

Reformation Lutheran Church

November 8, 2026 | 11:00 am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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.

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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)

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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

[Silence is kept for reflection.]

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. Reform us to be a church empowered by your love, acting for justice and seeking the healing of your whole creation, 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.**

Gathering Song* These Are the Days

Verse 1
People out there
People out there
Let go of your cares
Turn your cries into loud hallelujahs
This is what we came for

Pre-Chorus 1
Leave all your worries behind
We know the future's burning bright
This is the great jubilation
This is what He came for What He came for

Chorus
These are the days These are the days
These are the days We've been dreaming of
Don't look away 'Cause these are the days
These are the days Better get 'em while they come
We thought we'd never see the sun Through the dark skies
But all the signs are saying it's looking up
These are the days These are the days
These are the days We've been dreaming of

Verse 2
Open your eyes
Open your ears
I'm telling you why
You'll see heaven inhabit our praises
This is what we came for

Pre-Chorus 2
Singing the song of paradise"
Believing the good news is alive
This is the great jubilation
This is what we came for What He came for

Chorus

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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. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Little Dresses for Africa Blessing

Word

First Reading

Amos 5:18-24

A reading from Amos.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It
is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or
went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept
them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your
harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing
stream.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

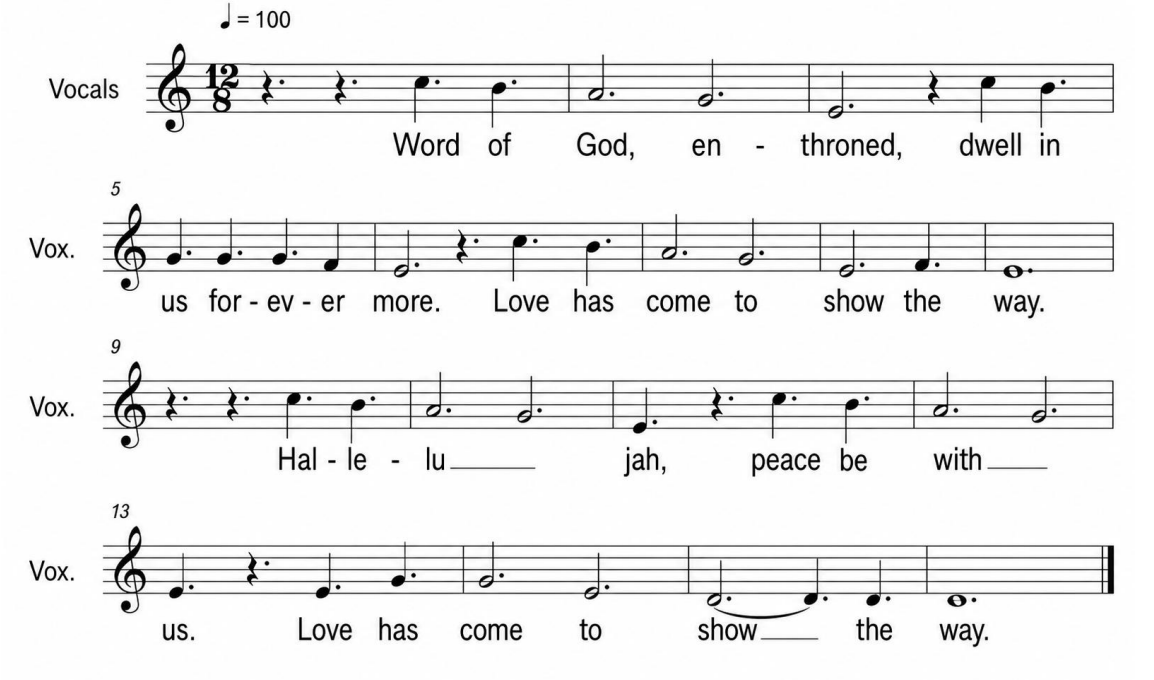
1 Thessalonians 4:13-13

A reading from first Thessalonians.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, siblings, about those who have died, so that
you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have
died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.
16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the
sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise
first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together
with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*



Gospel* Matthew 25:1-13

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten
young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no
oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom
was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a
shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those young
women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise replied, ‘No! there will
not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for
yourselves.’ 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who
were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later
the other young women came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he replied,
‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither
the day nor the hour.”

