

**W E L C O M E T O W O R S H I P**



**Third Sunday After Epiphany  
January 22, 2023  
11:00 am**

**Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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# Welcome to Reformation!

**A special welcome to visitors** – we pray that the encounter with God in worship will nurture us in Christian faith and equip us for our life of loving service and justice in the world.

**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.



**Worship bags** (filled with coloring books and crayons) are available at the back of the sanctuary and can be taken to your seat.

**A play space** is also available at the back of the sanctuary with additional books and soft toys.

**A professionally staffed nursery** is available for children from birth to age 4. Patty Boccella is our nursery attendant. Worship is livestreamed to the nursery as well as to the lobby.

**All are welcome at the table** of our Lord Jesus Christ where God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. We believe and teach that in the Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Instructions for distribution are printed in the service bulletin.



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# Third Sunday After Epiphany

## January 15, 2023 · 11:00 am

☒ = Congregation

☒ = Assisting Minister

☒ = Presiding Minister

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*PRELUDE*      *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*      Tomlin, Ingam and Barrett

### *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.

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. 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*

*More Than Conquerors*

Verse 1      **When my hope and strength is gone    You're the One who calls me on  
You are the life    You are the fight that's in my soul**

Verse 2      **Oh Your resurrection pow'r    Burns like fire in my heart  
When waters rise    I lift my eyes up to Your throne**

Chorus      **We are more than conquerors through Christ  
You have overcome this world this life  
We will not bow to sin or to shame  
We are defiant in Your name  
You are the fire that cannot be tamed  
You are the power in our veins  
Our Lord our God our conqueror**

Verse 3      **I will sing into the night    Christ is risen and on high  
Greater is He    Living in me than in the world**

Verse 4      **No surrender no retreat    We are free and we're redeemed  
We will declare    Over despair You are the hope**

Chorus

Bridge      **Nothing is impossible  
Ev'ry chain is breakable  
With You we are victorious  
You are stronger than our hearts  
You are greater than the dark  
With You we are victorious**

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. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## *FIRST READING*

Isaiah 9:1-4

☐ A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

**A** A reading from Corinthians.

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

vocals

Word of God, en - throned, dwell in  
 us for-ev-er more. Love has come to show the way.  
 Hal-le - lu jah, peace be with  
 us. Love has come to show the way.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*After the reading has concluded:*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*SERMON ON THE STEPS*

*SERMON*

Pastor Alina Gayeuski

*Silence for reflection*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

Intro           **Where You go I'll go   Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move   I will follow**

Verse 1           **All Your ways are good   All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone   Higher than my sight  
High above my life   I will trust in You alone**

Chorus           **Where You go I'll go   Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move   I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love   How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose   I will follow (You)**

Interlude       **Yeah I will follow You yeah**

Verse 2           **Light into the world   Light into my life  
I will live for You alone   You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find   All I need in You alone  
In You alone**

Chorus

Bridge           **In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow**

Chorus, repeat Chorus

Ending           **Yeah I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah  
I will follow You yeah**

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*APOSTLES' CREED*

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** **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*

*Opportunity will be provided for you to offer prayers for concerns on your heart, silently or aloud. Please conclude each prayer petition with the words, "Lord, in your mercy."*

**A** Called to be light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

**A** Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*PEACE*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying "Peace be with you" or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

# MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

*Tithes and offerings are gathered for the mission of the church*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Build My Life*

Yunker, Martin, Kaple, Redman and Barret

## SETTING THE TABLE

*The assembly stands to sing as the gifts are brought forward.*



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

*OFFERING PRAYER*

**A** Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C** 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*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** 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:

D Bm7 A#m A G D

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

5 G D A bm

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

7 Gmaj7 D/A A sus D G D

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

10 A bm Gmaj7 D/A A bm D D/F#

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

13 Gmaj7 D/A A D

san - na in the high - est.

☐ Blessed are you, . . . as he comes to us in his holy supper.

☑ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

☐ In the night . . . .

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly is seated.*

All are welcome at the table of the Lord! We believe and teach that Christ is present in the mystery of the sacrament of Holy Communion and that by communing with him we receive forgiveness of our sin.

Communion will be distributed by intinction – after you receive the bread, you may dip it in the chalice on the bread tray, which has grape juice, or the chalice held by the communion assistant, which has wine. Children who have not received instruction for communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to walk to communion, please let an usher know so that a pastor can bring communion to your seat. Gluten free wafers are available upon request to the pastor distributing the bread.

*As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: Amen*

The assembly sings the following during communion:

LAMB OF GOD

Cowan/Flaten

Vocals

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins, — of the world have  
mer - cy — on us us peace

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is labeled 'Vocals' and is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins, — of the world have'. The bottom staff is a bass line with a treble clef and a '6' above it, indicating a sixth. It contains a few notes corresponding to the lyrics: 'mer - cy — on us us peace'. Chord symbols 'Bb', 'F', and 'O' are placed above the staff.

COMMUNION SONG

Goodness of God

Verse 1      **I love You Lord    Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days    I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up    Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God**

Chorus      **All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God**

Verse 2      **I love Your voice    You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night    You are close like no other  
From the moment that I wake up    I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God**

Chorus

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*After all have communed, the assembly stands.*

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

**C Amen.**

*PRAYER*

**A** Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Be the light for our path that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

*BLESSING*

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

*SENDING SONG My Lighthouse*

Verse 1      **In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

Verse 2      **In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

Chorus      **My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore**

Verse 3      **I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea**

Chorus

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*DISMISSAL*

**A** Called by Christ,

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

**A** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C** Thanks be to God!

*POSTLUDE*

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## **OUR MISSION**

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

## **WELCOME**

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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