**Reformation Lutheran Church**

November 1, 2026 | 8:30 am

All Saints Sunday

# 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.

**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.

**All are welcome at the table** where we celebrate the presence of Christ. As ushers direct you forward:

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**Our Prayer List** can be found at relcmedia.org/virtualchurch. To make your prayer request known, please call or email the church office at 610-891-0600, 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

*Please stand as you are able **Congregational responses are indicated in bold**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

This is the day that the Lord has made.
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (Psalm 118:24)

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

[All may make the sign of the cross, as the presiding minister begins.]

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness and made saints in Christ Jesus. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

[The assembly remembers their baptism as water is poured into the font.]

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.
**We thank you, O God.**

Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.
**We praise you, O God**.

By water and your Word you claim us as beloved children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
**We glorify you, O God**.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Wash away all the sin within us, and renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song*** For All the Saints Hymn 422
verses 1 & 2

1 **For all the saints who from their labors rest,**
**who thee by faith before the world confessed,**
**thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.**
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

2 **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;**
**thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;**
**thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.**
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Litany for All Saints

We remember the saints who have gone before us— those who served faithfully and whose lives bore witness to God's grace.
**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For those who taught us faith by word and deed, who showed us courage in times of trial, and compassion in times of need
**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For the saints in our own lives—family, friends, and members of this congregation - who now rest from their labor
**We give You thanks, O Lord.**

Keep us in communion with them, that we may run with perseverance the race set before us, until we join them in Your eternal glory.
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

For All the Saints – verses 3, 4, & 5

3 **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,**
**we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;**
**yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.**
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

4 **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,**
**steals on the ear the distant triumph song,**
**and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.**
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

5 **The golden evening brightens in the west;**
**soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;**
**sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.**
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. We thank you for the grace you have poured into our lives through the witness of your saints,

[The roll of the faithful departed, members of Reformation who have died during the past year, is read.]

Paul Badey
Gray Creighton
Hilbert Felton
Bill Haines
Cindy Lighton
Donald Storey
Clara Ward

We give you thanks for sharing your love with us through these your servants who have finished their course in faith and now live joyfully in your presence in the life that knows no end.
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

For All the Saints – verses 6 & 7

6 **But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:**
**the saints triumphant rise in bright array;**
**the King of glory passes on his way.**
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

7 **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,**
**through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,**
**singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:**
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## 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. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# Word

## First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne
and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They
cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the
throne and to the Lamb!” 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around
the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne
and worshiped God, 12 singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.” 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in
white, and where have they come from?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who
knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For
this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within
his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They will
hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching
heat, 17 for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will
guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from
their eyes.”

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

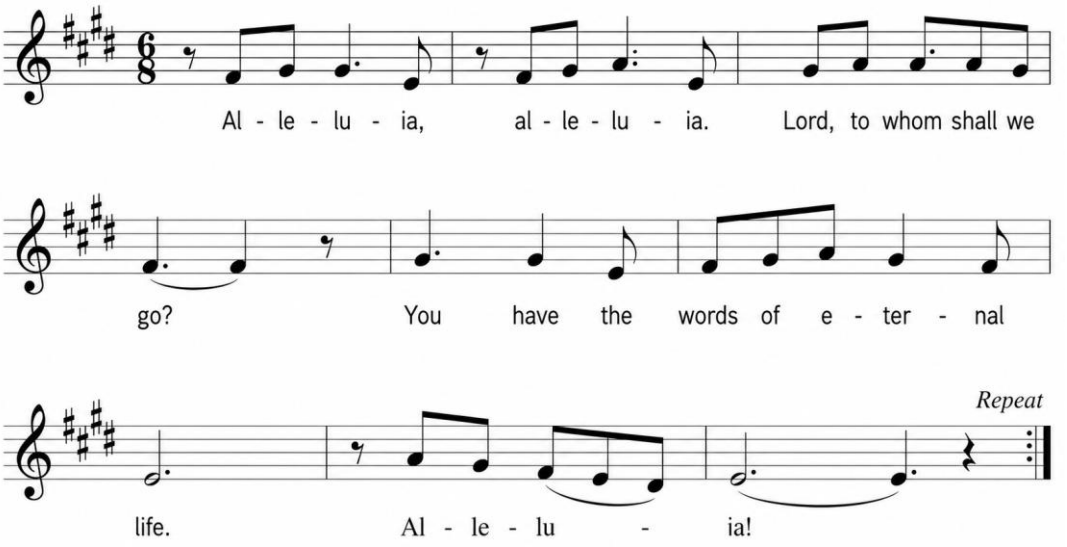
1 John 3:1-3

A reading from first John.

