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4th Sunday after Pentecost
A Service of Word and Sacrament

June 21st, 2026
9:30 AM



Welcome to Reformation!

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Dr. Gregory Stoddard
Pianist:	DeeDee Werner
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Ushers	Dale and Carole Miller
Reader	John Bayer
Assisting Minister	Cynthia Smoker-Johnston
Acolyte	Ethan P. and Jackie Morrissey
Altar Guild	Jackie and Brion Morrissey
Flowers	Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Centofanti-in honor of Chris and Wendy Richards' anniversary and our anniversary
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, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Ten Thousand Reasons

Found in the Spiral Contemporary 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.**

KYRIE:



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

**Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

FIRST READING – JEREMIAH 20:7-13

⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, “Violence and destruction!”
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹ If I say, “I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,”
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
“Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

“Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹ But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

SECOND READING – ROMANS 6:1B-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL – MATTHEW 10:24-39

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered,

proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.



Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

HEALING SERVICE, *found in ELW on page 276*

INTRODUCTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

Each petition of the prayers concludes with these words:

In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

Assisting Minister: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

BLESSING

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: We Are an Offering

ELW 692

We lift our voices. We lift our hands.
We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering.

Lord use our voices. Lord use our hands.
Lord use our lives they are Yours, we are an offering.

All that we have. All that we are.
All that we hope to be we give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices. We lift our hands.
We lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

**Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, 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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 474

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Refrain

Taste and See

ELW 493

Refrain - All



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
3 Wor - ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

ELW 781

Children of the Heavenly Father

The musical score is written for a soprano voice and a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef and consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line in both English and Swedish.

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kån-da näs - tet.
nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST

Added - none

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, 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, Greg Geesaman, 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,, Hank and Dee Narvaez. 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:

June 28th

Ushers	Pat and Kathy Austin
Reader	Elisha Barnett
Assisting Minister	TBD
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

SUMMER TOGETHER TIMES Every other summer Sunday, beginning on June 14th, we will be gathering in the narthex after worship for a time of conversation, coffee, and goodies. Please plan to stay and visit a while. If you're able to help set up, clean up, or bring something delicious to share on one of the 6 dates, please sign up on the sheets on the door in the narthex. We are asking each family to sign up once during the summer. That would mean that all the slots would be filled. The next Together Time will be June 28th.

Clothing Bank – School has just ended but it's time to start thinking about the book bag and school supply drive. We will again be working with Pam's Promise (the food and clothing bank for Antietam School District). Items needed: book bags, 24 count Crayola crayons, large glue sticks, pencil boxes, #2 pencils, pens, dry erase markers, highlighters, block erasers, pocket folders and spiral notebooks. All items need to be at the church by Sunday, August 2nd. We will be sorting and filling bookbags on August 2nd immediately after church and Monday, August 3rd starting at 9AM. We will be distributing from the church on **Friday, August 7th from 9-11AM and 3-5PM**. Thank you for your support of this yearly cause. If you have any questions, contact Karen Hawk at karen.hawk514@gmail.com.

We are looking for children's 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.

Worship Volunteers - There will be a table in the narthex to gather worship service volunteers. Whether you are currently serving in a specific capacity or not, we'd like you to reaffirm your commitment by signing up. We are looking for Ushers (you can sign up by yourself and we'll match you with a partner), Reader, Assisting Minister (reading the prayers and serving communion wine), and Acolyte. Training would be provided for anyone who hasn't served before.

There are also signup sheets at the table for Opportunity House, Clothing Bank and Health Ministry.

Scholarships – The scholarships were awarded last Sunday to the following students:

Dominik Barnett – Reading Area Community College

Richter Bogust – Binghamton University

Rebecca Cherry – Lebanon Valley College

Faith Constein – West Chester University

Kayla Karasek – Lehigh University

Rocky Rochlin – Temple University

Amelia Sahaida – Kutztown University

Jack Sahaida – Penn State University

Congratulations to all the high school and college graduates this year as well!

Dominik Barnett – graduated from Fleetwood High School; will attend RACC in the fall and transferring to Kutztown University (computer science/IT)

Dylan Donate - graduated from Exeter High School; will attend Bloomsburg University

Morgan Donate - graduated from Penn State/Dickinson Law and will begin her practice

Kayla Karasek – graduated from Exeter High School; will attend Lehigh University

Sophia Matijasich – graduated from Exeter High School; will attend Lebanon Valley College (four year nursing program)

Alan (“Rocky”) Rochlin – graduated from Governor Mifflin High School; will attend Temple University in the Fall to pursue a degree in Music Education, while also focusing on jazz and performance.

Abigail Rochlin - graduated from Moravian University with a degree in Music Education

Ellen Rochlin - graduated this year (in February 2026) from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City and is currently pursuing a career on Broadway

Thrivent Charitable Giving: Are you a Thrivent member? If you are, you may be eligible to participate in a program called Thrivent Choice Dollars. This program is part of Thrivent's nation-wide grant program which distributes funds to approved charitable organizations across the country. Your Choice Dollar eligibility depends on the type and number of programs or policies you have with Thrivent. If you are eligible, you will get a written notice or email from Thrivent telling you have dollars waiting for you to donate to an organization. All you have to do is login to the Thrivent website, choose the Choice Dollars option and select the organization you want to donate to. It is easy and costs you nothing. If you have difficulty logging in to the Thrivent website, contact your local Thrivent Financial professional for assistance. Just so you know, Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church, has over the last 4 calendar years, received \$9731 Choice Dollars for programs in the Church and community. However, if you have another organization your strongly support, by all means designate to that organization. The important thing is using the program for the good of all. Otherwise your Choice Dollars will be sent to the charities of Thrivent's choosing.