



**Reformation Lutheran Church**

January 18, 2026 | 11:00 am

Second Sunday After Epiphany

# Welcome to Reformation!

Called by Christ, we **INVITE** all people, **SERVE** our neighbors, and **BUILD** a living faith.

**Welcome!** First time visitors are invited to stop by our welcome center in the lobby. All are invited to **check in** with us using the friendship pads in your row or online at [relcmedia.org/hello](http://relcmedia.org/hello).

**Land Acknowledgement** – Reformation is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Lenapehoking (Lenni-Lenape) people, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

**Children in worship are a blessing.** We invite our smallest members to sit toward the front where it is easiest for them to see and hear worship and to join the pastors for the Sermon on the Steps. A [Pray Ground](#) space is available during worship at the back of the sanctuary. [Worship Bags](#) can be filled at the Pray Ground and taken to your seat. [A professionally staffed nursery](#) is available for children from birth to age 4. Worship is livestreamed to the nursery as well as to the lobby. A family restroom is located on the lower level.

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**Our Prayer List** can be found at [relcmedia.org/virtualchurch](http://relcmedia.org/virtualchurch). To make your prayer request known, please call or email the church office at 610-891-0600, [rlc@relcmedia.org](mailto:rlc@relcmedia.org).

**Worship is livestreamed** and recorded. If you do not wish to be on camera, please sit in the balcony or speak to a pastor.

**Williams Personal PA Receivers** are available for use by the hearing impaired.

**Large print bulletins are available from an usher.**

# Gathering

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\*Please stand as you are able

Congregational responses are indicated in bold

## Prelude

Build My Life

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## Welcome and Announcements

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (Psalm 118:24)

## Confession and Forgiveness\*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The boundless riches of Christ are the gift of God's grace to all people. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Gathering Song\*

Come as You Are

Verse 1      **Come out of sadness from wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

Chorus      **(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home  
You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are**

Verse 2      **There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure**

Chorus

Verse 3      **There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal**

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## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day\*

Let us pray. Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Word

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### First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> Listen to me, O coastlands; pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born; while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup> he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A reading from First Corinthians.

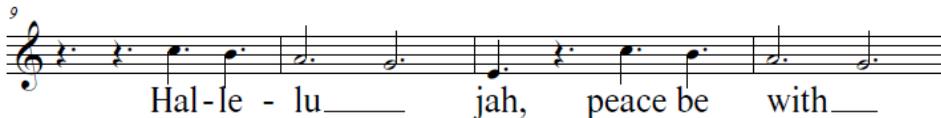
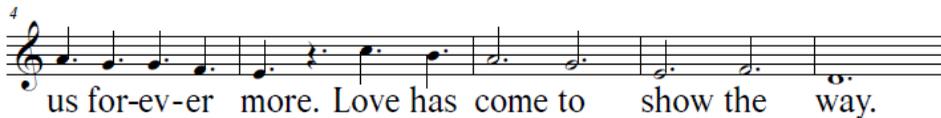
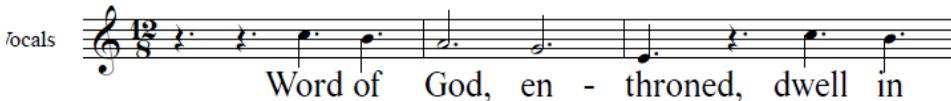
<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation\*

[The assembly stands to welcome the gospel as it is brought forward in procession.]



## **Gospel\***

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup> [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.” <sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon on the Steps**

### **Sermon**

Verse 1      **Now behold the Lamb,  
the precious Lamb of God,  
who bore all my sin, that I may live again:  
the precious Lamb of God.**

Verse 2      **Holy is the Lamb,  
the precious Lamb of God.  
Why you love me so, Lord, I shall never know;  
the precious Lamb of God.**

Verse 3      **Thank you for the Lamb,  
the precious Lamb of God.  
Because of your grace I can finish the race;  
the precious Lamb of God.**

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## **Apostles' Creed\***

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession\***

As God's beloved children, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

[After each prayer petition:]

Lord, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

[The prayers conclude:]

We commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **Peace\***

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

[The people greet one another with "Peace be with you" and a sign of Christ's peace.]

# Meal

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## Offering

[Use pew envelopes or scan code to give online]



## Musical Offering

Behold the Lamb

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## Setting the Table\*

We bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the house of the  
Lord; we bring the sac - ri - fice of praise in - to the  
house of the Lord. And we of - fer up to  
you the sac - ri - fic - es of thanks - giv - ing; and we  
of - fer up to you the sac - ri - fic - es of joy.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

## Offering Prayer\*

Let us pray. Merciful God,  
**receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.**  
**Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn

Maher  
Flaten

D      Bm7      A#m      A      G      D

Vocals

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts.

G      D      A      bm

5 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-

G maj 7      D/A A sus      D      G      D

7 san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the

A      bm      G maj 7      D/A      A      bm      D      D/F#

10 name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-

G maj 7      D/A      A      D

13 san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, . . . both now and forever.

## Lord's Prayer\*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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.**

## Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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[The assembly sings the following during communion:]

## Lamb of God

Travis Cottrell



Vocals

$\text{♩} = 73$

I come bro-ken to be mend-ed I come wound-ed to be  
4 healed. I come des-p'rate to be res-cued. I come emp-ty to be  
8 filled. I come guilt-y to be par-doned by the blood of Christ, the  
12 lamb. And I'm wel-comed with o-pen arms, praise God just as I  
17 am.

## Communion Song

As the Deer

Verse 1      **As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee**

Chorus        **You alone are my strength my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee**

Verse 3       **I want You more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joygiver  
And the apple of my eye**

Chorus

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## Table Blessing\*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion\***

Let us pray. Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send us forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Sending**

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### **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.**

# **Sending Song\***

## Great Things

Verse 1      **Come let us worship our God  
Come let us bow at Gods feet  
You have done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how Gods love overcomes  
You will do great things  
God you do great things**

Chorus        **O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things**

Verse 2       **You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things  
God You do great things**

Chorus

Bridge        **Hallelujah God above it all  
Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
(REPEAT)**

Chorus

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## **Dismissal\***

Called by Christ,

**We invite all people, serve our neighbors, and build a living faith.**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Today's Worship Team**  
[relcmedia.org/worshipteam](http://relcmedia.org/worshipteam)



## **Instrumental Musicians**

Erik Flaten, Piano

Matthew Murphy, Guitar

Michael Hagarman, Bass

Jack Burdwood, Drums

## **Welcome to Reformation!**

Called by Christ we invite all people, celebrating the diversity of God's creation. Reformation is an affirming congregation for all: rejoicing with the young and old, welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, working to cultivate an accessible and inclusive community for all abilities, and embracing all races, cultures, and faith traditions.

We serve our neighbors following the teachings of Christ. Reformation responds to the needs of the most vulnerable - providing nourishment and comfort, supporting the work of the local and global church, and protecting God's creation for future generations.

We build a living faith emboldened by the Holy Spirit. Reformation embodies the unconditional love of God through worshiping and learning together and valuing the gifts of everyone. To create the fullness of our community of faith, we nurture relationships, pursue racial equity and gender justice, and advocate for the wellbeing of the marginalized.



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