

Reformation Lutheran Church

October 11, 2026 | 8:30 am

Twentieth 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.

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

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.**

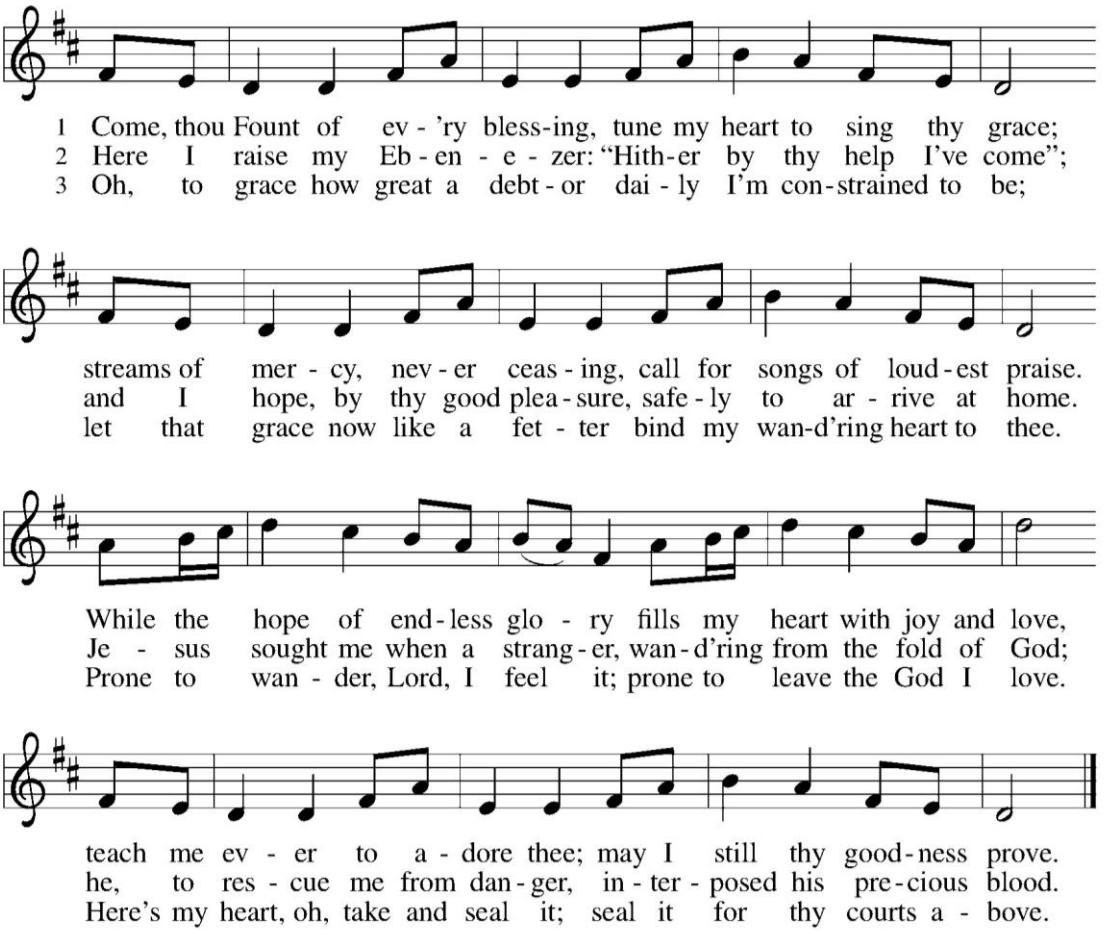
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

[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* Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Hymn 807



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 of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

[1] O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done
wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. [2] For you have made the city
a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never
be rebuilt. [3] Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will
fear you. [4] For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their
distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of
the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, [5] the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry
place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was
stilled. [6] On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich
food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines
strained clear. [7] And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all
peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; [8] he will swallow up death
forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace
of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. [9] It will be
said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save
us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

