



# Lutheran Church of the REFORMATION



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***Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Our Common Prayer at Home  
May 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m.***

# GATHERING

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

Prelude

*Nun Danket Alle Gott*

Bach

Welcome

You can use this worship booklet for worship at home. You can also join worship online and find other devotional resources at [www.ReformationDC.org/worship](http://www.ReformationDC.org/worship). When there is more than one person worshipping in the same room or when you join the online worship service, one person reads the regular print and the other(s) say the bold print. The hymns are from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.

In the first scripture reading Peter, a Jewish follower of Jesus, is illegally meeting and eating with Cornelius, a Roman centurion and his family and friends. Peter witnesses the Holy Spirit's outpouring on them and realizes that God's liberation in Jesus Christ is for people of all nations. The gospel text takes place on the first evening of Easter, when Jesus breaks bread with two of his grieving disciples who until then had not known Jesus was risen from the dead. Together these scriptures open our minds and hearts to God's living presence in homes and nations across the globe.

If you or a neighbor need pastoral care, please call the church office at 202-543-4200 or one of the pastors via email: Pastor Mike at [wilker@ReformationDC.org](mailto:wilker@ReformationDC.org) or Pastor Ben at [hogue@ReformationDC.org](mailto:hogue@ReformationDC.org). Voicemail will have instructions about how to contact them in case of emergency. If you are interested in Baptism and Membership at Reformation, please reach out to Pastor Ben and he can discuss details and discern next steps with you!

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*Please stand, as you are able.*

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty,  
**you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring,  
you are the fire of rebirth.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.  
Praise to you for the Chesapeake Bay, the Anacostia, Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and Word of Christ that saves us.  
The Ethiopian eunuch is baptized in welcome waters. The merchant Lydia shares your word at the riverbank. Peter, the zealot, and Cornelius, the centurion, are called to peace. We are your children, born of water, blood, and Spirit.

Breathe your Spirit into your church and into all creation.  
**Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.**

Satisfy all our thirst with your eternal fountain, and bring to birth the body of Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Make the sign of the cross on your forehead, using water from the bowl if you have one.*

*Please greet one another with a wave or a text message during the musical introduction to the Gathering Hymn.*

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-umphant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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## Greeting

*The presiding minister and congregation welcome each other with a greeting shared by Jesus' early apostles and then join their hearts in prayer.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.

*After a brief silence for personal prayer, the presiding minister continues:*

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



# WORD

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*

## Children's Message

*A pastor has a special message just for the children! Jesus embraced children and placed them in the center of the Christian community as models for discipleship.*

## First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with Cornelius, a Gentile soldier, and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter directs that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell on everyone who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>They heard them speaking in other languages and praising God. Peter asked, <sup>47</sup>“These people have received the Holy Spirit just as we have. Surely no one can stop them from being baptized with water, can they?” <sup>48</sup>He directed that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited Peter to stay for several days.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



*We respond to the narrative of the Gentiles receiving the Holy Spirit by praying Psalm 98. Also appointed for Christmas Day, Psalm 98 is an exuberant hymn in which we, with “all the ends of the earth,” praise the victory of Christ’s resurrection.*

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands!**

## Second Reading

1 John 5:1-8

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>There are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood, and these three agree.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**







1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ



ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

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*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Sermon

Pastor Michael Wilker

*Please stand as you are able, proclaiming the word of God in song.*

Hymn of the Day

Day of Arising

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1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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## Nicene Creed

*Christians describe their common faith in a variety of ways. In 325 CE, Christian leaders from Africa, Europe, and Asia gathered and debated in Nicea (in present-day Turkey) to develop a common statement of faith or creed. After two previous versions, the Nicene Creed was adopted in 451 CE. With some variation, this creed is shared by the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal, Methodist, and many other Protestant churches.*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith saying the Nicene Creed.

**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

We pray on this sixth Sunday of Easter for the baptized around the world, and for all people according to their needs, responding to each petition with the words “fill us with your love.”

*A brief silence.*

O triune God, we praise you for your wondrous love, for the witness of Christians in every nation especially for our synod’s companions in Namibia, El Salvador, Jordan and the Holy Lands. Whenever churches face grief, hardship, or challenge, reveal your presence in the reading of scripture and the breaking of bread.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, loving God:  
**Fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the beauty of spring, and we stand in awe of even the hungry singing and mating cicadas. Join our songs to theirs and inspire us to steward the earth for generations to come.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, creating God.  
**Fill us with your love.**

We praise you for all efforts to achieve peace throughout the world. Wherever violence prevails, wherever brutality silences protest, wherever prejudice reigns, wherever the rich oppress the poor, lead us and all nations into the ways of justice.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, righteous God:  
**Fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the gradual lessening of the pandemic and for your gift of vaccines. Wherever the virus still rages especially India, Turkey, and Brazil, wherever medical resources are depleted, wherever medical advice is rejected, extend the power of your healing hand. Be present with all who today will die, and visit all who are sick or suffering

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, healing God:  
**Fill us with your love.**

We praise you for the loving support of mothers to their children. Bless mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, godmothers, and people of all genders who give mothering care. Protect mothers in societies where women have few rights. Comfort those who grieve because they cannot mother a child. Wherever children are deprived of mothering, provide responsible and affectionate care.

*A brief silence.*

Hear us, mothering God:  
**Fill us with your love.**

We praise you for calling yourself our friend. Receive now the petitions of our own hearts.

