

Reformation Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday after Epiphany
A Service of Word and Sacrament

January 26th, 2025
9:30 AM



Welcome to Reformation!

Presiding Minister: Pastor Paul Metzloff
Director of Music: Dr. Heidi Rochlin

9:30

Ushers Teri and Greg Stoddard
Reader Elisha Barnett
A/M Dee Dee Werner
Acolyte John Baver
Flowers not sponsored
Altar Guild Kathy Austin Patty Matijasich
Live streaming Tom Sahaida, Andy Dobroskey, Jared Preston,
Stu Johnston, Richter Bogust

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector,
our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,
let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment,
cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp.
Show us your lovingkindness.**

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear,
for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name.
You are mine.”

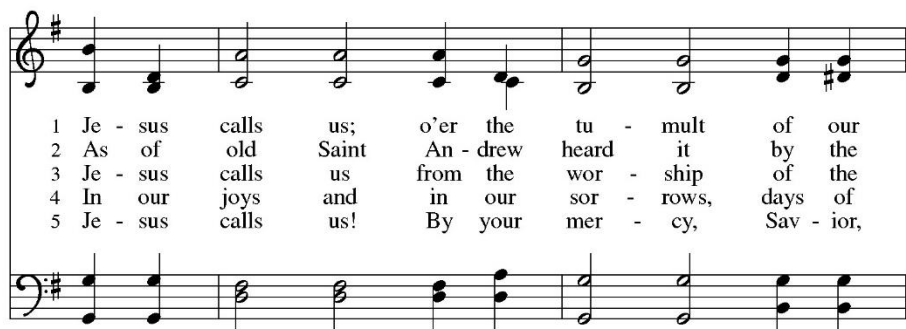
In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 696

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me”:
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, “Chris - tian, love me more.”
plea - sures, “Chris - tian, love me more than these.”
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!
2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, you taught your disciples to cast a wide net -- not for fish, but for people. Teach us your craft and style of fishing. Make our fingers nimble, that may handle others gently; make our minds quiet, that we may wait for those who are not yet ready. We ask this in the name of the one who has captured our hearts already, Jesus. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

LUKE 5:1-11, 27-32

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’s knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” ²⁸ And he got up, left everything, and followed him.

²⁹ Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others reclining at the table with them. ³⁰ The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; ³² I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

SERMON

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo

Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

APOSTLES' CREED

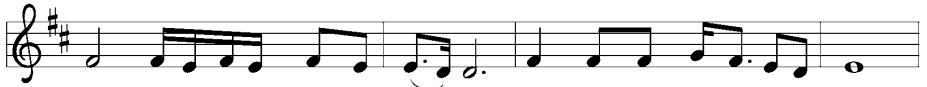
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Asst. Minister: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Petitions conclude with: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Asst. Minister: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING & ANTHEM – Coming Home (McDonald)

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY: AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

ELW 465

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens,**
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:

our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

Amen!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION & COMMUNION

Please note that, so as to be accessible to all, our communion bread is gluten-free, nut-free and lactose-free; both wine (served at the rail) and grape juice (in the trays) are available. All are welcome to commune.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear,
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace,
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love,
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Shirley Erena Murray

Lori True

Verses



1. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta -
 2. For wo - man and man, a place at the ta -
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta -
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta -
 5. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta -



ble, for ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and
 ble, re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the
 ble, a voice to be heard, a part in the
 ble, a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for -
 ble, to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to



bread, a shel - ter, a space, a
 share, with wis - dom and grace, di -
 song, the hands of a child in
 give, in an - ger, in hurt, a
 be, to work, to speak out, to



safe place for grow - ing, for ev - 'ry - one
 vid - ing the pow - er, for wo - man and
 hands that are wrink - led, for young and for
 mind - set of mer - cy, for just and un -
 wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - 'ry - one



born, a star o - ver - head.
 man, a sys - tem that's fair.
 old, the right to be - long.
 just, a new way to live.
 born, the right to be free.

Refrain

And God will de - light when
we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy,
yes, God will de - light when
we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
jus - tice and joy!

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Take My Life

C-34

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my king.
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use every power as you choose.

Chorus: Here am I, all of me. Take my life, it's all for thee.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord I pour at your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be ever, only all for thee, **Chorus**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody
your good news of liberation and healing.
In the name of Christ, Amen!

BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. Amen!

SENDING HYMN

ELW 810

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

Changes to the Prayer List this week:

Added – Ethan

Removed – none

Reformation Family: Carol Baer, Millie Castillo, Nancy Edinger, Bob Galbraith, Roger Hillibush, Dana Humbert, Cheryl Manella, LaJune McDonough, Brett Montag, Linda Sell, Elinor Snyder, Erica Sweigert, Dee Dee Werner, and Connie Whalen

Friends of Reformation: Kathy Adomshick, Sandy Bender, Bob Benton, Andy Bishop, Claire Boarder, Michele Boucher, Carole Coddington, Barbara Connor, Carl and Laura, Patricia Derr, Immanuel Eberly, Wilgus Elliott, Judi and Carl Esterly, Ethan, Susan Flicker, Francis, Lee Hartman, Gino Hinnershitz, John Howard, Evelyn Hunsicker, Deacon Kalbach, Kayden, Allison Kunkel, Batya Leidner, Dana Little, Kathy McCoy, Debbie Mikes, Jean Morgan, Andrew Nosti, Amy Papilla, Patty, Keith and Peg Ruch, Garrett Schanfelder, Kim Sharp, Linda Smith, Mark Smoker, Charles Sperling, Herm Spitzer, Jacob Stoner, Steve V., Grace Vetter, Erika Wesch, Brenda Williams, and Parker Youse

Next Week’s Worship Leaders:

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:30</u>
Ushers:		
Reader:		
A/M:	Jen Weaver	
Acolyte:	Zander Bogust	Olivia Matijasich

Food Pantry Special Needs and Requests for the Month -The food bank needs soup for January (same as December!) - chicken noodle, tomato, and any variety of cream soup. Pet food is also always needed.

Annual Meeting – the congregation’s annual meeting is today, Sunday, January 26th, shortly after worship and breakfast. Many thanks to those who have helped with all of the details of the day, from the food to the setup to the sound system!

Planning for Summer? – consider Bear Creek Camp, and ELCA camp in our synod’s territory! They have weeks of camping for kids from 1-12th grade, family camp, an artists camp, and a rafting trip! This year’s theme is “All Together,” and information is posted on the Youth bulletin board near the church office (or see Pastor Metzloff or Alicia Bergey if you have questions).

Mental Wellness Ministry – will be sponsoring quarterly conversations on Mental Wellness; the first (in March) will be on social media and its effects.

Flower Signup – is looking a bit sparse so far this year. If you’d like to sponsor flowers, please see the list in the hallway just past the library off the narthex – thanks!