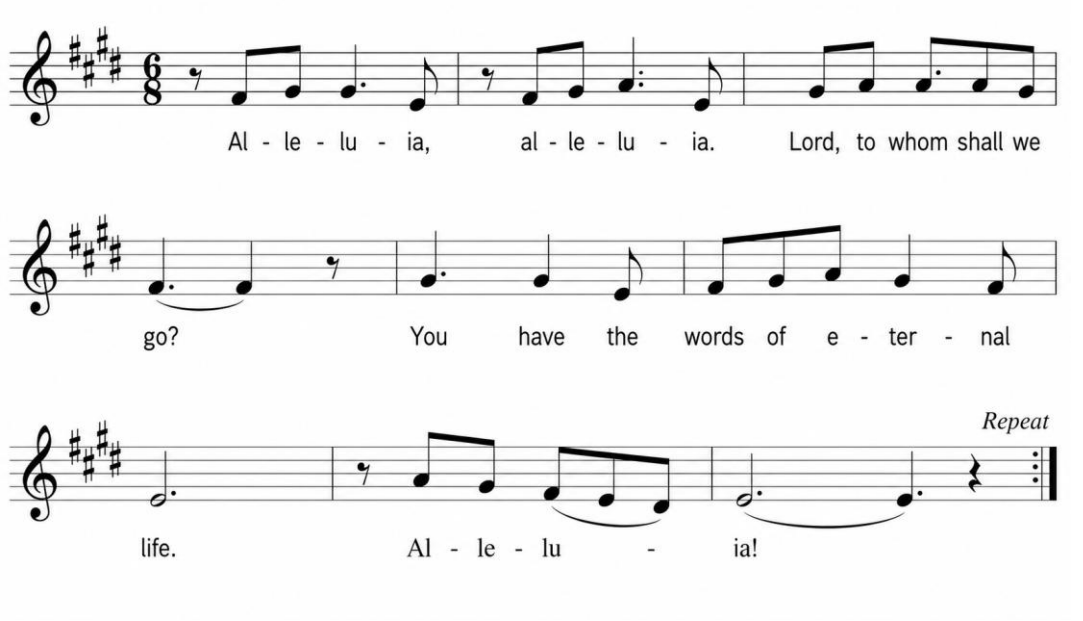
Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Philippians.

[1] My siblings, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. [2] I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3] Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. [4] Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5] Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7] And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. [8] Finally, siblings, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9] As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*



Gospel* Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

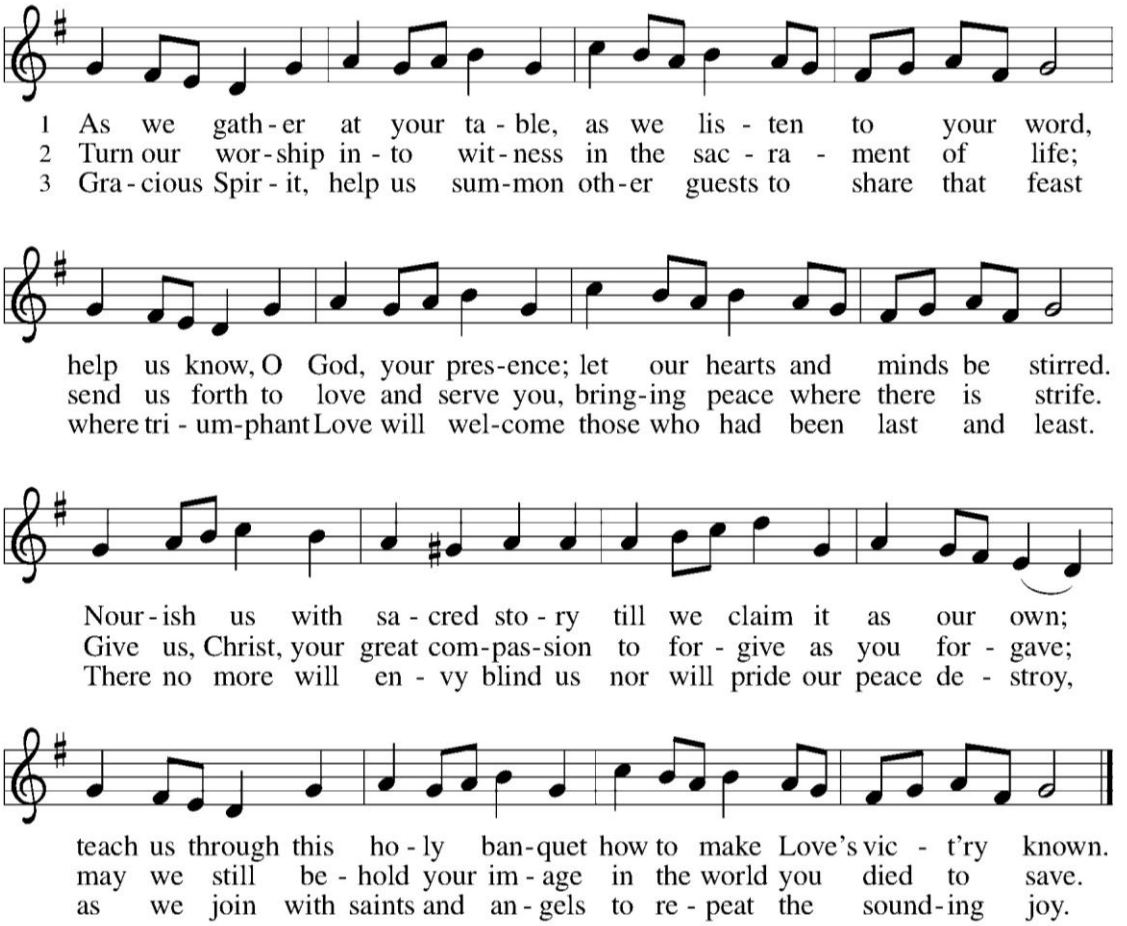
1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 “The kingdom of heaven may
be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves
to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not
come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I
have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and
everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ 5 But they made light of it and
went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his
slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his
troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his
slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into
the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ 10 Those
slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and
bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 “But when the king came in to see
the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he
said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was
speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and
throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon on the Steps

