

Lutheran Church *of the* REFORMATION

2nd Sunday in Lent
Service of Holy Communion
March 16th, 2025 8:30 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 156 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, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (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

Adiago from Symphony No. 3

Vierne

Welcome

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Gathering Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ELW 834

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

Confession

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

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, We confess that we are stuck in sin and cannot get free on our own. We have judged others. We have preferred the ease and simplicity of placing others into boxes instead of the complexity of getting to know one another as siblings. We have contributed to and often benefited from systems that maintain the power of a privileged few. We have remained silent in the face of prejudice. Through both our action and inaction, war, poverty, injustice, and environmental degradation continue on massive scales. We have ignored your prophets and turned from your command to put you first and neighbor second. Forgive our ignorance. Forgive our weakness. Forgive our sin. May your love overwhelm us, your peace disturb us, and your spirit move us so that we cannot help but do your will at all times and in all places, always glorifying your name. Amen.

Forgiveness

We hear God's forgiveness pronounced over us.

Hear this good news: that God, who is full of grace and mercy has already forgiven you all your sins and counts them against you no more. You are God's beloved. Go on your way today knowing that you are freed from sin because of Jesus Christ's redemptive work for your sake. In the name of God † our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **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.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

☪ ☪ ☪ WORD ☪ ☪ ☪

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

Message For All People

Jesus embraced children, placing them in the center of the Christian community as models for discipleship.

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside

and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other, but he did not cut the birds in two.

¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 27

Spoken responsively.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing
and make music to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."**

Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

- ⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁰ **Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- ¹² **Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**
- ¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

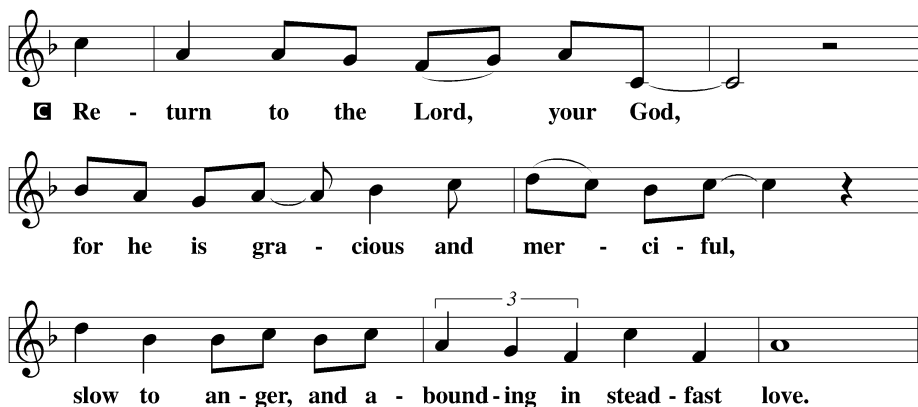
¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Lenten Acclamation

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



Re - turn to the Lord, your God,
for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

The Holy Gospel according to the 13th chapter of Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

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.

1 The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the
 3 Wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age, oh,

Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my
 wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age, . . . wait on the

light and my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?
 Lord and be of good cour-age; he shall strength-en thy heart.

Refrain

Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?

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

2 In the time of trou-ble, he shall hide me; oh, in the time of

trou-ble, he shall hide me; in the time of trou-ble,

D.C. (to stanza 3)
he shall hide me; whom shall I fear?

Text: Psalm 27; adapt. Lillian Bouknight
 Music: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT, Lillian Bouknight; arr. Paul Gainer

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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 universal 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.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need. *A brief silence.*

After each prayer respond with:

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **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 16. All gifts are beautiful to God!

11am

Libera Me

Fauré

Latin

English

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna
 In die illa tremenda, in die illa
 Quando coeli movendi sunt
 Quando coeli movendi sunt et terra
 Dum veneris iudicare saeculum per ignem
 Tremens, tremens factus sum ego et timeo,
 et timeo
 Dum discussio venerit atque ventura ira
 Dies illa, dies irae, calamitatis et miseriae
 Dies illa, dies magna et amara, amara valde
 Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine
 Et lux perpetua luceat eis, luceat eis
 Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna
 In die illa tremenda, in die illa
 Quando coeli movendi sunt
 Quando coeli movendi sunt et terra
 Dum veneris iudicare saeculum per ignem
 Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna
 Libera me, Domine

Deliver me, Lord, from eternal death
 On that terrible day, on that day
 When the heavens are to be moved
 When the heavens and the earth are moved
 When you come to judge the world by fire
 I have become trembling, trembling, and I am
 afraid, and I am afraid
 While the discussion will come and the wrath
 to come
 That day, a day of wrath, calamity and
 misery
 That day, a great and bitter day, very bitter
 Give them eternal rest, Lord
 And let perpetual light shine upon them, let it
 shine upon them
 Deliver me, Lord, from eternal death
 On that terrible day, on that day
 When the heavens are to be moved
 When the heavens and the earth are moved
 While you are coming to judge the world by fire
 Deliver me, Lord, from eternal death
 Deliver me, Lord

Doxology

ELW 884

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

Amen.

