



Holy Communion

Looking Back & Called Forward
A Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary
of the Reformation

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

3:30 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Reformation
Washington, D.C.

Gathering

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*The assembly stands and sings the refrain as the procession moves to the font.
The verses are sung by a cantor.*

Refrain
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All

1 See that host all dressed in white,
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
4 If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,

wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,
looks like the band that . . . Mo - ses led,
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me,
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All

God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Refrain

Throughout the thanksgiving, the assembly responds:

We praise you, O God, for the waters of earth:
we praise you, O God, for the waters of earth!

We honor you, O God, for the waters you send:
we honor you, O God, for the waters you send!

We glorify you, O God, for the water of baptism:
we glorify you, O God, for the water of baptism.

We rejoice, O God, in these stories of baptism:
we rejoice, O God, in these stories of baptism!

We give thanks, O God, for baptism:
we give thanks, O God, for baptism!

We bless you, O God, for the baptism we share:
we bless you, O God, for the baptism we share!

To you, Father, Son †, and Holy Spirit,
comes the praise of all your people, now and forever:
to you comes the praise of all your people, now and forever! Amen.

Gathering Song

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly is sprinkled with water during the singing.

Stanza One: All

Stanza Two: Higher voices

Stanza Three: Lower voices

Interlude

Stanza Four: All

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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.

Kyrie: Psalm 130

Aus der Tiefe rufen wir, Herr, zu dir.
Herr, höre unsere Stimme!
Lass deine Ohren merken auf die Stimme unseres Flehens!

The Kyrie is sung:



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Ky - rie_e - le - i-son. Chris - te_e - le - i-son. Ky - rie_e - le - i-son.

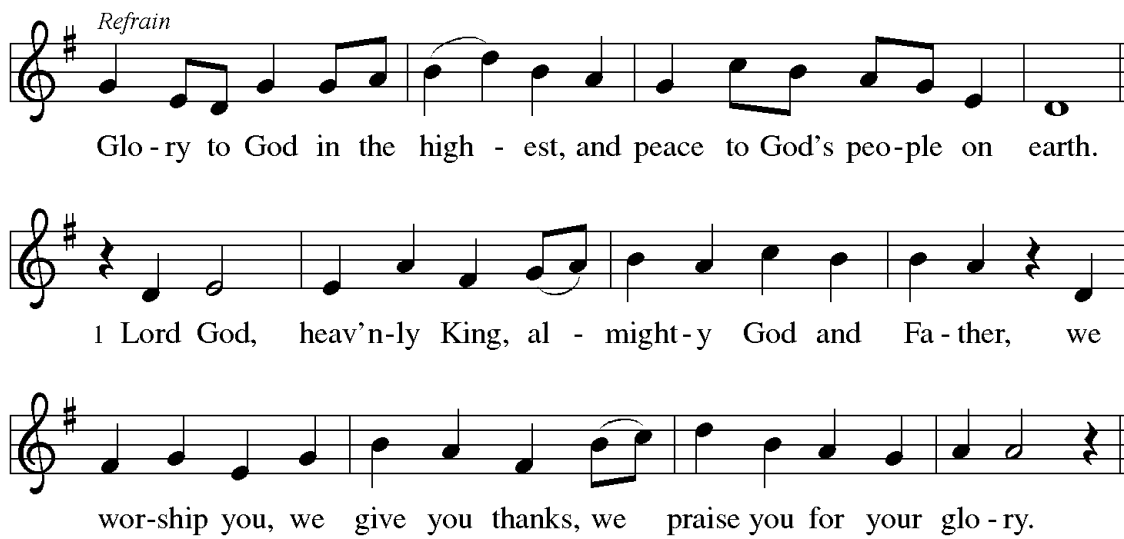
Si tu retiens les fautes, Seigneur! Seigneur, qui subsistera?
Mais tu disposes du pardon et l'on te craindra.

The Kyrie is sung.

¡Espera en el Señor! Porque con el Señor hay misericordia.
Contigo, oh Dios, hay abundante redención.

The Kyrie is sung.