Sermon

Hymn of the Day* As We Gather at Your Table Hymn 522



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*

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

[After each prayer petition:]

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

[The prayers conclude:]

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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.]

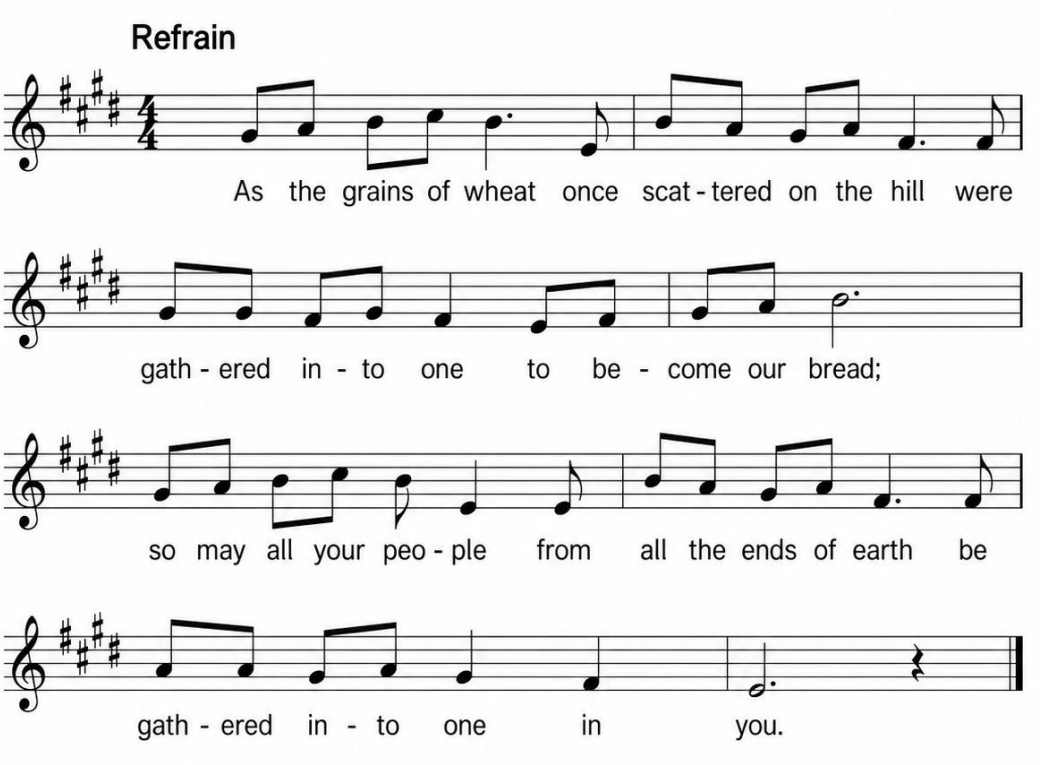
Mission Moment

Meal

Offering
[Use pew envelopes or scan code to give online]

