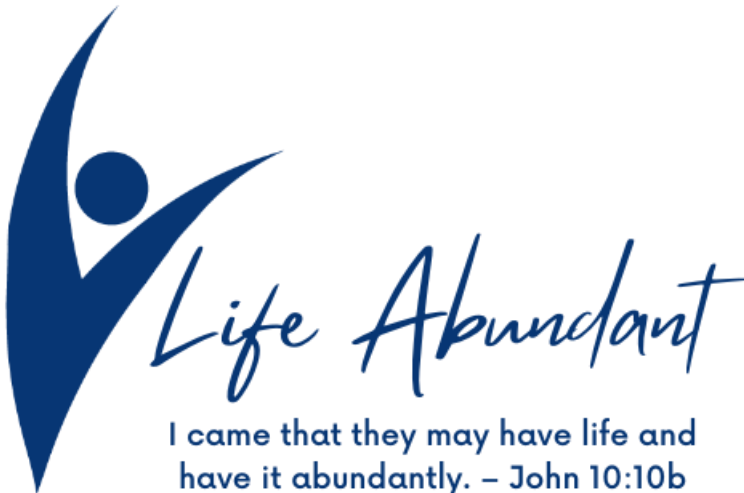


# W E L C O M E   T O   W O R S H I P



**Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**July 7, 2024**  
**10:00 am**

**Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**102 West Rose Tree Road**  
**Media, Pennsylvania 19063**  
**[www.relcmmedia.org](http://www.relcmmedia.org)**

# Welcome to Reformation!

**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 also wish to recognize and honor all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

**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.

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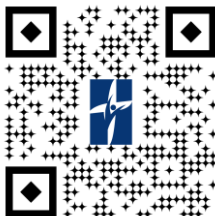
**A professionally staffed nursery** is available for children from birth to age 4. Patty Boccella is our nursery attendant. Worship is livestreamed to the nursery as well as to the lobby.

**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 Christ is present in the bread and wine. Instructions for distribution are printed in the service bulletin.

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# Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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☒ = Congregation

☒ = Assisting Minister

☒ = Presiding Minister

# GATHERING

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

*PRELUDE*

*Instrumental*

*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*

☒ In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☒ **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 in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

☒ Most merciful God,

☒ **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

☒ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, therefore 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*

*Look Up Child*

Verse 1      **Where are You now**  
                 **When darkness seems to win**  
                 **Where are You now**  
                 **When the world is crumbling**

Pre-Chorus    **Oh I I**  
                 **I hear You say**  
                 **I hear You say**

Chorus        **Look up child hey**  
                 **Look up child hey**  
                 **(Look up)**

Verse 2      **Where are You now**  
                 **When all I feel is doubt**  
                 **Where are You now**  
                 **When I can't figure it out**

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge        **You're not threatened by the war**  
                 **You're not shaken by the storm**  
                 **I know You're in control**  
                 **Even in our suffering**  
                 **Even when it can't be seen**  
                 **I know You're in control**

Pre-Chorus

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. God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*VBS LEADERS INSTALLATION*

# WORD

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

*FIRST READING*

Ezekiel 2:1-5

☐ A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

**A** A reading from second Corinthians.

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



An-cient words, ev-er true, chang-ing me, chang-ing  
 6 you; We have come with o-pen hearts, O let the an-cient words im-part.

📖 The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

👏 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*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 Eileen Ruppel-Doan

*Silence for reflection*

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

- Verse 1      **From the breaking of the dawn    To the setting of the sun  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word  
Words of power strong to save    That will never pass away  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word  
For Your covenant is sure    And on this I am secure  
I can stand on ev'ry promise from Your word**
- Verse 2      **When I stumble and I sin    Condemnation pressing in  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word  
You are faithful to forgive    That in freedom I might live  
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word  
Guilt to innocence restored    You remember sins no more  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word**
- Verse 3      **When I'm faced with anguished choice    I will listen for Your voice  
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word  
Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with Your hand  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word  
And You've promised to complete    Ev'ry work begun in me  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word**
- Verse 4      **Hope that lifts me from despair    Love that casts out ev'ry fear  
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word  
Not forsaken not alone    For the Comforter has come  
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word  
Grace sufficient grace for me    Grace for all who will believe  
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your word**



## *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** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

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

*The prayers conclude:*

**A** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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*

### *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. God of all creation,

**C** **all you have made is good, and your loves 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*

**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.**

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

Vocals

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 3/8. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high est. Ho - san - na in the high est." The score includes bar lines, rests, and various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes).

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

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

13 san - na in the high est.

**P** Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer...

Through him all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER*

☞ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

☩ **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.:*

*Behold the Lamb of God*

Matt Maher

Vocals



And now we see Your sac - ri - fice, the great - est gift, our  
great - est prize. Be - hold the Lamb of God, be - hold the lamb of  
God, who takes a - way the sins of the world.

*COMMUNION SONG*

*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*

Hymn No. 814

**Take, oh, take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.**

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*After all have communed, the assembly stands.*

*TABLE BLESSING*

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

**☞ Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

**A** Let us pray. Generous God, we give you thanks that again this day you have opened wide your hands and satisfied us with the food of life, the body and blood of Christ. Sharing your compassionate heart, may we be blessed and given to all who hunger and thirst; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*SENDING OF COMMUNION*

**A** Let us pray. God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with those who are homebound. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# SENDING

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

*BLESSING*

**P** Almighty and merciful God + bless, preserve, and keep you, this day and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

*SENDING SONG*

*Where Justice Rolls Down*

Chorus      **Where justice rolls down like a mighty water  
And righteousness grows like an ever-flowing stream  
And mercy resounds like the waves on the ocean  
Let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed**

Verse 1      **There is a river that streams from the temple  
Begins as a trickle but ends in the sea  
As it grows healing it will give  
Where it flows ev'rything will live**

Chorus

Verse 2      **Wade in the water and feel the strong current  
Remember the stagnance of stale life before  
God is here leave the past behind  
In these clear waters you will find**

Chorus, repeat Chorus

**Let praises rise high on the songs of the redeemed**

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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. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Instrumental Musicians**

Matthew Murphy, Guitar

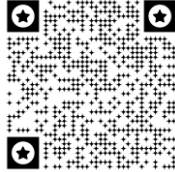
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**OUR MISSION: Called by Christ, we INVITE all people,  
SERVE our neighbors, and BUILD a living faith.**

**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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