



# *Beloved* Community

Beloved, let us love one another, because  
love is from God. - 1 John 4:7

**Reformation Lutheran Church**

October 27, 2024 | 11:00 am

Reformation 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](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).

**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

## 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.**

Verse 1

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old evil foe, Sworn to work us woe,  
With dread craft and might he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

Verse 2

**No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus our Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**

Verse 3

**Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.  
This world's prince may rage, in fierce war engage.  
He is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.**

Verse 4

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.  
If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,  
wrench our life away, they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

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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. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Recognition of 1517 Society Members and Heritage Members

## Word

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### First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

A reading from Romans.

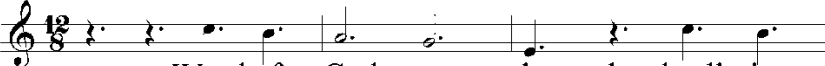
<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord.


**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation\*


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Vocals 

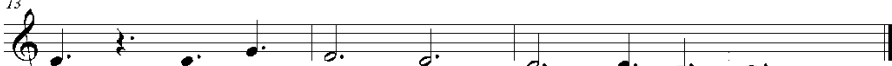
Word of God, en - throned, dwell in

<sup>4</sup>  
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us for-ev-er more. Love has come to show the way.

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Vox. 

Hal-le - lu - jah, peace be with

<sup>13</sup>  
Vox. 

us. Love has come to show the way.

## **Gospel\***

John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon on the Steps**

**Sermon**

Pastor Alina Gayeuski

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

# Hymn of the Day\*

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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## **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\***

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 prayer petition:]

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

[The prayers conclude:]

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, 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.]

## **Mission Moment**

# Meal

## Offering

[Use pew envelopes or scan code to give online]



## Musical Offering

Great Things

Wickham and Myrin

### Setting the Table\*

Vocals

Make me Your ves-sel, make me an of - fer-ing

Vox.

Make me what-ev - er You want me to be.

Vox.

came here with noth-ing but all you have giv-en me.

Vox.

Jc - sus, bring new wine out of me.\_

### 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:

Crowder, Dodson, Maher, and Waldrop  
Erik Flaten

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly

7 Ho - ly Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry, your

12 glo - ry. Bless-ed is He who comes comes in the na - me of the

16 Lo - rd. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

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


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Vocals 


I come bro-ken to be mend-ed I come wound-ed to be

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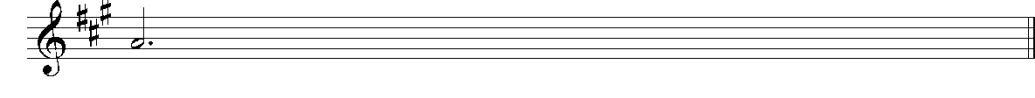
healed. I come des-p'rate to be res-cued. I come emp-ty to be

<sup>8</sup> Vox. 

filled. I come guilt-y to be par-doned by the blood of Christ, the

<sup>12</sup> Vox. 

lamb. And I'm wel-comed with o-pen arms, praiseGod just as I

<sup>17</sup> Vox. 

am.

## Communion Song

My Worth is Not in What I Own (At the Cross)

Verse 1      **My worth is not in what I own  
Not in the strength of flesh and bone  
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross**

Verse 2      **My worth is not in skill or name  
In win or lose in pride or shame  
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross**

Chorus        **I rejoice in my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul  
I will trust in Him no other  
My soul is satisfied in Him alone**

Verse 3      **As summer flowers we fade and die  
Fame youth and beauty hurry by  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross**

Verse 4      **I will not boast in wealth or might  
Or human wisdom's fleeting light  
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross**

Chorus

Verse 5      **Two wonders here that I confess  
My worth and my unworthiness  
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross**

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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**

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## **Blessing\***

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

**Amen.**

## **Sending Song\***

Freedom

Verse 1      **Friends we were all called to be free  
So let us serve each other in love  
Christ's command  
Love each other as yourself  
Should fill our hearts  
And keep us from sin**

Chorus        **For freedom Christ has set us free  
Stand firm throw off your slavery  
In Jesus what really matters  
Is faith expressed through love**

Verse 2       **So I say now live by the Spirit  
Don't give in to desires of the flesh  
Sin conflicts with God's Holy Spirit  
We have God's grace so sin has no power**

Chorus

Verse 3       **Acts of sin keep us from God's kingdom  
Do not live as you did before  
The sinful nature its passions and desires  
Are crucified when we belong to Christ**

Chorus

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## **Dismissal\***

Called by Christ,

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

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Instrumental Musicians**

Matthew Murphy, Guitar

Michael Hagarman, Bass

Noah Adams, 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.



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