Musical Offering I Sing the Mighty Power of God arr. James Koerts

Setting the Table*



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.**

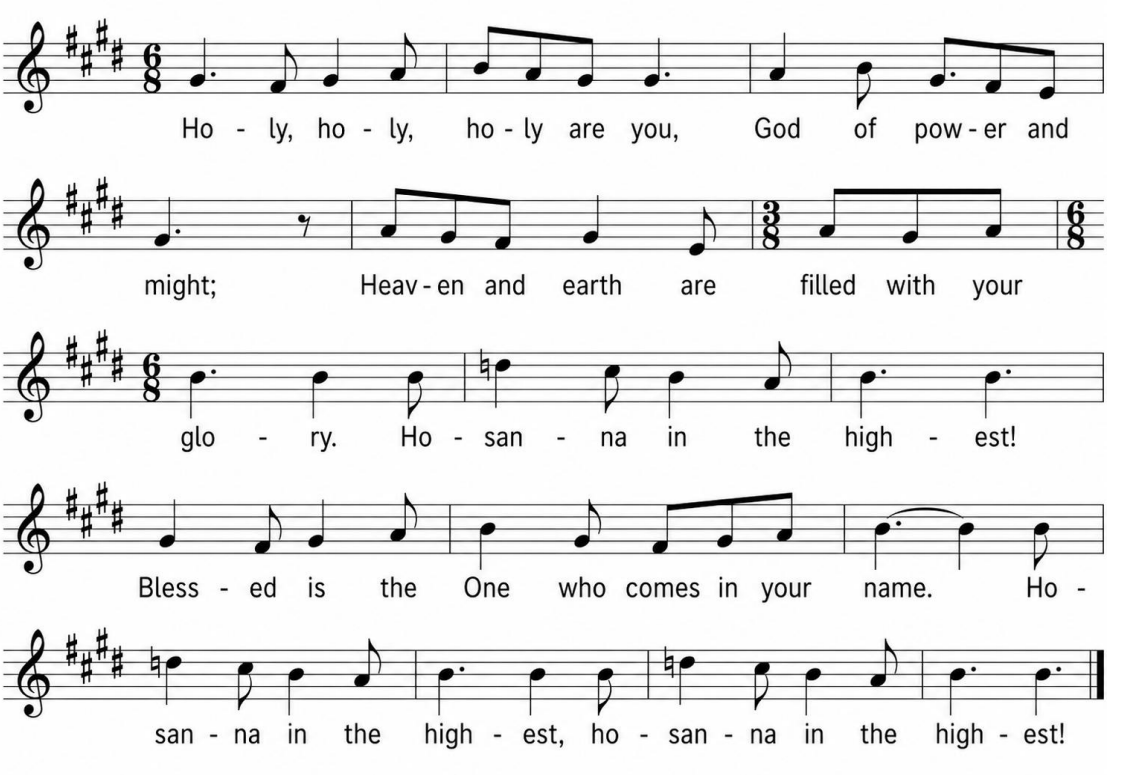
Great Thanksgiving*

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:



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.
Thanks be to God!

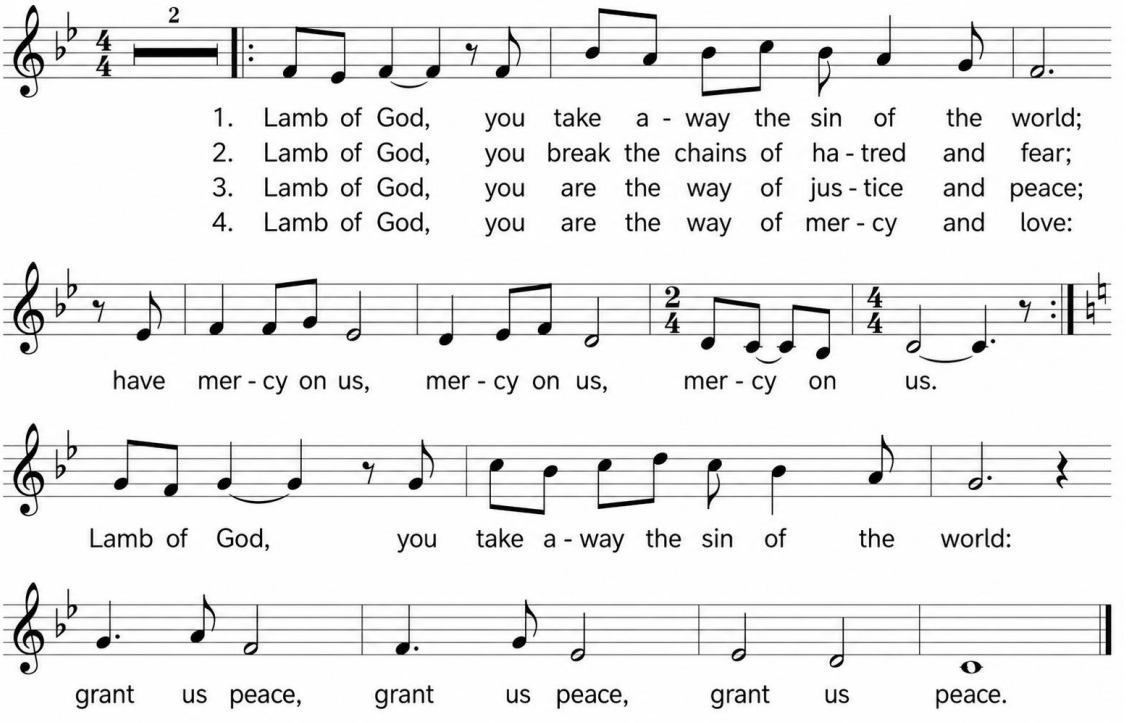
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[The assembly sings the following during communion:]