[1] See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God,
and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not
know him. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been
revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we
will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he
is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation*



## Gospel* Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his
disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before
you."

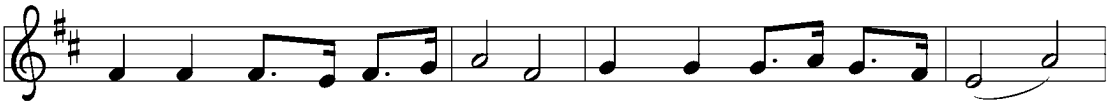
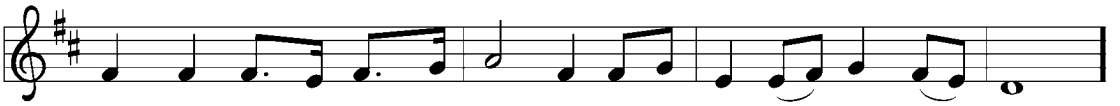
The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

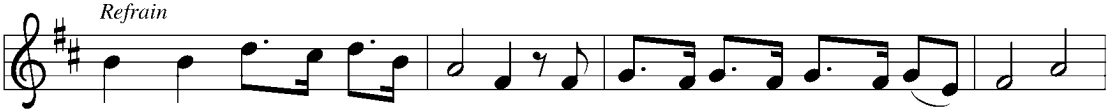
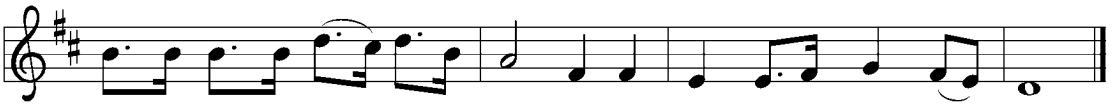
## Sermon on the Steps

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

Shall We Gather at the River

Hymn 423

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti-ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

## 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*

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

[After each prayer petition:]

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

[The prayers conclude:]

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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

## Offering

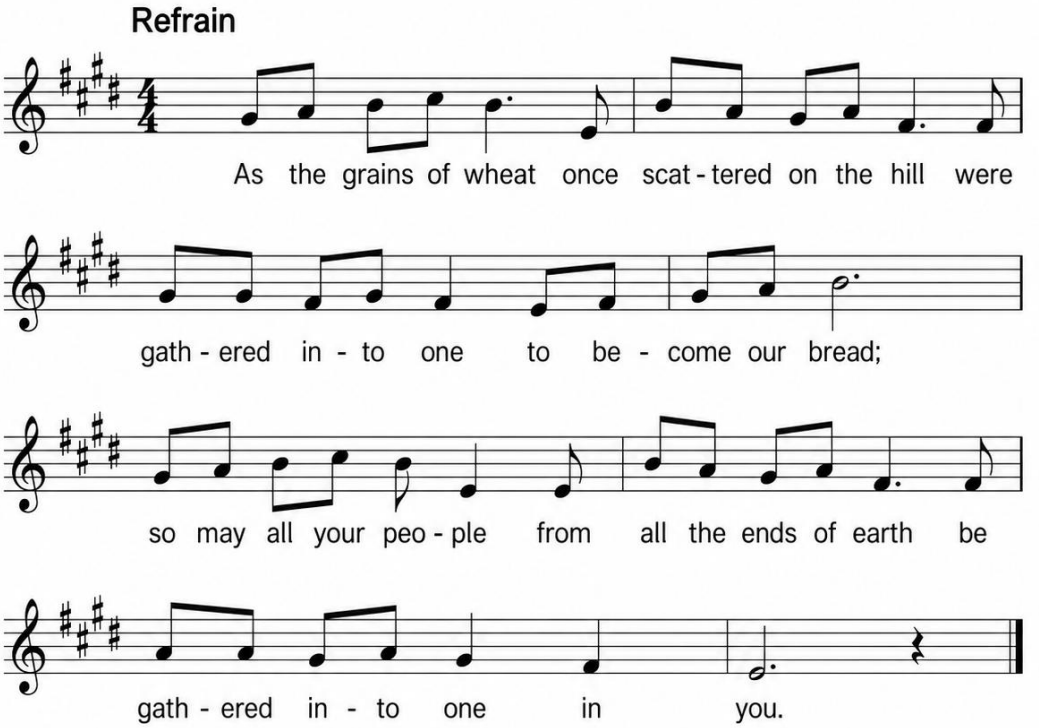
[Use pew envelopes or scan code to give online]

