



Lutheran Church of the REFORMATION

5th Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
July 13th, 2025 10 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 162 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.

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 the fall, but it 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

Prélude from Le Tombeau de Couperin

Maurice Ravel

Welcome

To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

Gathering Hymn

God is Here!

ELW 526

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.*

In the name of the Creator,
and of the ✙ Redeemer,
and of the Sustainer.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**We confess that we have passed by neighbors in need.
We have avoided discomfort and turned away from risk.
We prefer certainty over compassion, control over mercy.
At times, we are the ones left beaten and ignored—
and still, we struggle to receive help from unexpected hands.
Forgive us.
Lift us from the side of the road.
Heal us with your grace.
And set us on the path of your love.
Amen.**

Forgiveness

We hear God's forgiveness pronounced over us.

You are not abandoned on the roadside. In Christ Jesus, God draws near to you with mercy. By the power of the ✙ cross, your sins are forgiven. You are lifted up, healed, and made new. Journey onward in freedom, guided by the Spirit of love.
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

Holy God, as we gather in this house of prayer, we open ourselves to your Spirit. Give us a fresh understanding of the compassion that risks crossing boundaries and the hope that comes from unexpected mercy. Open us to receive grace from the unexpected and form us into neighbors who draw near in love. **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.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹ The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ "Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

Word of God, Word of life.

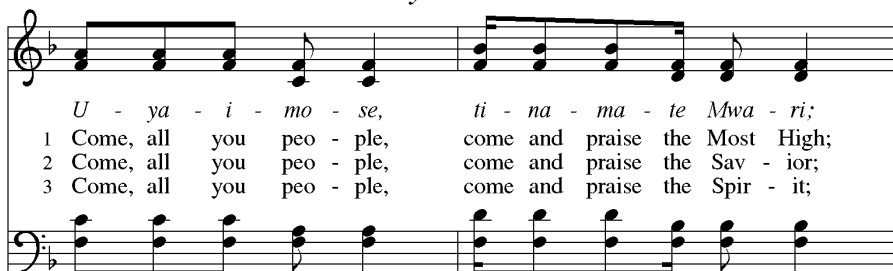
Thanks be to God.

Spoken responsively.

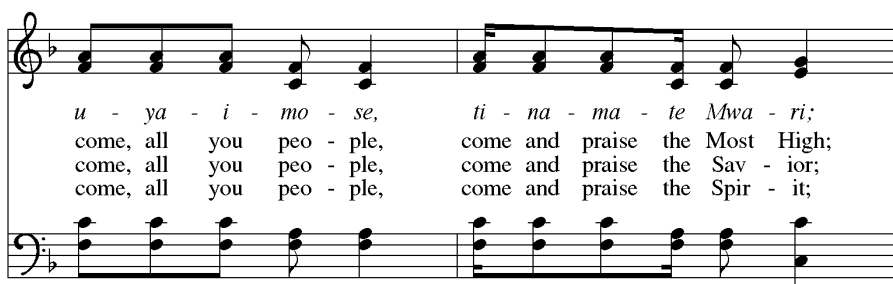
- ¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
- ² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- ³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- ⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**
- ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O
LORD.
- ⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰ **All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Come, All You People

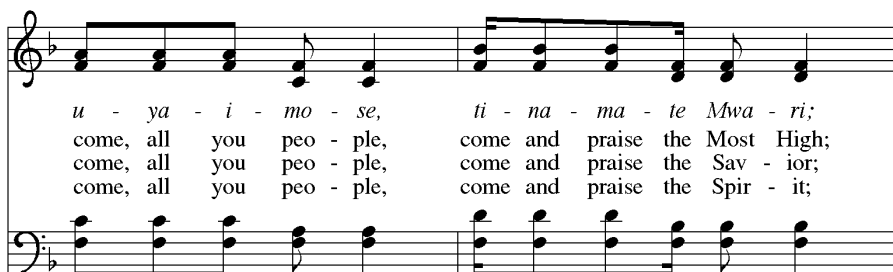
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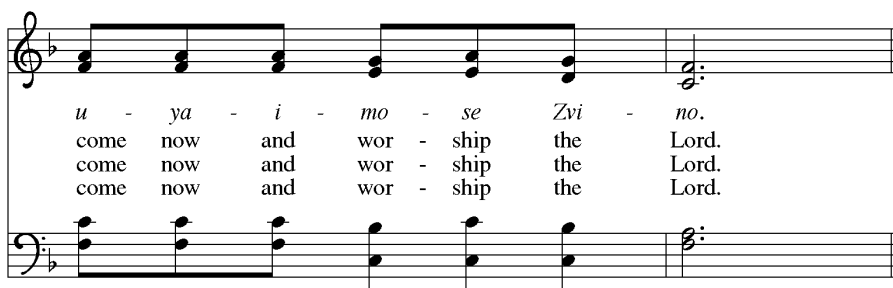
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 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

The Holy Gospel according to the 10th chapter of Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Silence for Reflection

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

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

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.