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

Sermon on the Steps

Sermon

Hymn of the Day* Guide My Feet ACS 987

[A leader sings the words in parentheses]

Verse 1 **(Guide my feet) while I run this race.**
(Guide my feet) while I run this race.
(Guide my feet) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Verse 2 **(Hold my hand) while I run this race.**
(Hold my hand) while I run this race.
(Hold my hand) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Verse 3 **(Stand by me) while I run this race.**
(Stand by me) while I run this race.
(Stand by me) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Verse 4 **(I'm your child) while I run this race.**
(I'm your child) while I run this race.
(I'm your child) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Verse 5 **(Search my heart) while I run this race.**
(Search my heart) while I run this race.
(Search my heart) while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual

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.**

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls*

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.]
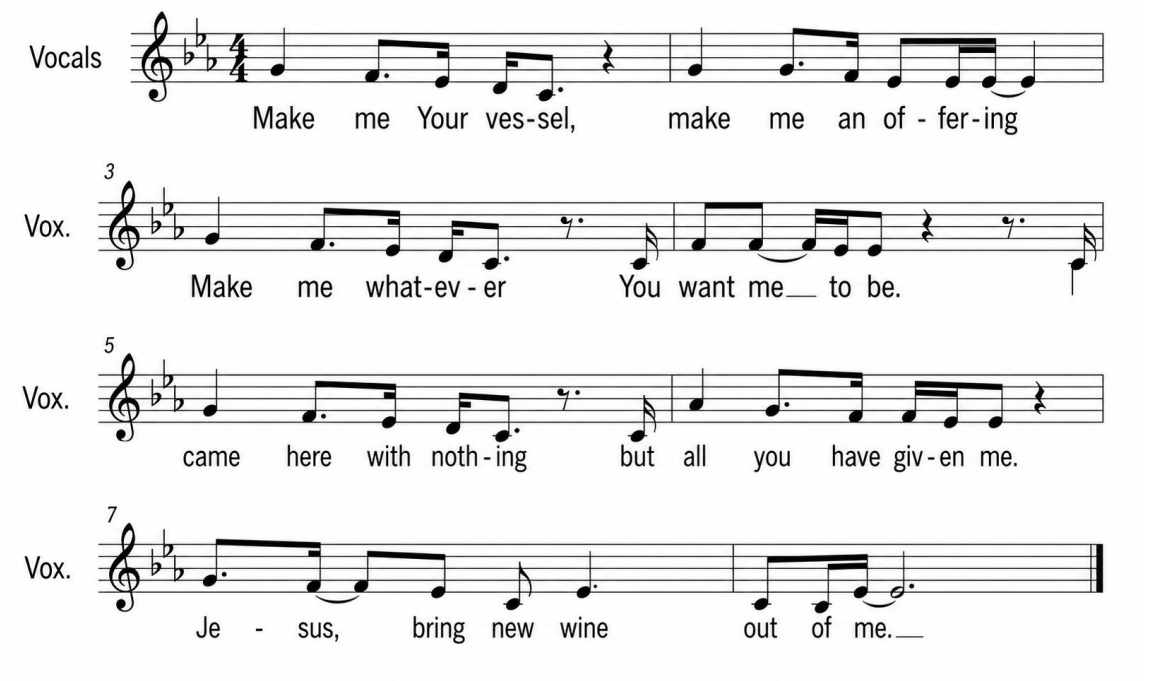
Meal

Offering

[Use pew envelopes or scan code to give online]