Offering Prayer

Gracious Provider, **you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through 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.**

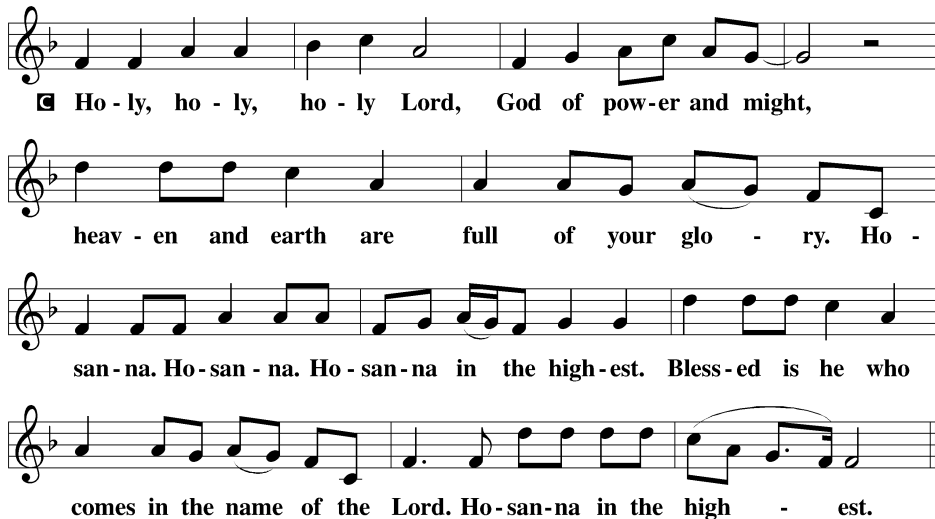
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, That we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. And so, with your people on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

All people join the angels' song.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from captivity to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

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.

Invitation to Communion

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

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

When Twilight Comes

ELW 566

Prayer after Communion

Please rise in body and/or spirit.

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠ **SENDING** ✠ ✠ ✠

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

Charge to the People and Blessing

Sending Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

Sending Forth

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

God of Grace

Manz

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

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

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This Week at Reformation

Today	8:30 and 11am	Worship
Wednesday		Staff Meeting
Thursday	6pm	Contemplative Prayer Group (Fireside Room)
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:30 and 11am	Worship
		Youth Room Paint Party

Save the Date

Tues. March 25th @ 7pm	Reformation Book Club
Sat. March 29th @ 9am	Next Step Breakfast
10am	"Good Trouble" w/Dr. Marci Vandiver (High Schoolers)
Sun. April 20th @ 9:30am	Easter Brunch
Sat. April 26th	Children and Youth Programming

PRAYER LIST

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate anniversaries this week:

Chari and Del Voss (3/21).

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Jonathan Ernst, Nicholas Heim, and Charles Servaites (3/16); Bonnie Franklin (3/17); Chase Au and Jake Barrette (3/18); Ava Councill (3/19); Mary Lou Erwin, Robyn Hiestand, Candace Lilyquist, Evelyn Sigrist, and Livia Sigrist (3/21).

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.

The millions of people suffering from Long Covid and those who are advocating for prevention, cures, and support during Long Covid Awareness Month (March).

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

Those affected by the wildfires in Los Angeles.

Those who have lost loved ones.

The families, friends, and communities of various immigrations status'.

Tim Teets, as he navigates health challenges.

Roger Dahlin, as his health recovers.

Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.

The Anacostia River.

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

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

From our hearts for:

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

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

REFORMATION HAPPENINGS

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

Coming Soon: A Youth Room! Following a call from our community to designate space for our youth (5th grade & up), a youth room will be created on the 1st floor of the St. John's building. On **Sunday, March 23** following the 11am service, the youth are invited to paint their room and decide what else they'd like the space to be. Pastor Kevin and Vicar Jayme will help! Lunch will be provided.

Need for a New Teller. Last Sunday was Peter Poon and Marcos DaCruz's last day as tellers. With that being said, we are in need of another teller to work alongside Matt Aviles for the first Sunday of every month. Please email Suzanne Hazard at wine5000@aol.com if you are interested!