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. *A brief silence.*

After each prayer respond with:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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 17. All gifts are beautiful to God!

How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Generous God, **all good gifts come from your gracious hand. We offer you this bread, wine, and money, the harvest of our time and labor. Make us wise stewards of all your gifts, that your name may be exalted in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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

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

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

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

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

All people join the angels' song.

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.

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

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW 714

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

ELW 800

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

If You but Trust In God to Guide You

ELW 769

Sending Forth

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

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

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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	10am	Worship
	11:30am	LGBTQ+ Fellowship @ Hawk 'n' Dove
Monday	6:15pm-7:15pm	Summer Bible Study (Blue Room)
Tuesday		Council Meeting (hybrid)
Wednesday		Staff Meeting
Saturday	9am-1pm	Spiritual Growth Retreat
Sunday	10am	Worship

PRAYER LIST

WE GIVE THANKS ...

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Kayt Wahlert (7/14); Craig Haas and Charlie Payne (7/15); Peter McCall (7/16); Rob Cowden (7/19).

For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

Gregory & Sarah Guthrie and David & Evelyn McKay (7/19)

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.

Disability justice.

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

Those who have lost loved ones.

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

Kristina Wilfore, as she fights for justice in her life and work.

The Anacostia River.

Jennifer Novak, as she mourns the loss of her friend, Jen.

Tim Teets, as he navigates health challenges.

Roger Dahlin, as his health recovers.

Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.

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, Gloria Wolf, Helen Stauderman, Leah Jones, Madge Selinsky, Marvin Jones, Ron Rhine, and Thomas Winter.

**Please email your prayer requests to
servaites@ReformationDC.org.**

REFORMATION HAPPENINGS

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

LGBTQ+ Fellowship TODAY. All are invited to this month's LGBTQ+ Fellowship at 11:30am at Hawk 'n' Dove (329 Pennsylvania Ave SE). We'll gather for food, fellowship and conversation. If you're able to host or coordinate a future group meal/potluck, please reach out to Matt Cook (MCook80@gmail.com).

Moral Monday in DC Hosted at Reformation. This week, while Senate Republicans worked to push through an immoral budget that harms the most vulnerable in the country, people of faith and moral conscience gathered at Reformation and then processed to the Supreme Court and Capitol to respond with simultaneous moral actions declaring "We won't be silent anymore!" Watch a video recap of the day and read about it in the Weekly Word. The next Moral Monday in DC will be on August 4th.

Celia's New Email Address. If your request pertains to the Church Administrator's role, please email Celia Servaites at servaites@reformationdc.org, as we begin phasing out Julie's old email address with her last name. You can reach Julie at operations@reformationdc.org. Thank you!

Important Space Use Update. If you need to schedule additional access to the church building for an event, please let the Director of Facilities and Operations know via the Google Form link in the Weekly Word, so we can program the doors accordingly. This way the requests won't get buried in email and we can program the doors in a timely manner. If you have a time-sensitive request, please email the DFO as well with that in the subject line.

Summer Bible Study! Starting *July 7* through the end of summer, we will meet each *Monday from 6-7:30 pm* in the Blue Room and via Zoom, to read and reflect on scripture for the upcoming Sunday. Please use the link found in the Weekly Word to join virtually. For more information, reach out to Pr. Kevin or Vr. Jayme.

Please mark your calendar for a Spiritual Growth Retreat on *Saturday, July 19 from 9am-12pm* followed by a cookout! Join us at Reformation for a morning of spiritual nourishment and shared visioning for the year ahead. Whether you lead a ministry or simply care about our life together, you're invited! We'll explore ways our congregation can grow more connected, with time for scripture, prayer, and reflection—plus a cookout to close the day. Come be fed in body and spirit!

Reformation is full of stories worth sharing—want to tell yours? Sign up to share a short "Minute for Mission" during worship: just 2 minutes about why a ministry or group here matters to you. Learn more or sign up using the link found in the Weekly Word.

Need for a New Teller. 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!

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

- Presiding Minister:** Pastor Kevin Vandiver
- Assisting Minister:** Jackie Maddox
- Altar Care:** Sarah Stauderman
- Tellers:** Karen Cowden
- Cantors:** Gabbi Levy, Alexa Newlin, Ruslan Bondar (soloist), JP Barringer
- Reader:** Jane Tobler
- Communion Assistant:** Philip Moeller
- Greeter/Usher:** Pam Lenz, Bryan Anderson
- Stream Team:** Andy Weaver

Last Sunday's Attendance
In person: 67
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