

Reformation Lutheran Church

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7th Sunday of Easter

A Service of Word and Sacrament

May 17th, 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	Shirley Harner and Joanne Scattergood
Reader	Maryann Gardner
Assisting Minister	Teri Stoddard
Acolyte	Ethan Pasko and Jackie Morrissey
Altar Guild	Heather McHale and Pam Schneeberger
Flowers	Joanne Scattergood and Shirley Harner- in memory of our loved ones
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.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own,
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied,
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

God of love, With praise we celebrate Jesus, who humbled himself so that every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

PHILLIPIANS 2:1-13

2 If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, **2** make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. **3** Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. **4** Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. **5** Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

7 but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

8 he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

10 so that at the name given to Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, **13** for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
 all the an - gel - fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
 on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
 Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
 and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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: 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 & HANDBELL ANTHEM

His Eye Is on the Sparrow, by Charles H. Gabriel

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



bles-sing. 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.

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.

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.**

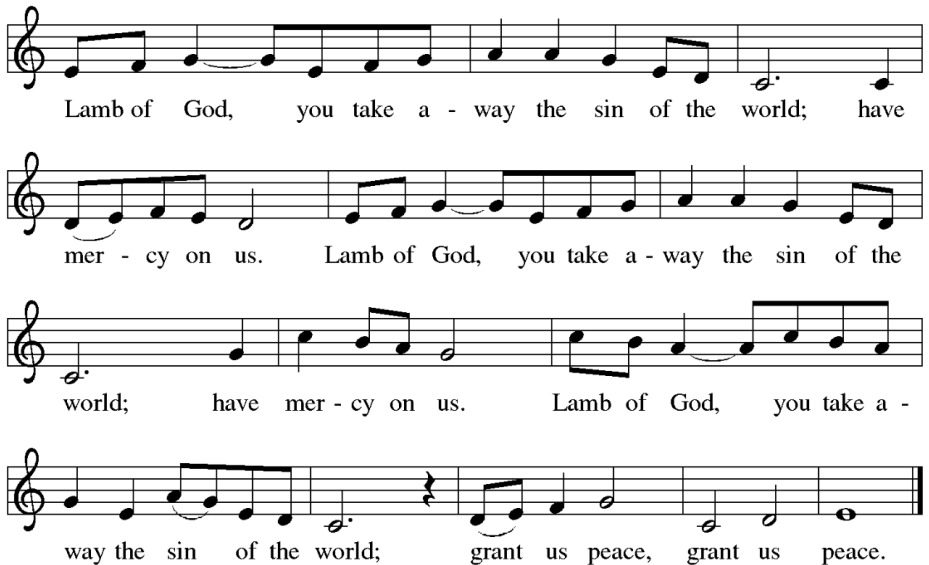
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**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.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

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 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST

Added - Pat Schonour

Reformation Family: Carol Baer, Steve Barnett, Ruth Blatt, Tom Brizek, Milie Castillo, Harriet Clauser, Nancy Edinger, Bob Galbraith, Rich Hawk, Roger Hillibush, Dana Humbert, Maddie Kemp, Cheryl Manella, Pat Schonour, 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 Hinnershitz, 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 24th</u>
Ushers	Kathy Miller and Teri Stoddard
Reader	Elisha Barnett
Assisting Minister	Jeanne Gochnauer
Acolyte	TBD

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

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

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.

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

Yoga Classes – Yoga class will now be offered on Fridays at 10AM beginning this Friday, May 22nd. This is in addition to the Wednesday class, which also meets at 10AM. If you have any questions, please see Jane Quaintance.

Church Website and Calendar – When is the last time you looked at our church’s website? There is a calendar of events – both church-sponsored and outside groups who use our space. There are many pages of information and photos! As we embark on calling a new pastor, please consider taking a look at our website and seeing if any information, especially anything that pertains to a group or committee you are involved in, is updated and accurate! We’d like to be certain any potential candidate can see current information about our congregation! Please reach out to Sarah Dobroskey with any updates you see are needed! (sarah.beth06@gmail.com)
Our website address is: reformationlutheran.org

ELCA Youth Gathering 2027 - There will be an informational meeting on the ELCA Youth Gathering 2027 today, Sunday, May 17th at 11:40am (after Sunday School) in Room 5. Youth entering 8th-12th grade in Fall 2026 are eligible to attend the Gathering in Minneapolis, June 28 - July 2, 2027. If your child is interested in the Youth Gathering, please plan on attending the meeting (parents and youth are both welcome). Any questions, please contact Alicia Bergey at abergey2@gmail.com or 610-316-7387

Reformation Church Picnic – Sunday, June 7th – Rustic Park, Birdsboro – Pavillion #4. Please plan on joining us for our outdoor Worship Service at 10:30 AM, followed by a delicious picnic lunch. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be provided. You are asked to bring a snack, salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Hope to see you in the park!