Next Step Breakfast. Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, will deliver the keynote at Samaritan's Next Step Breakfast 2025 (NSB25) on Saturday, **March 29 from 9 to 10:30 am at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW**. Please use the link in the Weekly Word if you wish to learn more, register, or donate.

Dr. Marci Vandiver will speak on "**Good Trouble, Being Bold and Boundless**" as part of the synod's Racial Equity Team offerings for youth. There will be three offerings designated by age groups

- March 29th from 10am-1pm for high schoolers at St. Luke Silver Spring, MD
- May 17th from 10am-1pm for college and young adults at Emmanuel Vienna, VA

Council Meeting. The church council will be holding its monthly meeting **today at 1pm** in the shalom room. A Zoom option is also available at the link provided in the Weekly Word. All members are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings.

Movie Night! Come one and all **Tuesday, March 18th (6:00-7:45)** to watch Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace. "This is the story of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German clergyman, who opposed Hitler and the Nazis. His convictions cost him his life. "

New Releases in the Justice Library! We're thrilled to add some hot new titles to the Reformation Justice Library! We've included The Message by Ta-Nehisi Coates; Rhythms of Resistance and Resilience: How Black Washingtonians Used Music and Sports in the Fight for Equality by Maurice Jackson; and Reimagining the Revolution: Four Stories of Abolition, Autonomy, and Forging New Paths in the Modern Civil Rights Movement by Paula Lehman-Ewing. With about 50 books and 30 zines, the Reformation Justice Library is a growing resource that has something for everyone. Check out the mobile bookshelf parked in the Blue Room!

Please mark your calendars for Children & Youth Programming on **Saturday, April 26th**. This is for all K-7th graders to gather for fun and fellowship. More details coming soon!

The Reformation Book Club March selection is *The Art of Power: My Story as America's First Woman Speaker of the House*, by Nancy Pelosi. We will have a hybrid discussion meeting on **March 25 at 7:00**. Join our email list at ReformationBookClub@googlegroups.com

The Reformation Garden Ministry is forming to support the planter boxes that have been installed by Daniel Fitzgerald for his Eagle Scout project. Pastor Kevin is grateful for all the green thumbs in our congregation, and we hope to fill the boxes (and maybe even the lawn plot) with good things, both as a community initiative, and as a reminder that we worship the God of creation, restoration, and resurrection. We need people who are willing to participate in stewarding this garden together. Right now, we need help forming a garden “plan,” and then hopefully, creating a rotation of watering and maintenance in the Spring/Summer growing season. If you’re interested, please use the link in the Weekly Word.

Security Team Members Needed. As part of the FEMA grant, there’s the opportunity to have a team of people trained on best practices by a professional. This will entail knowing what to do in case the fire alarm goes off, where to direct people in case of an emergency, and learning how to be mindful of your surroundings. No previous experience is necessary. Please email Julie (operations@reformationdc.org) with any questions and to sign up.

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Easter Brunch! Please use the link found in the Weekly Word to sign up to bring either a sweet or savory dish for the Easter Brunch Potluck at **9:30am April 20th**.

Adorn the Sanctuary with Easter Flowers. Easter will see us decorate our chancel with the traditional lilies as well as daffodils and azaleas, and you can be a part! Please donate \$25 per flower in the “Given in Memory” or “Given in honor” categories. We will list your name and the persons you designate in the Easter worship materials. Please complete the Easter Flowers Google Form or email the church office by Sunday, April 13th to tell us the names of your loved one and in what category the flower(s) are given. Plan to take the lily home on Sundays, April 20th or April 27th, or during the week of April 27th (Mon-Thurs 9am-5pm). You can make your donation online or send your donation check to the church office (Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol St NE, Washington, DC 20003). Mark it “Lilies”, “Daffodils”, or “Azaleas.”

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Choir Rehearsal is every Thursday at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join! If interested, please email Paul Leavitt at pdleavitt0918@gmail.com.

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Contemplative Prayer Group meets on Thursdays from 6–7:30 PM, both in-person and online. Each week, the group engages with scripture, conversation, and silence, opening to God’s presence more fully. Contemplative practices like Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina guide our time together. Join us anytime! Contact Vicar Jayme for more information.

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

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kevin Vandiver

Assisting Minister: Vicar Jayme Kokkonen

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

Tellers: Karen Cowden, Jackie Maddox

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

8:30 am

Greeter/Ushers: Matt and Stephanie Fouse

11:00 am

Reader: Matt Fuehrmeyer

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

Stream Team: Kirsten, Corey, and Ella Petree

Acolyte: Hannah Fuehrmeyer

Fellowship: Ramona Benoit



Last Sunday's Attendance

In person: 104

Online Views: 182

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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