

Reformation Lutheran Church

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5th Sunday after Epiphany
A Service of Word and Sacrament

February 8th, 2026
9:30 AM



Welcome to Reformation!

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Dr. Gregory Stoddard
Director of Music: Dr. Heidi Rochlin

9:30

Ushers	Shirley Harner and Joanne Scattergood
Reader	Dee Dee Werner
Assisting Minister	Elisha Barnett
Acolyte	Karen Montag
Flowers	John and Debbie Wieland-in memory of Eric Rothharpt Greg and Teri Stoddard-in honor of our anniversary
Altar Guild	Heather McHale and Lisa Phillippi
Live streaming	Tom Sahaida, Stu Johnston, Jared Preston, Andy Dobroskey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

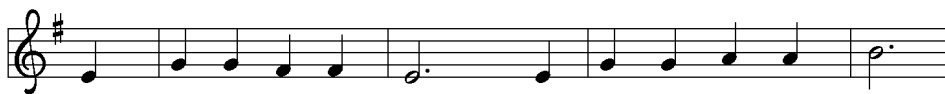
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

When Peace Like a River*Found in the Red Hymnal***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.

KYRIE

- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of miracles,

Sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

JOHN 4:46-54

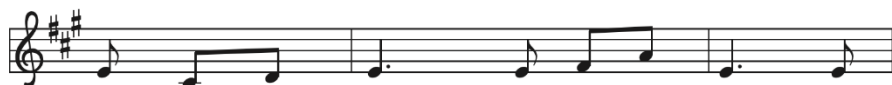
⁴⁶ Then he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷ When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹ The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. ⁵¹ As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵² So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." ⁵³ The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴ Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ACS 1021

O God, to You I Cry in Pain



1 O God, to you I cry in pain when
2 Give me the strength to face my ill, to
3 With - in the com - fort and the love that
4 Al - low my mind to rest in you, and



sick - ness makes me weak, when mind and bod - y
trust in skill and care, to bless the hands that
hu - man touch can give, re - store in me a
let your peace per - vade to hold me in your



out of tune bring fears I can - not speak.
help me heal and find your spir - it there.
larg - er sense of what it is to live.
great - er pow'r and not to be a - fraid.

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

Assisting Minister: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

Each petition of the prayers concludes with these words:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING & ANTHEM

The Gift of My Life

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

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

God of all creation,
**all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You
bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. 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 Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

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.



- 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

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

Found in the Red Hymnal

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

Found in the Red Hymnal

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Found in the Red Hymnal

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER LIST

Added – none

Reformation Family Carol Baer, Steve Barnett, Ruth Blatt, Millie Castillo, Harriet Clauser, Nancy Edinger, Bob Galbraith, Rich Hawk, Roger Hillibush, Dana Humbert, Cynthia Smoker-Johnston, Maddie Kemp, Tina Little, Cheryl Manella, Linda Sell,, Elinor Snyder, Erica Sweigert, Connie Whalen, and Herb Zettlemoyer

Friends of Reformation: Kathy Adomshick, Steve Barnett (father of Steve Barnett), Sandy Bender, Andy Bishop, Claire Boarder, Karen Borsak, Michele Boucher, Mary Bowen, Susan Broome, Lucille Canta, Cathy, Carole Coddington, Barbara Connor, Carl and Laura, Patricia Derr, Gloria Dewalt, Bernadette Dieumegard, Immanuel Eberly, Wilgus Elliott, Judi and Carl Esterly, Ethan, Susan Flicker, Francis, Robert Granko, Brian Gruber, Gino Hinnershitz, John Howard, Deacon Kalbach, Kayden, Marsha Krall, Allison Kunkel, Batya Leidner, Scott Leone, Dana Little, Maryann and Elwood Long, Kathy McCoy, Debbie Mikes, Jean Morgan, Andrew Nosti, Amy Papilla, Wyatt Plica, Molly Regan, Avery Reinert, Keith and Peg Ruch, Garrett Schanfelder, Karolyn Schrufer, Kim Sharp, Linda Smith, Charles Sperling, Herm Spitzer, Jacob Stoner, Grace Vetter, Linda W., Michael Ware, and Erika Wesch

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

	9:30
Ushers	Karen Montag and Katherine Miller
Reader	Jackie Morrissey
Assisting Minister	Melanie Bechtel
Acolyte	TBD

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule Changes - The Congregational Council approved changing the time of the weekly worship service and Sunday School. Worship 9:30AM, Sunday School 10:30AM

Lenten Devotional – The sign-up sheet is available to write for the Lenten Devotional. This is a cherished project that cannot happen without our writers! Even if you haven't written in the past, please consider taking a day and writing a short reflection on the readings. Writing is due back on **Wednesday, February 11th** to Sarah Dobroskey.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Today is Souper Bowl Sunday! At the conclusion of the service, we will be collecting donations for Café Esperanza in our soup pots.

Dinner Out – This Thursday, February 12th at Jack's on the Green at the Reading Country Club at 6:00PM. It is very important that all reservations be either called in or emailed to the office (mail@reformationlutheran.org) no later than Tuesday, February 10th.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper – Join us on Tuesday, February 17th, from 5-7 pm for all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage. A goodwill offering will be collected. Invite a friend! If you are willing to assist with set-up, cooking, or clean-up, please reach out to Carole Miller.

Ash Wednesday – On Wednesday, February 18th, we will hold an Ash Wednesday worship with Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 pm.