## Musical Offering

Soon and Very Soon — Andrae Crouch,
Choral Setting: Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

## Setting the Table*




## Offering Prayer*

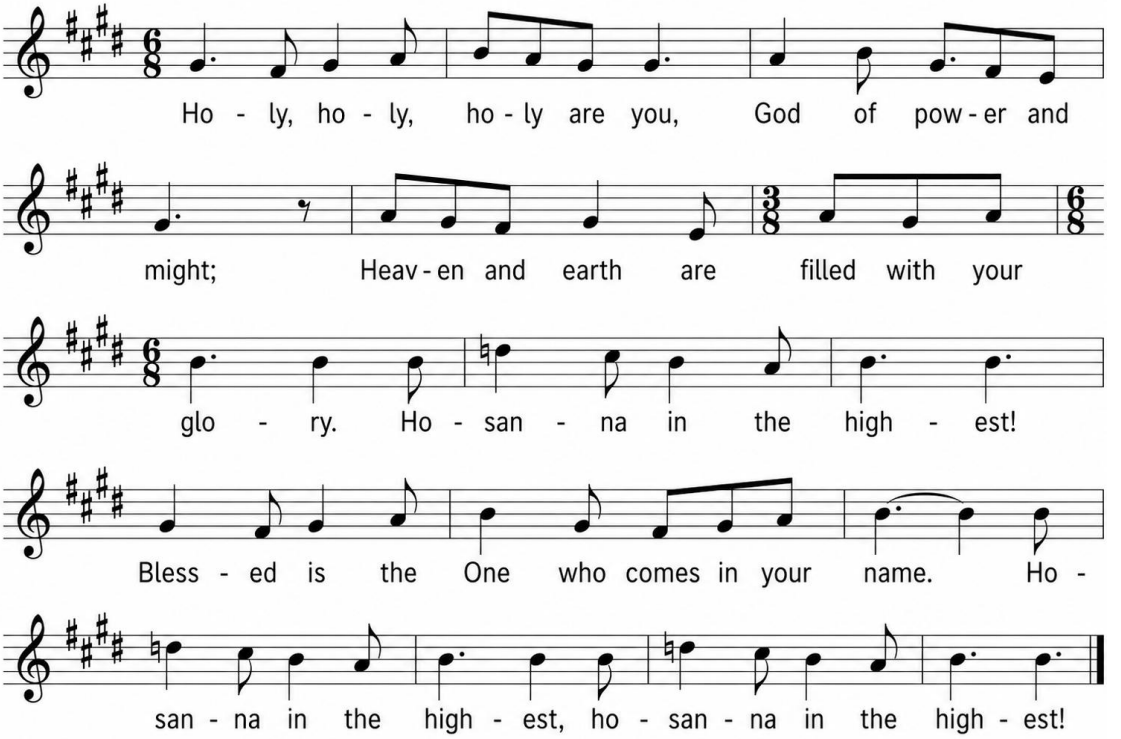
Let us pray. Blessed are you, **O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Blessed are you, . . . as he comes to us in his holy supper.
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
In the night . . . remembrance of me.

