

# Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

**Solomon's Temple**  
**1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13**

Muhlenberg Lutheran Church



A Wellspring of God's Grace

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## WELCOME

We welcome you in the name of Christ. **We love welcoming guests/visitors** and encourage you to complete one of the blue cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering basket, or **scan this QR Code** with your smart phone to complete the visitor card digitally. We have a gift for you at our Welcome Desk – please stop by after worship. You are invited to join in all parts of worship. Everything you need is printed in this worship booklet. All who desire to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the table. If you do not wish to receive, you are still welcome! For instructions on how to receive the bread and wine, see the Communion section later in this booklet. Portions of worship in bold print are to be spoken by the whole congregation. We stand for portions of our worship service. **Please feel free to remain seated, if you prefer.**



## HEALTH AND SAFETY

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, certain measures are in place for our time of worship to be as safe and healthy as possible. **Well-fitted masks will be required for all in-person worshippers, regardless of vaccination status.** Masks are a way we protect those around us, and we wish to create a worship space that is as safe as it can be for those under 12 who cannot be vaccinated yet. Physical distancing will be in place in the sanctuary with every other row in use. **Music will be sung by the choir only.** At this time, there is no congregational singing of hymns and liturgy. Our choir members will be masked, and all musicians have provided proof of vaccination.

## OUR WORSHIP

Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church – gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God’s constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Narrative Lectionary (a four-year cycle of scripture readings in biblical order), we are connected through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time. *For details, see “About Our Worship” on the last page.*

**Worship will be live-streamed at 11:00 am.** Digital ministry is an essential part of our community with the Wellstream service at 11:00 am allowing those at home to worship alongside our gathered community for a service of Holy Communion. The cameras will be primarily focused on our worship leaders and offer some wide-angle views of the sanctuary. If you have questions or concerns about appearing on camera, contact Pastor Alex or Communication Minister Christian Perritt ([perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org](mailto:perritt@muhlenberglutheran.org)).

## OTHER NOTES

- **Amplification devices** for the hearing impaired are available from ushers or at the Welcome Desk.
- A **restroom** is located at the north end of the Gathering Area (additional restrooms downstairs).

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# WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

## GATHERING

*We come from our homes, our labor, our struggles, and our joys – which we share in fellowship as a Christian community. We are gathered together as God’s people to worship. In this first part of our worship, we share together honestly – our sins in confession, our joy in forgiveness.*

### WELCOME

### MINISTRY MOMENT – JENNIFER ULRICH, PATCHWORK PANTRY

### PRELUDE

*Toccata in C Major* (J. G. Walther, 1684-1748)

*(We stand)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The congregation turns and faces the baptismal font.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We fail to trust in your promises.**

**We turn from your loving embrace  
and go our own ways.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Blot out our sin, cast away our transgressions,**

**and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness  
to do God's work in the world.  
**Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *verses 1, 2 & 4 (sung by choir)*  
*(if you would like to follow along, this is hymn # 503)*

EIN FESTE BURG

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar,  
reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.*

## **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.**

*(We sit)*

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *(sung by choir)*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Mighty Lord, the splendor of Solomon's temple cannot compare to the majesty of your heart. Show your heart in this place, that we might worship you with joy and gratitude. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

*The first half of our liturgy focuses on the Word of God through the reading of scripture and preaching. The pattern of reading, singing, reading, singing is an ancient one, which comes from Christianity's roots in Jewish synagogue worship.*

## **FIRST READING ~ 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13**

### **Chapter 5**

<sup>1</sup> Now King Hiram of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father; for Hiram had always been a friend to David. <sup>2</sup>Solomon sent word to Hiram, saying, <sup>3</sup>You know that my father David could not build a house for the name of the LORD his God because of the warfare with which his enemies surrounded him, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. <sup>4</sup>But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary nor misfortune. <sup>5</sup>So I intend to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD said to my father David, 'Your son, whom I will set on your throne in your place, shall build the house for my name.'