Canticle of Praise



Refrain
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



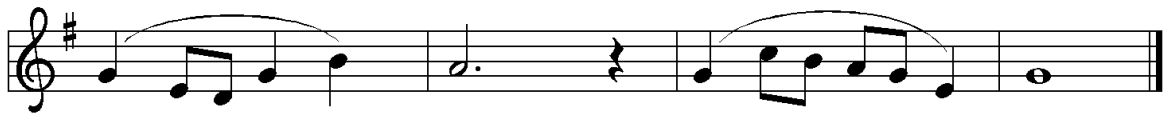
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. a - men.

Prayer of the Day

The assembly responds: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Welcome

Word

Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The reading concludes:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

The psalm is mentioned in the Qur'an and is read in Arabic.

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD ;
 see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
 he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God!
 I am exalted among the nations,
 I am exalted in the earth."
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Reading

Romans 3:19-28

The reading concludes:
 Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan;
 he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.

Gospel

John 8:31-36

The gospel is introduced:
 The holy gospel, according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes:
 The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

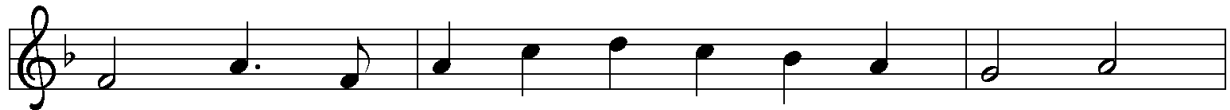
The assembly is seated.

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Rise, Shine, You People

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

A cantor sings: We believe: Maranatha, Light of the Day.

The assembly responds twice:

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is in treble clef and contains the melody for the cantor's response: "We be-lieve: Ma-ra-na - tha, Light of the Day." The melody features a triplet of eighth notes for "Ma-ra-na" and another triplet for "tha". The middle staff is also in treble clef and contains the melody for the assembly's response: "We be-lieve: Ma - ra - na - tha, Light of the Day." It mirrors the cantor's melody. The bottom staff is in bass clef and contains the bass line for the assembly's response: "We be - lieve, we be - lieve." The bass line is simple, with a half note for "We", a quarter note for "be", a quarter note for "lieve," and then a half note for "we", a quarter note for "be", and a quarter note for "lieve."

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord?

**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.**

A cantor sings: We believe: Maranatha, Light of the Day.

The assembly responds twice as above.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

*A cantor sings: We believe: Maranatha, Light of the Day.
The assembly responds twice as above.*

Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayers ends:

... Come, Holy Spirit!

The assembly responds:

Refrain

Njo - o, Come, njo - o, come, njo - o, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ro - ho mwe - ma. come.

Njo - o, Come, njo - o, come, njo - o, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ro - ho mwe - ma. come.

The prayers conclude:

We entrust to you these prayers and those of our hearts, Gracious God, confident that you hear us and respond. **Amen.**

Peace

La paz del Señor sea siempre con ustedes.
Y también contigo.

After sharing Christ's peace, the assembly is seated.

Meal

Offering and Setting the Table

Today's offering has been designated for the Lutheran World Federation endowment fund. Offerings may be made in cash, by check (payable to the ELCA, indicating "LWF Endowment" in memo line) or with a credit card by going to ELCA.org/offering.

As the gifts are received, the choir makes an offering.