## Lord's Prayer*

Joining our hearts and voices, 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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
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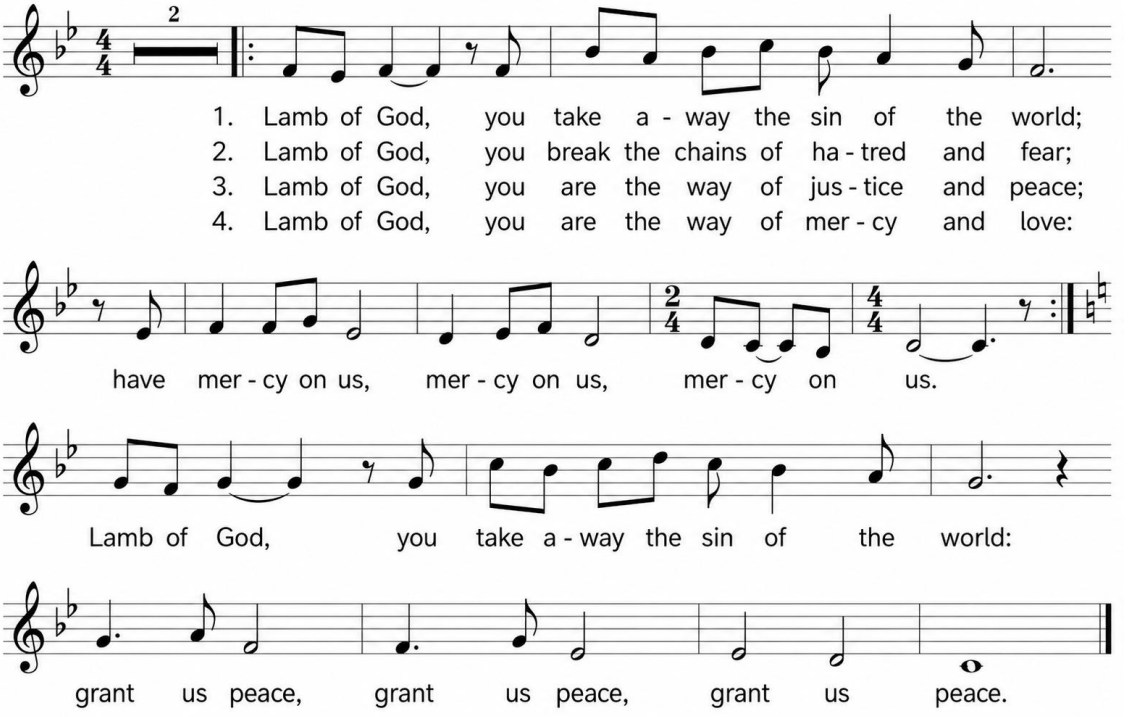
[The assembly sings the following during communion:]

