

Reformation Lutheran Church

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6th Sunday of Easter

A Service of Word and Sacrament

May 10th, 2026

9:30 AM



Welcome to Reformation!

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Dr. Gregory Stoddard
Director of Music:	Dr. Heidi Rochlin
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Ushers	Pam Schneeberger and Bruce Seiz
Reader	Alan Blackburn
Assisting Minister	Alan Blackburn
Acolyte	TBD
Altar Guild	Heather McHale and Pam Schneeberger
Flowers	Kathleen Hartman-in loving memory of LaJune McDonough
Live streaming	Tom Sahaida, Stu Johnston, Jared Preston, Andy Dobroskey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The assembly stands.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

ELW 674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ
Found in the Red Hymnal

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.

THIS IS THE FEAST:

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Holy Lord, May our love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best, so that we may be pure and blameless in the sight of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete^[c] it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

SERMON

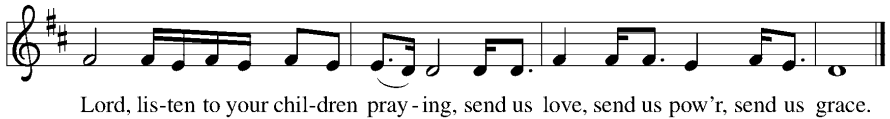
HYMN OF THE DAY:

Take My Life, That I May Be
Found in the Red Hymnal

ELW 583

Today we celebrate the confirmation of Paige Bergey and Peyton Shirey.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Each petition of the prayers concludes with these words:
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

The assembly may be seated.

OFFERING & ANTHEM

Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord, *by Don Besig*

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

Let us pray:

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." (Staff 1), "Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." (Staff 2), "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." (Staff 3), and "It is right to give our thanks and praise." (Staff 4).

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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, 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. When returning your used cups to the trays along the walls, please do not stack the cups. All are welcome to commune.

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

Everyday God

1. Earth's creator, *Everyday God*,
Loving Maker, *O Jesus*,
You who shaped us, *O Spirit*,
Recreate us, *Come, be with us*.

2. In your presence, *Everyday God*,
We are gathered, *O Jesus*,
You have called us, *O Spirit*,
To restore us, *Come, be with us*.

3. Life of all lives, *Everyday God*,
Love of all loves, *O Jesus*,
Hope of all hopes, *O Spirit*,
Light of all lights, *Come, be with us*.

4. In our resting, *Everyday God*,
In our rising, *O Jesus*,
In our hoping, *O Spirit*,
In our waiting, *Come, be with us*.

5. In our dreaming, *Everyday God*,
In our daring, *O Jesus*,
In our searching, *O Spirit*,
In our sharing, *Come, be with us*.

6. God of laughter, *Everyday God*,
God of sorrow, *O Jesus*,

Home and shelter, *O Spirit*,
Strong and patient, *Come, be with us*.

7. Way of freedom, *Everyday God*,
Star of morning, *O Jesus*,
Timeless healer, *O Spirit*,
Flame eternal, *Come, be with us*.

8. Word of gladness, *Everyday God*,
Word of mercy, *O Jesus*,
Word of friendship, *O Spirit*,
Word of challenge, *Come, be with us*.

9. Gentle father, *Everyday God*,
Faithful brother, *O Jesus*,
Tender sister, *O Spirit*,
Loving mother, *Come, be with us*.

10. Our beginning, *Everyday God*,
Our unfolding, *O Jesus*,
Our enduring, *O Spirit*,
Journey's ending, *Come, be with us*.

11. Alleluia, *Everyday God*,
Now and always, *O Jesus*,
Alleluia, *O Spirit*,
Through all ages, *Come, be with us*

In Christ Alone

Found in the Contemporary Spiral Book

The assembly stands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

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You Are My All in All

Found in the Contemporary Spiral Book

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST

Added – Thomas Allmon, Steve Puwalski

Reformation Family: Carol Baer, Steve Barnett, Ruth Blatt, Tom Brizek, Millie Castillo, Harriet Clauser, Nancy Edinger, Bob Galbraith, Rich Hawk, Roger Hillibush, Dana Humbert, Maddie Kemp, Cheryl Manella, Scott, Linda Sell,, Elinor Snyder, Erica Sweigert, Connie Whalen, and Herb Zettlemyer

