



# *Beloved* Community

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

**Reformation Lutheran Church**

November 10, 2024 | 11:00 am

Twenty-Fifth 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](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**

Great Things

Wickham and Myrin

## 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\*

## A Thousand Hallelujahs

Verse 1      **Who else would rocks cry out to worship  
Whose glory taught the stars to shine  
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing  
But this joy is mine**

Chorus        **With a thousand hallelujahs  
We magnify Your name  
You alone deserve the glory  
The honor and the praise  
Lord Jesus this song is forever Yours  
A thousand hallelujahs  
And a thousand more**

Verse 2      **Who else would die for our redemption  
Whose resurrection means I'll rise  
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done  
But I have eternity to try**

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, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# Word

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## First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

A reading from the first book of Kings.

<sup>8</sup>The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from Hebrews.

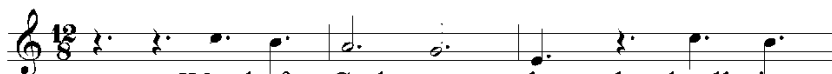
<sup>24</sup> Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.


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>  
Vox.   
us for-ev-er more. Love has come to show the way.

<sup>9</sup>  
Vox.   
Hal-le - lu\_\_\_\_ jah, peace be with\_\_\_\_

<sup>13</sup>  
Vox.   
us. Love has come to show the way.

## **Gospel\***

Mark 12:38-44

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup> As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” <sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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\*

## Never Walk Alone

Verse 1      **You are my shepherd faithful forever  
Your hand is strong where my faith is weak  
Close as my heartbeat You won't forsake me  
You are the love that will carry me**

Pre-Chorus    **And I won't be afraid  
I will trust Your heart and say**

Chorus        **I will never ever ever walk alone  
You are with us for us always holding on  
Though I wander Your love goes further  
You are my hope and future  
I will never walk alone**

Verse 2       **Questions may haunt us casting a shadow  
Still You're the hope and the fire in me  
I will not tremble I will not stumble  
You are my courage my bravery**

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

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# Baptism

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**Quinn Constance Bagosy  
Brooks Charles Bagosy**

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. . . .

[After the candidate is presented for baptism and parents make promises on behalf of the candidate for baptism, the assembly is addressed:]

People of God, do you promise to support this child and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**We do.**

[After the parents renounce the forces that defy God, the assembly joins them in professing the faith:]

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, ... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

[The candidate is baptized with water, receives prayer with the laying on of hands, is anointed with oil, and presented with a candle.]

[The assembly welcomes the newly baptized:]

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## Acclamation

You Belong to Christ

(sung by the assembly twice)



## 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.**

## 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

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### Offering

[Use pew envelopes or scan code to give online]




### Musical Offering


Promises

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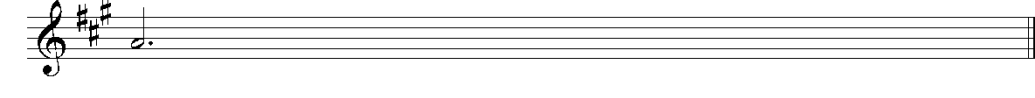
healed. I come des-p'rate to be res-cued. I come emp-ty to be

<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\***

## Great Things

Verse 1      **Come let us worship our God  
Come let us bow at Gods feet  
You have done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how Gods love overcomes  
You will do great things  
God you do great things**

Chorus      **O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things**

Verse 2      **You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things  
God You do great things**

Chorus

Bridge      **Hallelujah God above it all  
Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
(REPEAT)**

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

### **Today's Worship Team**

[relcmedia.org/worshipteam](http://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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