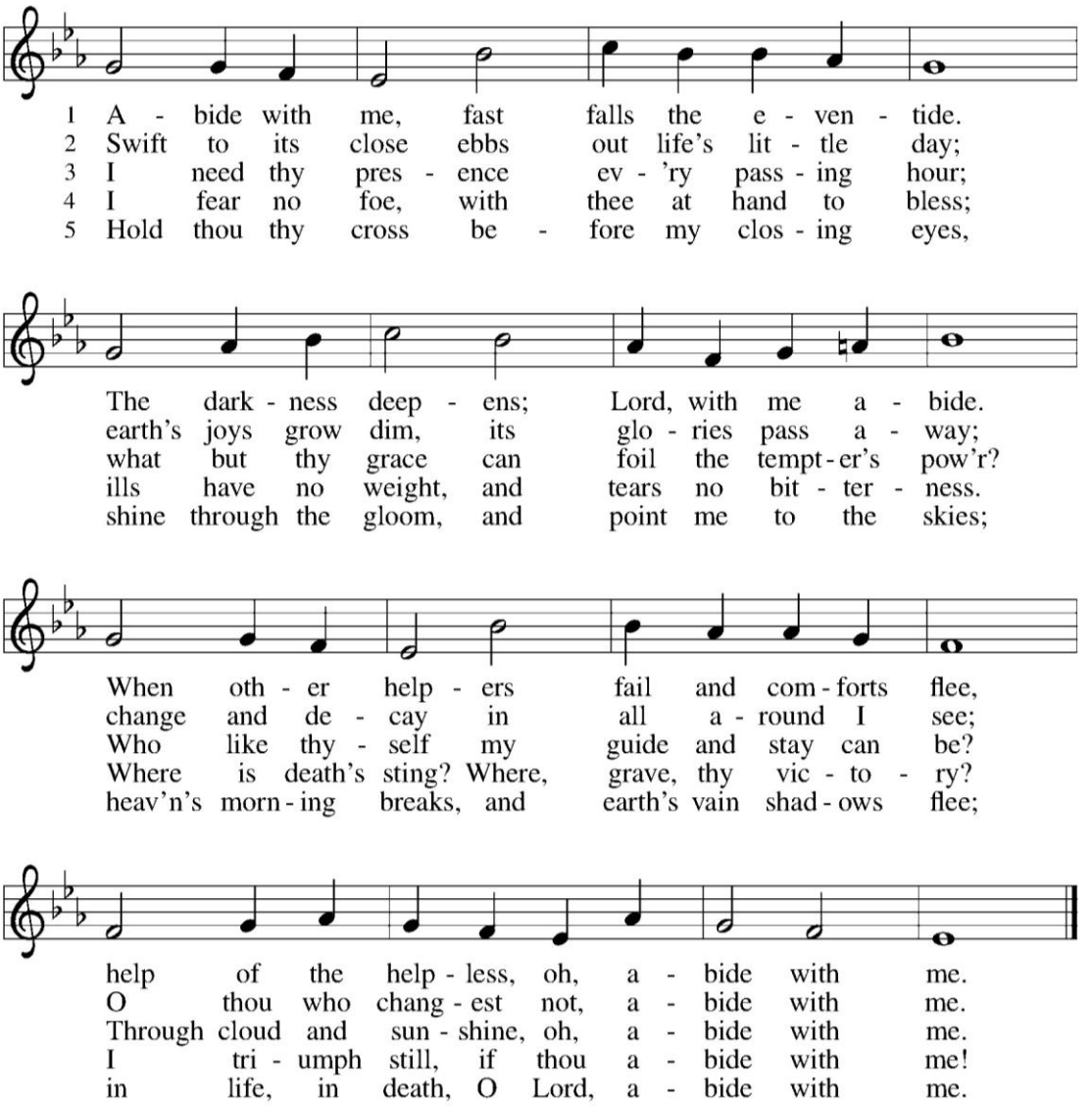
## Lamb of God



## Communion Song

Abide with Me

Hymn 629




## 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. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit, strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

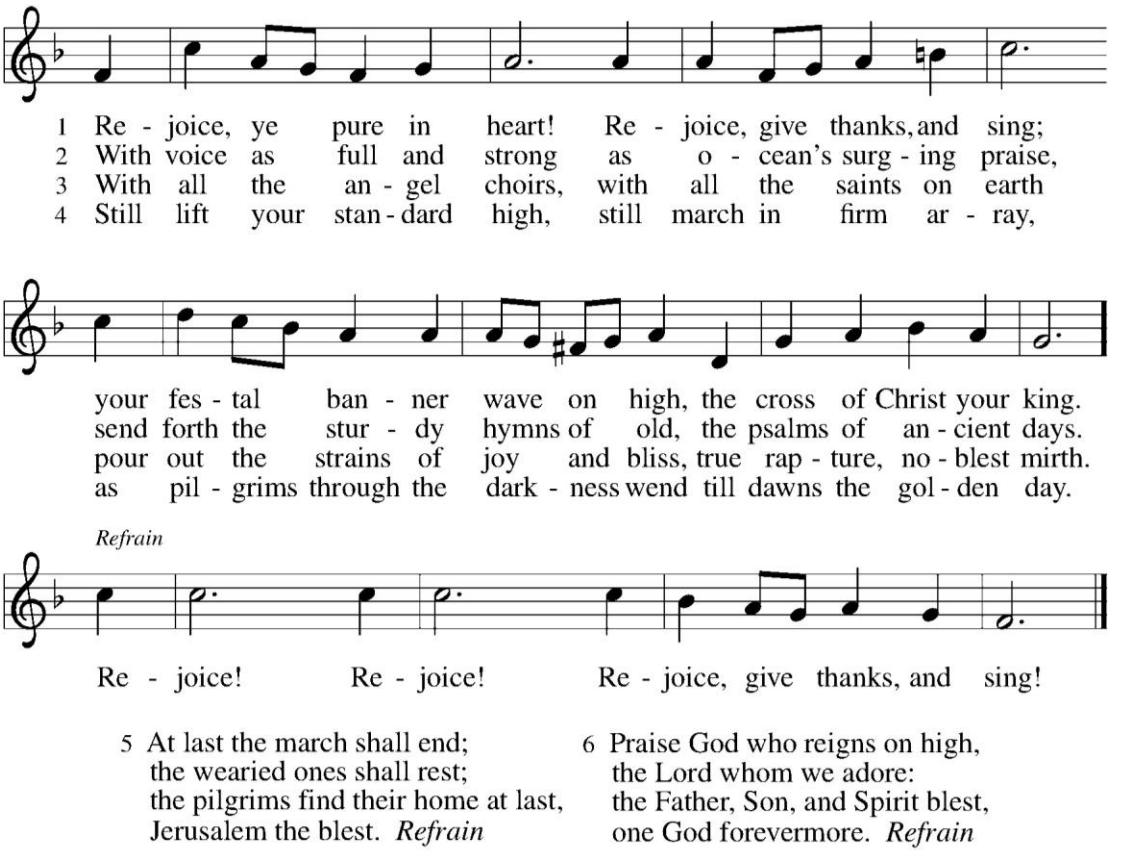
### Sending of Communion*

Let us pray. Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to those who are homebound. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life.
**Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing*

God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
**Amen.**

**Sending Song*** Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! Hymn 873

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

## Dismissal*

Called by Christ,
**We <u>invite</u> all people, <u>serve</u> our neighbors, and <u>build</u> a living faith.**

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### Today's Worship Team

relcmedia.org/worshipteam

**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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