543-4200 or miller@ReformationDC.org.

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This Week at Reformation		
Today,	10am	Worship
•	6pm	LGBTQ+ Potluck at Reformation (Fireside Room)
Tuesday	7pm	Reformation Book Club Rescheduled to August (TBD)
Wednesday		Staff Meeting
Sunday	10am	Worship
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Mon., 8/5	7pm	Service & Justice Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Wed;, 8/14	6:30pm	Young Adults Gathering (Fireside Room if raining)

PRAYER LIST

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Mike Thompson & Pete Hillman (8/2); Kathryn & Greg Dahlberg (8/3).

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Andrea Broach, David, McKay, and Helen Stauderman (7/28); Pam Lenz 7/30); Cameron Shult (7/31); Adalind Mervine (8/3).

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.

The migrants who are bused throughout the country.

The family and friends of Elizabeth "Betty" Cox Arleo, Will Anderson's great aunt, as they celebrate her life.

Bob Hedrick, as he is, in his own words, "welcomed into heaven".

Tim Teets, as he navigates health challenges.

Roger Dahlin, as his health recovers.

Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.

The Anacostia River.

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

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

From our hearts for:

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

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

REFORMATION HAPPENINGS

Have an announcement for the Weekly Word? Please submit to miller@reformationdc.org by Tuesday, 7/30 at midnight. The next publication date will be Friday, August 2nd.

<u>July's LGBTQ+ Potluck is TODAY at 6pm in the Fireside Room!</u> Please email Lyndon (lyndon.smith8919@gmail.com) with any questions and what you plan to bring.

<u>Reformation Book Club RESCHEDULED.</u> The Reformation Book Club's meeting for Tuesday HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED to a date TBD in August. The book is <u>Reading Genesis</u> by Marilynne Robinson (author of the Gilliad series). The Amazon blurb calls this "a powerful consideration of the profound meanings and promise of God's enduring covenant with humanity."

<u>Food Pantry Coverage on August 19th and 20th.</u> Please consider volunteering for a time slot (9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm) on Monday, August 19th or Tuesday, August 20th so that it can remain open when Julie is on vacation. Please sign up here (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4CA8AF2BA5FB6-49821246-food#/) or email Julie at miller@reformationdc.org.

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

<u>Building Improvements This Month.</u> We've done a number of things around Reformation!

- Kitchen deep-cleaned; stripped & waxed the floor
- A new water heater was installed in 220 & 226
- St. John's second floor deep-cleaned
- Various leaks around the building fixed.
- HVAC in 226 Parsonage repaired after a year of deferring action.
- The fan coils in the Sanctuary were cleaned and had new filters installed
- Preventative maintenance for the HVAC system throughout the church
- Insulation and a new pipe was replaced in the Men's Robing Room

<u>New Windows Installed in Parish Hall.</u> As part of the FEMA grant Reformation received, new windows have been installed in the Parish Hall. Security cameras have also been installed and the networking process is almost finished. We're so grateful to be able to make these security improvements as we continue our ministry presence on the Hill.

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

Weekly Word.

Young Adults Meeting Schedule This Summer! Join the young adult ministry for some social time every second Wednesday through September (Wednesdays August 14th and September 11th). We'll meet in front of the church, 6:30-8:30pm, or in the Fireside Room if it rains. We'll provide some snacks and beverages, but we also encourage you to bring something to share! Contact Molly Higgins (molly.ll.higgins@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Regular Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunity. This is your chance to participate in and see the ministry in action! You can sign up using the link in the Weekly Word to distribute Food Pantry bags in 4 hour chunks on Mondays and Tuesdays: 9am-1pm & 1pm-5pm. You can even bring your own work/hobbies to the office to work on in between clients. Direct any questions to Julie at miller@reformationdc.org.

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

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

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kevin Vandiver

Cantor: Jon Korman

Altar Care: Sarah Stauderman

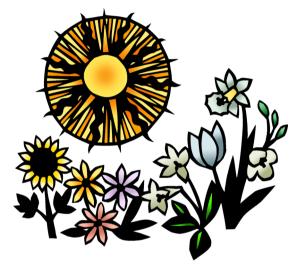
Teller: Karen Cowden, Suzanne Hazard

Greeter/Ushers: David Froemming, Evan Schrage, Lyndon Smith

Reader: Kayt Wahlert

Assisting Minister: Kiri Nicholson

Stream Team: Kirsten Petree, Jane Tobler



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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