

Reformation Lutheran Church

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2nd Sunday after Pentecost
A Service of Word and Sacrament

June 7th, 2026
10:30 AM



Welcome to Reformation!

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Dr. Gregory Stoddard
Director of Music:	Dr. Heidi Rochlin
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Ushers	TBD
Reader	Terri Adams
Assisting Minister	Cynthia Smoker-Johnston
Acolyte	NA
Altar Guild	Jackie and Brion Morrissey
Flowers	Timothy Dewalt-in memory of Rev. Marvin Dewalt
Live streaming	Tom Sahaida, Stu Johnston, Jared Preston, Andy Dobroskey

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

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.**

Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the


spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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:


Refrain




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,

Refrain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING – HOSEA 5:15 – 6:6

¹⁵ I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.

⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

SECOND READING – ROMANS 4:13-25

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was

said, “So shall your descendants be.”¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb.²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.”²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL – MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples.¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.”¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak,²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.”²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment.²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion,²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him.²⁵ But when the crowd had been put

outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

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The River

To the river, I am going, bringing sins I cannot bear.
Come and cleanse me, come forgive me, Lord I need to meet you there.

In these waters, healing mercy, flows with freedom from despair.
I am going, to that river, Lord I need to meet you there.

Precious Jesus, I am ready, to surrender every care.
Take my hand now, lead me closer, Lord I need to meet you there.

Come and join us, in the river, Come find life beyond compare.
He is calling, He is waiting, Jesus longs to meet you there.
He is calling, He is waiting, Jesus longs to meet you there.

Precious Jesus, I am ready, to surrender every care.
Take my hand now, lead me closer, Lord I need to meet you there.
Take my hand now, lead me closer, Lord I need to meet you there.

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: 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:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

THE PEACE

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

OFFERING & ANTHEM

Down to the Water to Pray, *arranged by Pepper Choplin*

OFFERTORY: We Are an Offering

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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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

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.

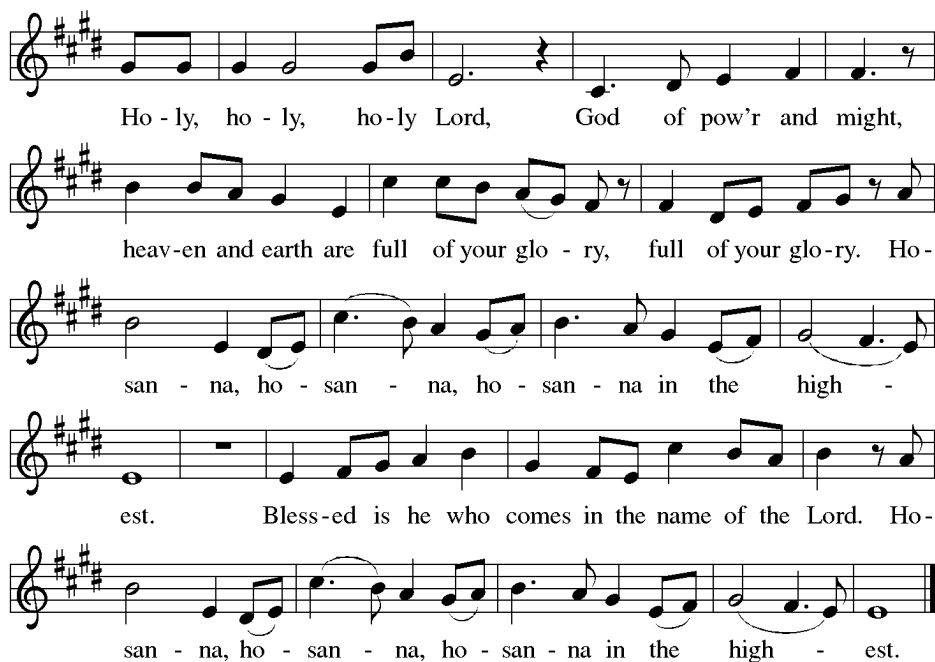
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



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.

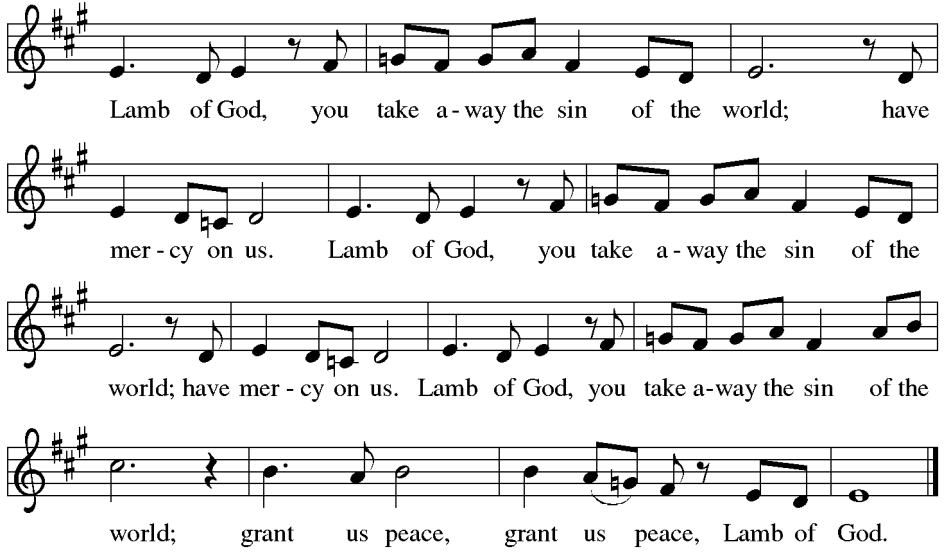
LORD'S PRAYER

**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

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

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Found in the Contemporary Spiral Book

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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.

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

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

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST

Added - family and friends of Central Berks Regional Police Officer Kristen Yeager

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,, Andrew Nosti, Amy Pappilla, 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, Erika Wesch, and family and friends of Central Berks Regional Police Officer Kristen Yeager

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

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

June 14th

9:30

Ushers	TBD
Reader	Jackie Morrissey
Assisting Minister	Judy Plica
Acolyte	Zander Bogust

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 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. 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 - Youth entering 8th-12th grade in Fall 2026 are eligible to attend the Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, June 28 - July 2, 2027. If your child is interested in the Youth Gathering, please contact Alicia Bergey at abergey2@gmail.com or 610-316-7387.

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.

SUMMER TOGETHER TIMES are back! – Beginning next Sunday, June 14th, and every other summer Sunday after that, plan to stay after our 9:30 Worship Service for a time of conversation, coffee – and some goodies too. 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. If each family signs up just once during the summer, all the slots will be filled. Thanks so much!

Scholarships – The scholarships will be awarded this morning! Look forward to the recipient list and their future plans next week in the bulletin!