



Reformation Lutheran Church

April 26, 2026 | 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

[All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.]

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

[The assembly remembers their baptism as water is poured into the font. Worshipers may touch the water as a reminder of their baptism when they approach the altar to receive Holy Communion or when they leave the service.]

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

We thank you, O God.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

We praise you, O God.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Wash away all the sin within us, and renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song*

All Belong Here

Verse 1 **When you're not sure who you really are
When all you feel is the shape of your scars
And you have more wounds than you can count
Open your eyes look all around
You aren't alone this is your home**

Chorus **Come and remember who you are here
Do this to remember who I am
Come and remember you belong here
All belong here**

Verse 2 **When you don't know how to forgive
When locked doors seem like the only way to live
And you've got more questions than you can count
Open your eyes look all around
You aren't alone this is your home**

Chorus

Bridge **At this table come as you are
Broken and bleeding's ok
At this table eat and be filled
Come and drink in this grace**

Interlude **Ooo ooo ooo ooo ooo**

Bridge

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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from Acts.

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from first Peter.

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*



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

Gospel*

John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon on the Steps

Sermon

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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Nicene Creed*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession*

Let us rejoice in the risen life of Christ and pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

[After each prayer petition:]

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

[The prayers conclude:]

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.]

Meal

Offering

[Use pew envelopes or scan code to give online]



Musical Offering

Shepherd

Amanda Cook

Setting the Table*



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*

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those 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

Chords: D, Bm7, A7m, A, G, D, G, D, A, bm, Gmaj7, D/A, A sus, D, G, D, A, bm, Gmaj7, D/A, A, bm, D, D/F#, Gmaj7, D/A, A, D.

Lyrics: 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.

Holy God, you alone are holy ... with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness ... into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son ... with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night ... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your spirit ... in your church, without end.

Amen.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God!

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

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[The assembly sings the following during communion:]

Lamb of God

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

As the Deer

- Verse 1 **As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**
- Chorus **You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**
- Verse 3 **I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye**
- Chorus
- Verse 1 **As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

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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. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

Blessing*

The God of life, who raised Jesus from the dead, who sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the earth, be merciful to you and + bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song*

The New Song We Sing

Verse 1 **You are the God Who reconciles
The wayward heart through Christ
The old has gone the new has come
We are reconciled by love
We are reconciled by love
(REPEAT)**

Chorus **And this is the new song we sing
To the God of heaven
This is the new song we bring
After all You've given
And we stand before You redeemed
As Your children
This is the new song we sing**

Verse 2 **We who were once so far away
Are brought near by Your blood
The barrier has been destroyed
By Your grace we freely come
By Your grace we freely come**

Chorus

CCLI Song # 5135587 Jason Ingram | Keith Everette Smith | Meredith Andrews

Dismissal*

Called by Christ,

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

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Today's Worship Team

relcmedia.org/worshipteam



Instrumental Musicians

Erik Flaten, Piano

Matthew Murphy, Guitar

Michael Hagarman, Bass

Jack Burdwood, Drums

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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