Great Thanksgiving

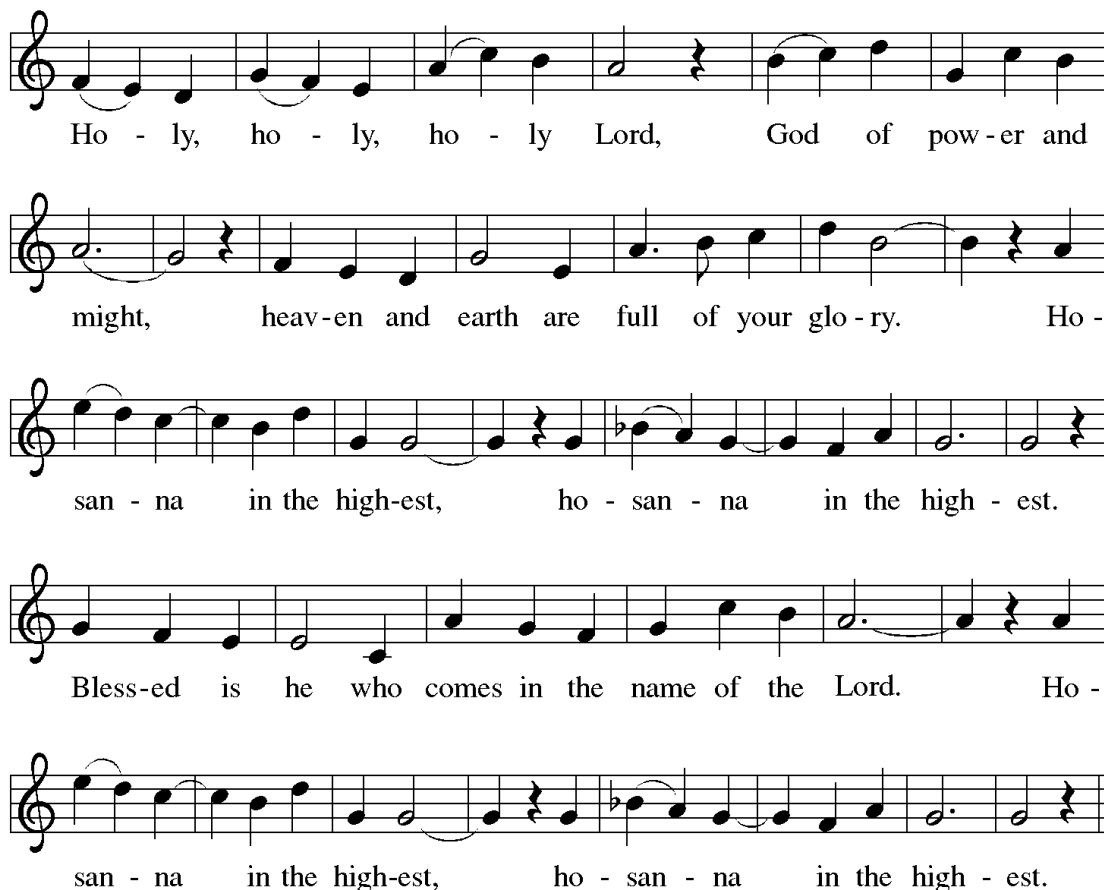
The assembly stands.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, 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.

Throughout the prayer, the assembly responds:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The prayer concludes:
Amen. Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us prayer 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 for ever. Amen.**

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ at this table.

If, however, your own church's discipline or your own conscience do not make that possible, please know that you are also most welcome to receive a blessing as a sign of prayer for our unity in Christ. To signal your desire for such a blessing, simply come to the person distributing the Bread with your arms crossed on your chest.

There are four stations — two in front of the sanctuary and two near the baptismal font at the entrance of the sanctuary. People in the front half of the sanctuary will receive communion in the front of the sanctuary and people in the back half will receive communion at the entrance near the baptismal font. Use the center aisle to proceed to a communion station. Ushers will be present to help in giving direction.

Each station will have bread and gluten free waters. Please take the bread or wafer and proceed to the first cup for wine, or the second cup for grape juice. Dip the bread or wafer in the cup or you may commune by common cup by drinking. Then return to your pew via the side aisle. Be assured that Christ is fully present by receiving only the bread or the wine.

During communion, the assembly sings, as time allows:



1 There's a wide-ness
 2 There is wel-come
 3 For the love of
 4 'Tis not all we



in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
 for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der -
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy



lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's sor - rows
 in his blood. There is grace e - nough for thou - sands
 ful - ly kind. But we make this love too nar - row
 through the fall. Make our love, O God, more faith - ful;



are more felt than up in heav'n. There is no place
 of new worlds as great as this; there is room for
 by false lim - its of our own; and we mag - ni -
 let us take you at your word, and our lives will

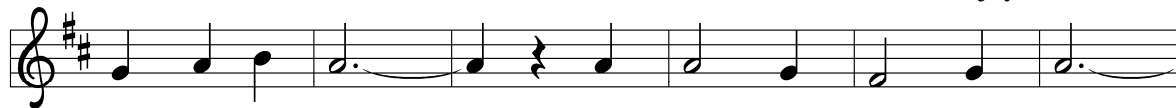


where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 be thanks-giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Refrain / Estribillo



U - ni - dos en la fes - ta, la a - le - grí - a
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is



se ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:



la a - le - grí - a se ha - ce o - ra - ción.
all our joy to God be - longs.