### **Chapter 8**

<sup>1</sup>Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. <sup>2</sup>All the people of Israel assembled to King Solomon at the festival in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the ark. <sup>4</sup>So they brought up the ark of the

LORD, the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; the priests and the Levites brought them up. <sup>5</sup>King Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, who had assembled before him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing so many sheep and oxen that they could not be counted or numbered. <sup>6</sup>Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. <sup>7</sup>For the cherubim spread out their wings over the place of the ark, so that the cherubim made a covering above the ark and its poles. <sup>8</sup>The poles were so long that the ends of the poles were seen from the holy place in front of the inner sanctuary; but they could not be seen from outside; they are there to this day. <sup>9</sup>There was nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where the LORD made a covenant with the Israelites, when they came out of the land of Egypt. <sup>10</sup>And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, <sup>11</sup>so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>Then Solomon said, "The LORD has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.

<sup>13</sup>I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in forever."

*The reading concludes:*

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 46** *(sung by choir)*

God is our refuge and strength, our help in times of terror and trouble. Therefore we shall not fear, though the earth shall change, though the mountains shall shake in the heart of the sea. **God is our refuge and strength.**

Gladly God's own river flows through Yahweh's holy habitation. It shall never be moved, though the nations fall, though the kingdoms shall end; God's city stands secure. **God is our refuge and strength.**

Come, behold the works of God, who breaks the bow and shatters the spear, and brings us peace on earth. Now, be still and know, know that Yahweh is God, Lord of heaven and earth. **God is our refuge and strength.**

*(We stand)*

## **GOSPEL PROCESSION** *(sung by choir)*

### **GOSPEL** ~ John 2:13-22

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

*After the reading:*

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

## **GOSPEL PROCESSION** *(sung by choir)*

*(We sit)*

### **SERMON**

Pastor Alex Zuber

*Silence for reflection follows.*

### **ANTHEM**

*Walk in Light* (K. Marroli, 2016)

Reformation Choir

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

*After each petition:*

... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*The Lay Assisting Minister concludes the prayers:*

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

*Have a prayer concern to share? Forms are available in the back cover of each hymnal.*

*(We stand)*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Maintaining physical distancing, and only making physical contact with members of your own household, the congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace (i.e., hand over heart, nod, wave, etc.), using these or similar words: "Peace be with you."*



## MEAL

*In the second half of our liturgy, we gather around the table, following Jesus' invitation. Here in this meal we encounter the risen Lord who gives himself for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening the Body of Christ.*

(We sit)

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* (C. Beaudrot)

Reformation Choir

(We stand)

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; 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.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We praise you, all-holy God,  
our Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of Truth,  
for the universe beyond our knowing,  
for seas and forests and fields,  
for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in this place,

for creatures seen and unseen,  
for animals both wild and tame,  
for our ancestors and godparents from around the globe,

and for the places we humans call home,  
for cities and churches and schools,  
for seminaries and missions and fellowship halls.

We praise you for your covenant people,  
for Moses and Miriam and Aaron,  
for Jeremiah and the psalmists,

and for centuries of faithful Christians,  
for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul,  
for all servants of the Reformation.

We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ,  
who saves us from sin and from evil,  
embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free,

who on the night before he died,  
took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And so we remember your Word,  
his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection,  
his presence in this meal around the world,  
and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray, O God, for your Spirit,  
your breath, your fire, your wisdom,  
your law, your grace, your freedom.

Bless this meal and all those who share it;  
inspire your people for service;  
continue the reformation of your churches;

and renew the world with your mercy,  
with your healing, your justice, and your peace,  
with the joy of life in your household.

We praise you, all-holy God,  
the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit,  
mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, powerful Shield,  
today, tomorrow, and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

*(We sit)*

## COMMUNION

*Physical distancing measures will be maintained for the distribution of communion. After the invitation to communion, take the prepackaged communion kit and open the bread side first. As the ministers says, "The body of Christ, given for you . . ." you may eat the wafer. As the minister says, "The blood of Christ, shed for you," you may drink from the wine/juice side and say: "Amen."*

*Please dispose of your communion packaging in the trash can by the doors on your way out. Gluten free and non-alcoholic juice communion elements are available.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(We stand)*

## SENDING

*Our worship does not end, but continues in the world. In our daily lives we are called to be ministers of God's love and mercy as we live and serve by the power of the risen Christ.*

## SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God verses 1 & 3 (sung by choir)

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*(if you would like to follow along, this is hymn # 840)*

*The congregation turns & faces the cross reminding us that we follow Christ into the world & our daily lives.*

## **BLESSING**

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church;  
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

We have been renewed at the Wellspring of God's grace! Now, go in peace to *live out Christ's love!*

