



Lutheran Church of the REFORMATION

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Holy Communion

September 29th, 2024

8:30 am and 11 a.m.



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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation



Mission Statement: Embraced by God's love, Lutheran Church of the Reformation gathers, welcomes, and nurtures a spiritual community to love and serve the world in Christ's name.

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Reformation! For 154 years, Reformation has enjoyed a unique location near the nation's Capitol. We celebrate God's presence in everyone, including the great variety of members and friends who call Reformation their church home.

Everyone matters to God. You matter to us. Reformation has long been involved in social justice and helping organizations throughout the D.C. area, including Samaritan Ministry. We have helped Good Neighbors of Capitol Hill to equip 140 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. Handmade hats and scarves are also available during the colder months. It is open on Mondays and Tuesdays (closed on government holidays) from 9AM-5PM; please bring a government issued ID.

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

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

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

Children are most welcome in worship. The Blue Room, to the left as you entered, is equipped with sound for caregivers. A **professionally staffed nursery** and **restrooms with changing tables** are on the lower level of the St. John's building. **Sunday School is open to children 4-12 years old** in our historic **Children's Chapel** on the 2nd floor. **Children's Choir** is from 9:45-10am; **Bible Lessons** from 10-10:45am. All children receive an age appropriate Bible to take home!

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

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

✠ ✠ ✠ GATHERING ✠ ✠ ✠

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

Prelude

Adagio in A Minor

Bach

Welcome

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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, ✠ 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.

O Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

Message For All People

Jesus embraced children, placing them in the center of the Christian community as models for discipleship. Children are invited to come forward at this time.

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'?"

¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have

found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 19:7-14

Read responsively.

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Please rise in body and/or spirit.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

The Holy Gospel according to the 9th chapter of Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

ELW 580

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.

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, 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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering of Gifts and Musical Offering

We reflect on the gifts we have, and the gifts we can offer to the Lord: our selves, our time, and our possessions. If you would like to make a monetary offering to the work and ministry of Reformation, please place it in the offering plate as it comes by, or, to do so by phone/online, turn to page 15. All gifts are beautiful to God!

8:30am: *Zion's Walls*

Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers, Come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

11am: *Beati Quorum Via*

Stanford

(Latin): Beati quorum via integra est, Qui ambulant in lege domini.

(Translation): Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

All people join the angels' song.

Arr. Paul Leavitt

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

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

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

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

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4

We conclude the thanksgiving with the prayer Jesus taught us. You can say this or another translation you know by heart.

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

We trust that God who raised Jesus from the dead to be alive with us now also joins us together in this moment of Holy Communion. Whether we are in the sanctuary or in our homes, the Holy Spirit comes and brings Christ's presence in, with, and under the bread and wine/juice when we share this meal together. You are joined to the body of Christ—the church—through this holy meal.

Lamb of God



- 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

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW 719

Come, Ye Disconsolate

ELW 607

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

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.**

✠ ✠ ✠ **SENDING** ✠ ✠ ✠

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

Charge to the People

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. May God make God's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

ELW 771

Sending Forth

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fiat Lux

Dubois

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 to Julie Miller, our Director of Facilities and Operations, at 202-543-4200 or operations@ReformationDC.org.

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This Week at Reformation

Today	8:30am & 11am 12:15pm 1pm	Worship New Members Class Reformation Book Club at Folger (RSVP required)
Wednesday		Staff Meeting
Sunday,	8:30am & 11am 2pm	Worship Blessing of the Animals

Looking Ahead

Sun. 10/13	9:30am-1pm	Food Pantry Bagathon (No SS)
Fri.-Sun. 10/18-10/20		Boy Scouts Pumpkin sale on Plaza
Sun., 10/20	8:30am & 11am	"Seasons of Love" Choir during service
Sat. 10/26	6pm	LGBTQ+ & Allies Potluck
Sun., 10/27	11am only	Reformation Fest
Tues. 10/29	7pm	Synod Pre-Election Prayer Service at Reformation
Thurs., 10/31		Halloween at Reformation

PRAYER LIST

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate anniversaries this week:

Walter & Jackie Maddox (9/29); Drew & Ann Shealy (10/1).

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Parry Carlson (9/30); Linda Delk-Hoveskeland (10/1); Frank Medina and Timothy Teets (10/2).

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 Robert Hedrick, as they celebrate his life.

The family and friends of Dr. Ralph Clarence Schultz, Matt Cook's grandfather, as they mourn his sudden passing.