Friends of Reformation: Kathy Adomshick ,Thomas Allmon, Ben, Sandy Bender, Andy Bishop, Claire Boarder, Karen Borsak, Michele Boucher, Mary Bowen, Susan Broome, Lucille Canta, Cathy, Barbara Connor, Carl and Laura, Patricia Derr. Bernadette Dieumegard, Wilgus Elliott, Judi and Carl Esterly, Ethan, Susan Flicker, Francis, Robert Granko, Brian Gruber, Gino Hannershitz, John Howard, Deacon Kalbach, Kayden, Allison Kunkel, Batya Leidner, Scott Leone, Dana Little, Maryann and Elwood Long, Alyson, Sophie, and Avery Maas, Kathy McCoy, Andrew Nosti, Amy Papilla, Wyatt Plica, Chris Plue, Steve Puwalski, Molly Regan, Avery Reinert, Keith and Peg Ruch, Garrett Schanfelder, Karolyn Schrufer, Kim Sharp, Linda Smith, Charles Sperling, Herm Spitzer, Jacob Stoner, John Swartz, Taylor Tenuta, Grace Vetter, , Michael Ware, and Erika Wesch

We pray for our Call Committee as they listen and discern during this season of transition.

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

	<u>May 17th</u>
Ushers	Shirley Harner and Joanne Scattergood
Reader	Maryann Gardner
Assisting Minister	Teri Stoddard
Acolyte	Ethan Pasko/Jackie Morrissey

Remember to check out the sign-up sheets on the kiosk to volunteer as a worship assistant. We're always looking for new volunteers and can train anyone interested in trying a new role!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clothing Bank – We are looking for children’s spring and summer clothing, sizes infant through 16 – especially for boys. Help is always needed on the second Tuesday morning of each month for unpacking, sorting and straightening up, as well as on the third Friday each month for the Give. Thanks again! Your help and donations are always appreciated.

Please note – We will not be working at the Clothing Bank on **Tuesday, May 12th**. Someone will be there on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, beginning again on June 9th. Thanks so much!

Health Ministry News – Our next project will be a blood drive in September of 2026. Please watch for further information that will be coming soon. Please consider giving the gift of life for someone in need. We need new people to help. You do not need a medical background to be part of this Health Ministry. There are only a few projects that we continue to do for the community. Please consider joining.

Cindy Shirey (610) 468-7411

Scholarship – College scholarship application and essay are due by **May 15, 2026** for the 2026-2027 school year. A copy of the application can be found on the church website on the Committees page. Please submit to Dan Bergery at dan09dan@aol.com or to the church office at mail@reformationlutheran.org or drop off the physical copy at the office.

Pentecost Geraniums – are \$7.00 per pot. Orders must be in by Sunday, May 17th. Envelopes can be found with the bulletins. Thanks!

Call Committee – The Church Council would like to inform the congregation of the members serving on the Call Committee. These individuals have prayerfully agreed to take on the important responsibility of seeking and discerning candidates to fill our pastoral vacancy. The members of the committee are Elisha Barnett, Dan Bergey, Kevin Blackburn - Chair, Tim Dewalt, Sarah Dobroskey, and Heidi Rochlin. We ask that you keep them in your prayers as they carry out this work, that they may be guided by wisdom, patience, and the Holy Spirit throughout the call process. Information about the process can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please reach out to any member of the committee with questions.

Thank you to all who completed the survey to share your input. The committee has completed the Ministry Site Profile and submitted it to the Synod. We now wait on their review and their contributions to our Parish Study Book, which is what prospective candidates would receive prior to interviews.

Confirmation Reception – Join us for a reception after the service to celebrate our confirmands: Paige Bergey and Peyton Shirey

Dinner Out - Our next Dinner Out is Thursday, May 14th at Carsonia Park and Grille in Mount Penn, at 6 PM.

Please note - It is very important that all reservations be either called in or e-mailed to the office (mail@reformationlutheran.org) no later than Tuesday, May 12th. This avoids any issues that could arise with the restaurant. Thank you!

Yoga Class - will now take place on Fridays at 10AM, beginning Friday, May 22nd. This class is in addition to the Wednesday class.