

January 14, 2024  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 & 11:00 AM

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## **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

### **8:30 & 11:00 am service**

*You can find videos of this Sunday's service and our past services (along with downloadable bulletins) at [www.rlcmilford.com/connect](http://www.rlcmilford.com/connect). Share these with your friends and family on social media so we can touch more lives with God's Word!*

Please silence cell phones before worship begins. Thank you!

### **Welcome to Reformation!**

We are especially glad to welcome visitors to worship. We hope you experience God's love for you this morning! Visitors are invited to sign the pew pads so we can be in touch with you.

### **Holy Communion**

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the usher's directions to come forward down the center aisle to receive the bread and wine. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer or grape juice, please inform the server. Those who do not yet receive Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Lutherans believe that in Communion, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins, the renewal of our faith, and the strengthening of our Christian community. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good!

### **Prayer Requests**

To add someone to the prayers of the Church, please write their name on the list behind the altar.

***"Being transformed by Jesus so that, through us,  
he is transforming the world."***

Reformation's Mission is to:

**Welcome people to faith. Make disciples. Live what we believe.**

# Gathering

*\* indicates the congregation is invited to stand, as able*

## Announcements

## Prelude

### **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** We gather in the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God... **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

**P:** God of mercy and life,

**C: we confess that we have turned from you and have fallen under the deadly power of sin. Our thoughts, words, and deeds have broken our fellowship with you and with our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray, and set us free from sin and death, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, both now and forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P:** In the mercy of Almighty God... in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**      “Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”      **No. 696**

### **\*Apostolic Greeting**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**      “He is Exalted”      Twila Paris

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray...

**C:** Amen.

### **Children's Sermon**

## **Word**

### **First Reading**

### **1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

**A:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18** (read in unison)

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

<sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

<sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

## **Second Reading**

## **1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.

<sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

**A:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"**

Traditional Melody

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

**\*Gospel**

**John 1:43-51**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>7</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Paige G. Evers

**\*Hymn of the Day**

"Be Thou My Vision"

**No. 793**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

**A:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Meal**

### **\*Peace**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*The minsters and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### **Collection of the Offering**

<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Find All You Need in Jesus” (choir)	8:30
	Special Music	11:00

**\*Offertory**      “Shout to the Lord”      **No. 821**

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

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### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**A:** Let us pray:

**C:** **God of mercy and goodness, your generosity sustains all of creation. Accept what we have gathered to be used for the work of your Kingdom. As we come to your table, fill us with your love, so that we might be signs of your presence in a world hungry for grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### **\*Proper Preface**

#### **\*“Holy, Holy”**

Jimmy Owens

Holy holy, holy holy, holy holy, Lord God Almighty.

And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love.

Holy holy, holy holy.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit.

And we lift our voice before you as a token of our love.

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.

### **\*The Words of Institution**

#### **“Spirit Song”**

John Wimber

O, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove,

Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

*Refrain:* Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O, come and sing this song with gladness



as your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.  
O, give him all your tears and sadness,  
give him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *(Refrain)*

### **The Distribution of Communion, Standing, at the Altar Rail**

Communion Hymns: #798, "Will You Come and Follow Me;"  
#810, "O Jesus, I Have Promised;" #466, "In the Singing;" #830,  
"How Marvelous God's Greatness"

#### **\*Post-Communion Blessing**

*Congregation responds with Amen.*

#### **\*Post-Communion Prayer**

*Congregation responds with Amen.*

## **Sending**

#### **\*Benediction**

*Congregation responds with Amen.*

#### **\*Sending Hymn**

"Here I Am, Lord"

**No. 574**

#### **\*Dismissal**

*Congregation responds with Thanks be to God.*

#### **Postlude**

### SERVING TODAY

<b>January 14</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Usher	Al & Karen Stark	Steve & Edith Weipert
Lay Reader	Dianna Smith	Kristin Schlegel
Worship Assistant	Chris Antonik	Todd Hannah
Acolyte	Dresden Miller	
Healing Prayer	Diane Massey	Kristin Schlegel
Altar Guild	Janice Weiner	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>
Live Stream Operator	Sigrid Evers	
Fellowship Host	Karen Oldland	

### SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

<b>January 21</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Usher	Jeff Lockard	Joan VanGorder
Lay Reader	Shannon Pencek	Joyce Nauman
Worship Assistant	David Curnock	Trish Boyer
Acolyte	Connor Pencek	Soren Evers
Healing Prayer		Diane Massey
Altar Guild	Eric Valentine	Janice Piatkowski
Live Stream Operator	Jack Pencek	
Fellowship Host	Lisa Caccamise	

### THIS WEEK AT REFORMATION

Today	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Fellowship & Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Senior Quilt Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Worship & Music Committee
Thursday	6:00 pm	Loderhose Committee (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Choir
Next Sunday	8:30 am	Worship Service
	9:45 am	Fellowship & Bible Study
	11:00 am	Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Youth Group in Annex

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Senior Quilters Meet Today** after the 11:00 service to pick up kits and decide future meeting times.