Helen Stauderman, as she recovers from a compression fracture in her back.

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 Emmajeane 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 at midnight. Weekly publication has resumed.

☸ ☸ ☸ Worship ☸ ☸ ☸

New Members Class TODAY after the 11am service (start time around 12:30pm).

Sunday School Update. There's a lot to be updated on, so mark your calendars.

- We're in need of ONE MORE teacher for PreK-K. Please reach out to Ivy Finkenstadt (ivy.lange@gmail.com)
- Sign up to be an acolyte using the link in the Weekly Word
- Sign Up Your Child for Sunday School. In order to best prepare for the new year, please use the link in the Weekly Word to register your child(ren). Thank you!

September's Book Club TODAY at 1pm. Meet at Reformation on and we'll go to the Folger Library across the street to view the exhibits and talk about the book and the Bard. RSVP is required so we can order timed passes.



In Recognition of St. Francis of Assisi, bring your pet(s) for a time to hold space for the relationship between animals and humans.

Knitting Together. Whew! It is finally a nice, temperate Autumn, perfect for getting out those knitting and crocheting projects. Soon it will be cold. Members and friends of Reformation are making as many scarves and hats as possible for people who will be without homes this winter. Would you like to take part in this project? Find yarn in the Fireside Room (easiest between services on Sundays). Everything else you might need is there as well. Find out more information in the Weekly Word.



Synod Pre-Election Prayer Service at Reformation on Tuesday, October 29th at 7pm.

This will be a non-partisan event praying for our country, those running for office, and all who are voting in this election. The service will begin at 7pm Reformation and end with (weather permitting) a walk around the neighborhood praying for those who have already been elected and those seeking election. Use the link in the Weekly Word to RSVP.

Contemplation & the Gospel Group. *What is Centering Prayer and how is it practiced? Does praying like Jesus influence how we receive his gospel message? How could holding still equip us for action in the world?* These are some of the questions we'll consider through our new Contemplation & the Gospel group. ***Beginning October 3rd, we'll meet on Thursdays from 6-7:30pm*** in the Fireside Room for discussion, study, and Centering Prayer. No experience required! Questions? Contact Vicar Jayme at jaymekokkonen@gmail.com

Calling Lay Communion Ministers! We are re-launching our lay communion ministry in which [non-ordained] members sign up to visit and take communion to our homebound members. If you are interested in serving as a communion minister, please join us on ***Monday, Sept. 30th at 7pm*** as we create a visitation schedule and share communion. For more information or to have a communion minister visit you, please contact Vicar Jayme (jaymekokkonen@gmail.com).

The Directory is Here! After faithful work over the past few months, the new Reformation Member Directory has come to fruition. They will be available for distribution after each service. Thank you to everyone who helped make this project become a reality. Let's continue to be community to one another!

LGBTQ+ & Allies Potluck. All are welcome! Come join Susanne Horn and Monica Fitzgerald on Saturday, October 26th at 6:00 pm at their home in Brookland for fellowship, food and trivia. This month's theme is Oktoberfest! Feel free to bring your favorite appetizer or dessert. Please email Monica (perry904dc@gmail.com) for address and any questions. Please contact Peter Poon (202-526-5496) if you're interested in hosting a LGBTQ+ potluck in the future, either at your home or at the church.

Discipleship in a Democracy. Save the Date for *Friday evening, October 25th & Saturday, October 26th* for Forgotten Luther IV!! The title of this symposium is *Discipleship in a Democracy: Responding to the Threat of Christian Nationalism* and will take place at Saint Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring, MD. It is very timely and looks to our Reformation tradition and faith for a response as well as sharing a global perspective with several international guests. Check out further details and register now using the link in the Weekly Word.

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

- Presiding Minister:** Pastor Kevin Vandiver
- Vicar:** Jayme Kokkonen
- Altar Care:** Dan O'Brien, Jenna Jablonski, Elizabeth Wirick
- Tellers:** Emily Sollie, Jacqueline Maddox
- Cantors:** Gabbi Levy, Alexa Newlin, Ruslan Bondar, JP Barringer (8:30am soloist)

Thanks to our other ministers who served today!

8:30 am
Greeter/Ushers

11:00 am
Reader: Kayt Wahlert
Greeters/Ushers
Stream Team
Communion Assistant: Philip Moeller
Fellowship Hour: Bekka Meyer





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