*A longer period of silence.*

Hear us, dearest God:  
**Fill us with your love.**

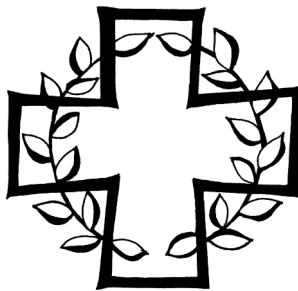
In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Exchange of Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with your friends and family while we listen to a musical offering. You may also take this time to text "Peace be with you" to another person -- maybe a friend you miss seeing in person at worship or even a neighbor in another city or state. Please be seated during the announcements.*



# THANKSGIVING

*We give thanks for the saving Word of Christ and all the gifts of God.*

## Offering of Gifts and Musical Offering

*Although we are not gathering in the sanctuary, Reformation's ministries continue every day. Staff members are providing individual and communal pastoral care, coordinating lay leaders and volunteers, caring for our facilities, connecting us with one another, and developing resources for worship and spiritual growth. This time has disrupted the usual way we gather offerings and severely restricted the gifts of some households. We invite you to give as you are able.*

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*Joyful, Joyful*

*Mervyn Warren*

*Joyful, joyful, Lord we adore Thee.  
God of glory, Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
hail Thee as the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light.  
Fill us with the light.  
Oh, fill us with the light of day.*

# SENDING

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

## Mission Announcements

See [www.ReformationDC.org/worship](http://www.ReformationDC.org/worship) for today's Mission Announcements.

## Sending Prayer

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating an earth of splendor  
and for making us into a people of your own.

With all the saints who have received your Word  
we worship you, holy God.

**We worship you, holy God.**

We praise you for your eternal Word,  
for conquering the force of death,  
and for raising us up through the resurrection of our Lord.

For your Word alive among us,  
we praise you, living God.

**We praise you, living God.**

Breathe the Spirit of the risen Christ on us,  
that led by your Word  
we may honor your earth and its many peoples  
and serve all who are in need.

For your Word animating our Easter life,  
we bless you, loving God.

**We bless you, loving God.**

All worship, praise, and blessing be to you,  
Source of life, Ruler of life, and Power of life, today and forever.

**Amen.**



## The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:1-4

*We conclude the thanksgiving with the prayer Jesus taught us. You can say this or another translation you know by heart.*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Blessing

Numbers 6:23-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

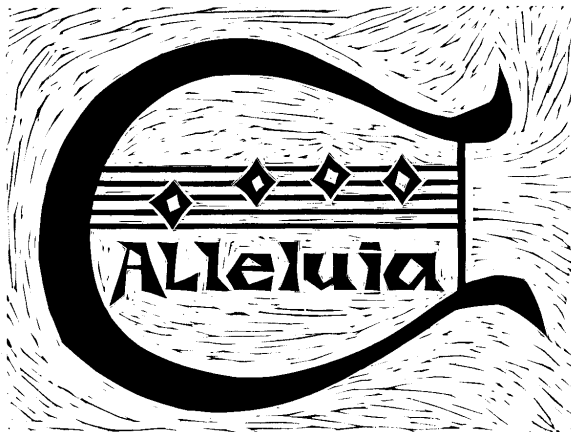
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**





- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.  
 teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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Music: LINSTAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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## Sending Forth

Go in peace. Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# Prayer List

## WE GIVE THANKS ...

### For those who celebrate birthdays this week:

*Molly Higgins (5/10), Sean Lee (5/12), William Mollet (5/14)*

### For those who celebrate anniversaries this week:

*Stephanie and Matthew Fouse (5/15)*

## WE PRAY FOR. . .

*Victoria, niece of Gloria Kenyon, for health and healing from surgery.*

*Anne Tomkinson, as she recovers from surgery.*

*Karen, Andy Weaver's sister, that she has continued healing.*

*Chester Hart, as he recovers from surgery on his foot.*

*Children and their family members who live with cancer.*

*Jennifer Novak, as she recovers from leg surgery.*

*For the family of David Robb, Andrew Robb's father, as they grieve his death and celebrate his life.*

*Robert Pfahl and his family, as he struggles with neurological and physical health matters.*

*Rebecca Pfahl, for health and healing.*

*For those experiencing anxiety, loneliness, and distance from family and friends.*

*For the scientists and healthcare workers producing and distributing Covid-19 vaccines.*

*For the Anacostia River.*

*Members and friends affected by Covid-19.*

*David, the father of Phillip and Harriet Vender's daughter-in-law, who is living with lymphoma.*

### For our congregational and family members in military and foreign service:

*Drew Shealy, Diane Kohn, Melinda Manning, Paul Cowden, Jon Jones, Lee Patterson and family members of those in service here and around the world.*

### From our hearts for

*Tim Allmond, Angela Braxton, Emanuele and Emmajean Crupi, Bob Hedrick, Bernice Hoveland, Leah Jones, Marvin Jones, Emmanuel Kabasaala, Wayne Krumwiede, Margot Lyddane, Valerie Platz, Ron and Daphne Rhine, Bill Scott, Madge Selinsky, Al Stauderman, Helen Vigness, Carolyn Walker, Thomas Winter, and Gloria Wolf.*

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## Thanks be to God for today's Worship Leaders

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We will continue to follow the guidelines of health professionals, scientists, government officials, and church leaders to make decisions regarding gathering for in-person worship. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

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