**We go to be: Open † Authentic † Relational † Serving**  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Toccata Brevis* (D. Gawthrop, b. 1949)

***After worship, Pastor Lauren and Pastor Alex invite you  
to greet them and each other in the Gathering Area and outside.  
Please maintain physical distance and be mindful of others' wishes for space.***

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

**PREACHING MINISTER** ~ Pastor Alex Zuber

**PRESIDING MINISTER** ~ Pastor Lauren Eanes

**CRUCIFERS**      **8:30** — Bill Whitmire  
**11:00** — Cheryl Hoak

**TORCH BEARERS**      **8:30** — Roger and Gus Kagey  
**11:00** — Sue Koch and Jim Doyle

**LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS**      **8:30** — Kim Fawley  
**11:00** — Lori Reich

**LECTORS**      **8:30** — Crystl Whitmire  
**11:00** — Steve Reich

**USHERS**      **8:30** — Susan & David Lawrence, Karen Thomsen  
**11:00** — Judy Wilfong, Steve Reich

**MUSICIANS**      Elizabeth Williams, Music Minister  
Linlin Uta, Music Ministry Accompanist  
Members of Reformation Choir  
Rachel Peters, flutist; Gabby Taylor & Joey Slagle, trumpet

*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in honor of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Larry & Sandra Blade.  
and in honor of their 16<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Bill & Crystl Whitmire*

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## **REMINDERS AS YOU EXIT THE SANCTUARY**

- **Please place your offering in the basket by the font.**
- **Please place your communion packaging in the trash can as you exit the sanctuary.**
- **We encourage you to take *The Chimes* home with you.**

## ABOUT OUR WORSHIP...

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** + All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins, but no one should feel compelled. Both our confession of sin and God's promise of mercy are rooted in our baptism. We come before God recalling our brokenness, but even more God's great grace.

**GATHERING HYMN:** We sing as the Spirit gathers us for worship and this hymn sets the tone for the day.

**KYRIE:** The Kyrie is an ancient piece of service liturgy that may date back to the second century. Kyrie Eleison is Greek for "Lord have mercy" and is in reference to both New and Old Testament scriptures which use the same words and pattern.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** The Prayer of the Day collects the themes from today's scripture readings.

**READINGS AND PSALM:** Liturgy, from the Greek, means "the work of the people." Our worship is designed so we all take part. We are far more than just spectators. The scripture readings follow a three-year cycle, called a lectionary. We are connected with other Christians all over the world, in many denominations, reading the same texts. The Psalms were the original Hymns in Holy Scripture, used by God's people for personal and corporate devotion. They continue to be prayed, sung and read by God's people all over the world as a rich and honest expression of faith. We stand during the gospel because we believe our Lord is present with us in the reading.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

**NICENE & APOSTLES' CREEDS:** The creeds (statements of faith) date back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century and contain the basics of what Christians around the world hold to be true. The use of the non-capitalized word "catholic" means simply worldwide or universal.

**PRAYERS:** We pray as a community. The assisting minister leads this time to gather the prayers of all, and at his/ her invitation you may add others aloud or silently in your heart.

**PEACE:** Much more than a pleasant greeting — we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace to one another.

**OFFERING:** Our offerings are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service. They support the ministries of Christ's church in this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

**OFFERING SONG:** This song becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING & HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:** The Great Thanksgiving is an ancient part of the worship that proclaims our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal. The "Holy, Holy, Holy" echoes the heavenly chorus in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus enters Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility. Some will make the sign of the cross at the announcement of God's presence: "Blessed is He..."

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:** Eucharist is the Greek word for thanks. These are the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture: 1Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-29, Luke 22:15-20.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Jesus taught his disciples this prayer. In this prayer, all our needs and concerns are addressed. See ELW page 1163 for Martin Luther's explanation of this prayer in the small catechism.

**COMMUNION:** The "last supper" was a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. He invited them to share this meal in the future to remember him and he promised to be present in a mysterious, but very real sense. All who desire to participate are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** We gather once more in song as our worship concludes, and we prepare to take this good news into the world.

**BLESSING:** In this blessing we are reminded we bear God's name as we depart to live out our baptism, serving our neighbor and spreading the gospel. It reaffirms our mission and reminds us that if we are to be a Wellspring of Grace, we need to be renewed first through Water, Word, and Meal—the means of grace God has given to us.