**The Next Skillshare Event is February 10!** You are invited to come to a “drop-in” Skillshare event in Reformation’s Annex on Saturday, February 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. During this Skillshare event, you can come and learn how to sew a simple project, or bring clothes that need to be mended, and others will help you learn sewing skills. You can try sewing on a button, fixing a hole, or making other repairs to your clothing. Meanwhile, you can also drop in with your cell phones, tablets, laptops, or other devices and get help with your questions from our youth and adults who are well-versed in technology. Refreshments and fellowship will be part of Skillshare as well! Plan to drop by anytime from 2:00-4:00 on February 10 at this event for all ages in our church. Invite a friend to come with you! Contact Pastor Paige Evers with questions ([pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net](mailto:pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net)).

**Rise Against Hunger Serving Opportunity on March 9:** On Saturday, March 9, you’re invited to join other Reformation friends in serving at a meal-packing event at Sussex Central High School with the organization, Rise Against Hunger. Children, youth, and adults can all take part. There will be an assembly line for packing non-perishable food into boxes to be shipped around the world, wherever people are hungry and need to be fed. Please join us and help represent Reformation at this community service project!

Reformation’s High School Youth Group will be serving at the 9:00-12:00 shift on March 9. If you prefer the afternoon, there is a shift from 12:30-3:30 when Reformation folks are welcome to serve. Reformation’s Christian Service Committee encourages you to get involved! **Please sign up on the website listed below for whichever shift suits your schedule.**

If you’d like to carpool to Sussex Central High School from Reformation, please e-mail Pastor Paige ([pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net](mailto:pr.paige@reformation-lutheran.net)). Wear your Reformation T-Shirt as we go out to serve the hungry around the world through this community service project!

Here’s what the organizers of the event are saying about this amazing project:

*In the 2023 Feeding the 5000 Multiplied event, funds were raised and over 250 volunteers packed food to serve 93,528 meals, all of which were distributed in Haiti. Churches and members of churches throughout Sussex County participated in this amazing event. The second annual event will be held on **Saturday, March 9, 2024 in the Sussex Central High School Cafeteria** with the goal of packing food to serve **120,000 meals**. To volunteer for the 2024 event, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/RAH-Sussex-2024>. There are two three hour packing sessions on March 9: **9:00-12:00 and 12:30-3:30**. This is an event in which adults of all ages, children and youth can participate...just as God was glorified through the Feeding of 5000 two centuries ago, God will be glorified again through "Feeding the 5000 Multiplied".*

**The New ROMEO ("Retired Old Men Eating Out") Club Invites you!**

Come join us for lunch, every second Friday of the month, at noon at the Palace Restaurant in Milford. Our first lunch will be February 9th. Space is limited. Just a couple of ground rules: it's Dutch treat, and no discussion of politics! Contact Maynard Gregory (302-381-4240) for more information.

**Electronic Giving:** Did you know that when you give electronically, Reformation is charged a fee? When you give at [www.rlcMilford.com/give](http://www.rlcMilford.com/give) you will be given the **option** to add an additional 1.9% of your donation to your contribution to help defray some of the electronic giving fee. Thank you for your generous support of Reformation's ministries!

**Give By Text:** You can make a financial gift to Reformation by sending a text with a dollar amount to (302) 204-1410 and follow the instructions you receive back. However you give, your support matters! Thank you!

**Sign Up for Church News!** If you aren't receiving Reformation news through Constant Contact, please send an email to Pastor Eric at [pr.eric@reformation-lutheran.net](mailto:pr.eric@reformation-lutheran.net), and he will add you to this distribution list. It's a great way to keep up with what's going on at Reformation.

**Happy Birthday to:** Dixie Johnson and Donna Johnson on the 16th; and Bob VanGorder on the 19th, **Happy Anniversary to** John & Pam Ferguson on the 17th.