Lamb of God



Communion Song — Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken — ACS 966

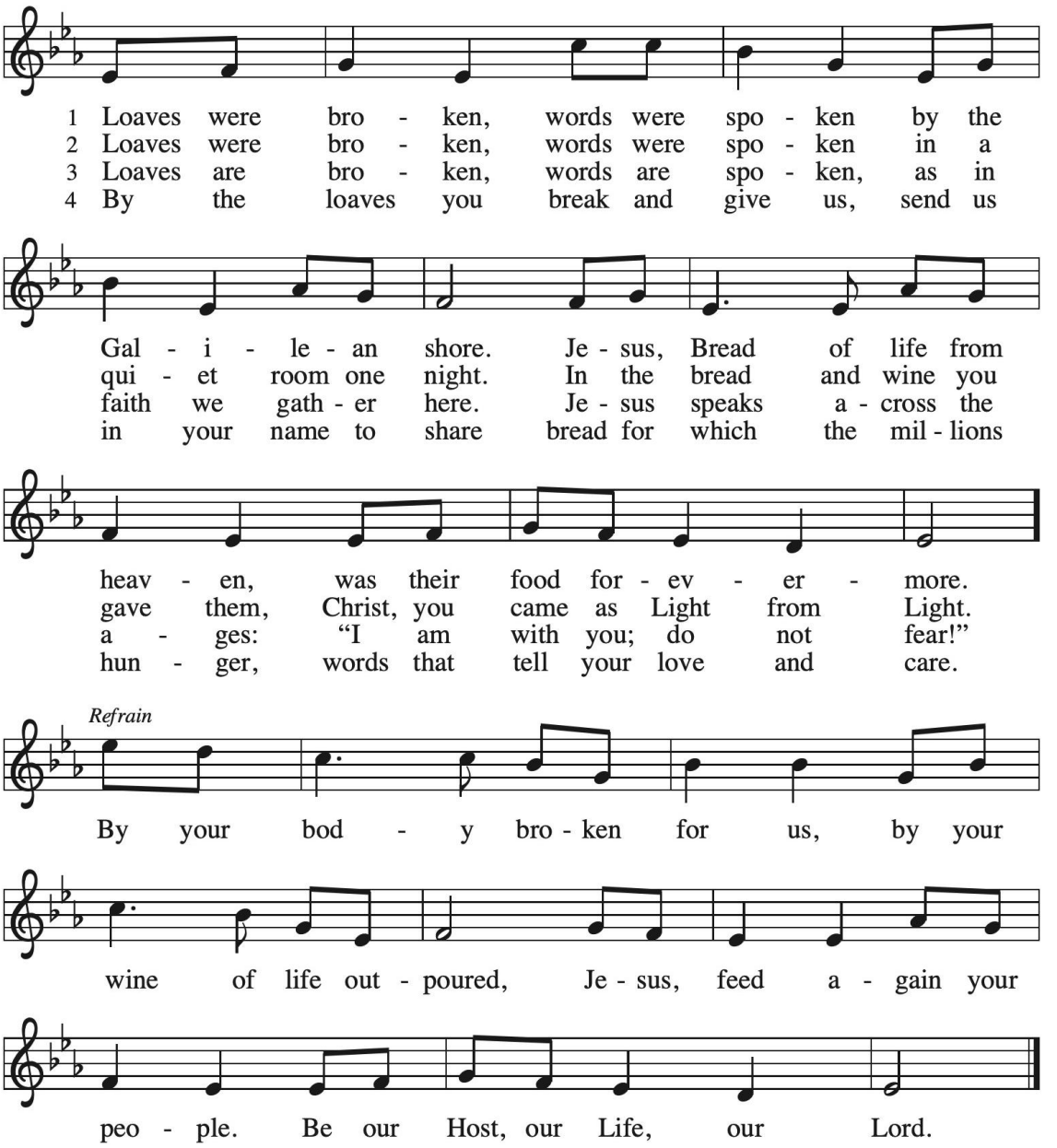


Table Blessing*

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

Prayer after Communion*

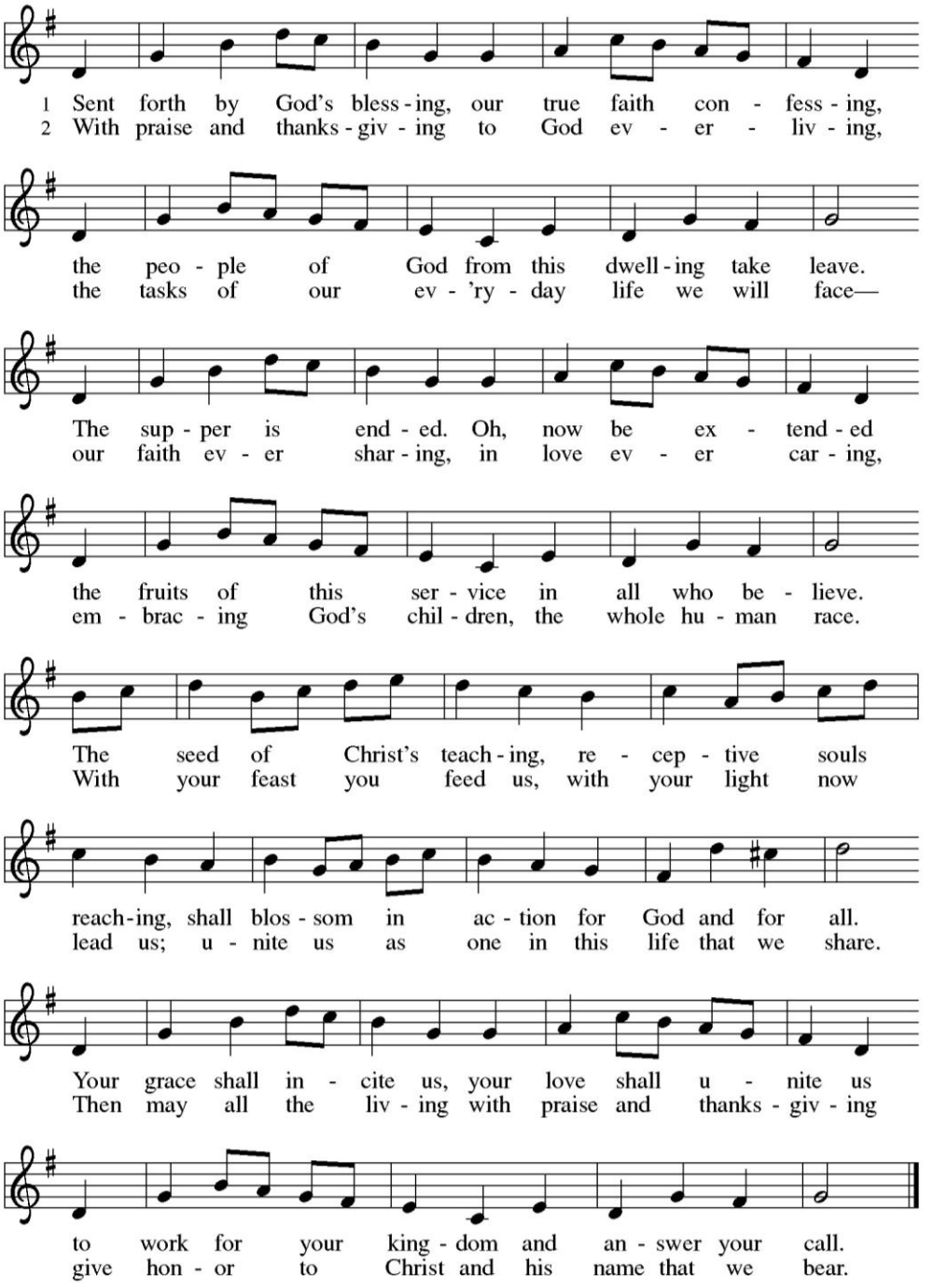
Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit, strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sending

Blessing*

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

Sending Song* Sent Forth by God's Blessing Hymn 547



Dismissal*

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

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Today's Worship Team
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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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