Musical Offering

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.**

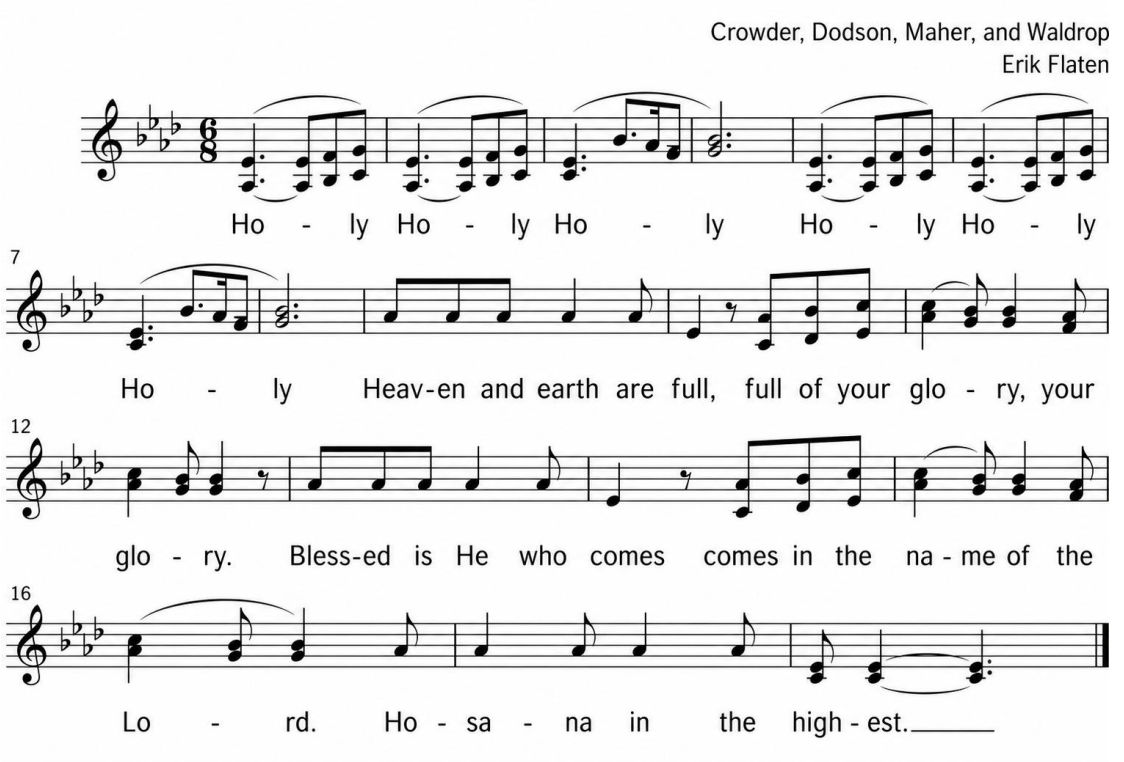
Great Thanksgiving*

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.
Thanks be to God!

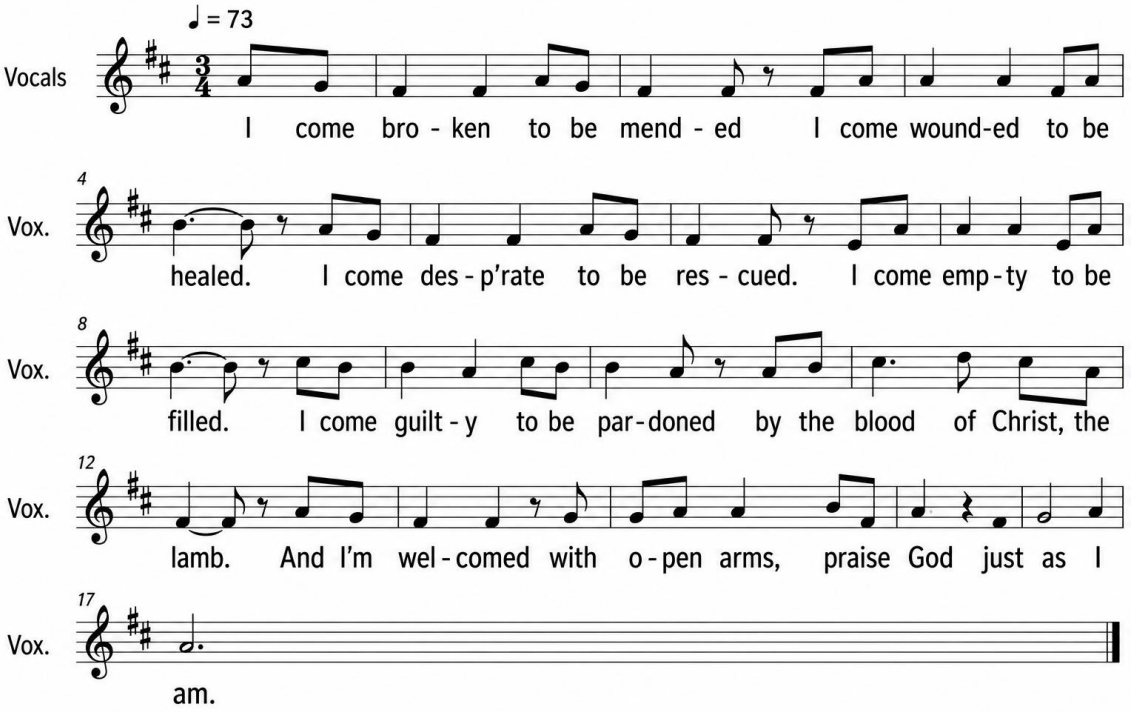
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[The assembly sings the following during communion:]

Lamb of God



Communion Song Draw Me Close

Verse **Draw me close to You Never let me go**
I lay it all down again To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire No one else will do
'Cause nothing else can take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way Bring me back to You

Chorus **You're all I want**
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near

Verse **Draw me close to You Never let me go**
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Outro **Help me know You are near**
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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. 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

Blessing*

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

Sending Song* Your Grace is Enough

Verse 1 **Great is Your faithfulness O God**
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus **(So) remember Your people**
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus **Your grace is enough**
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2 **Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob**
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Chorus 2 **Yeah Your grace is enough**
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

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Dismissal*

Called by Christ,
We invite all people, serve our neighbors, and build a living faith.

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

Today's Worship Team

relcmedia.org/worshipteam

Instrumental Musicians

Erik Flaten, Piano
Matthew Murphy, Guitar
Michael Hagarman, Bass
Jack Burdwood, Drums

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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.

Reformation
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