1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor
1 We will praise God, we will sing
2 We will praise God, we will feast
3 We will praise God, we will play



a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;



por - que gran - de es el a - mor
we will praise God for the love
we will praise God and give thanks
we will praise God for the love

Refrain / Estribillo



que en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

2 *Cantaremos la bondad del Señor que nos sienta a su mesa, y nos llama a comulgar como hermanos su vino y su pan.*

3 *Cantaremos al Señor aleluyas al son de instrumentos, y será nuestra canción la alabanza que ensalza su amor.*

Choir Anthem

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands.
The assisting minister leads a prayer after communion
The assembly responds: **Amen.***

Sending

Blessing

Praise be you, O God,
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away!
Amen!

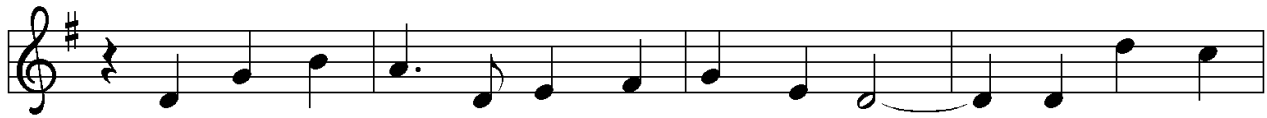
Praise be you, O God,
who blots out our transgressions,
who answers prayer and to whom all peoples come!
Amen!

Praise be you, O God,
your paths overflow with plenty
and you cover all the earth in mercy.
Amen!

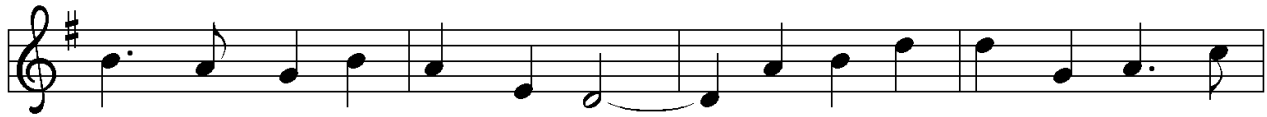
Holy God, Three in One,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit ✚ bless and preserve you,
this day and all days, now and forever!
Amen!

Sending Hymn

To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve God and neighbor!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Following the liturgy, all are invited to attend a reception at the Folger Library.
The Folger Library is located across the street from church,*

Presiding Minister/Preacher

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, *Presiding Bishop, ELCA*

Celebrant

The Rev. Susan Johnson, *National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada*

Assisting Minister

Mr. William Horne, *Vice President, ELCA*

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Deacon Christine Connell, *President, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capitol Area*

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The Rev. Lamont Wells, *African Descent Lutheran Association*

The Rev. Joann Conroy, *American Indian Alaska Native Association*

The Rev. Eric Wester, *Assistant to the Presiding Bishop for Federal Chaplaincy Ministries*

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Members of Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington D.C.

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Mr. Julio Cuelar and Latino Ensemble

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Members of Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, D.C.

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Dr. Sayyid Syeed, *Senior Advisor, Islamic Society of North America*

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The Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, *Minister for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, United Church of Christ*

Dr. Ayaz Virji, *Medical Doctor and lecturer on Islam, Dawson Clinic, Dawson, Minnesota*

The Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith, *Senior Associate for Pan African and Orthodox Church Engagement, Bread for the World*

Mr. James Winkler, *General Secretary/President, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA*

The Folger Shakespeare Library is the world's largest Shakespeare collection. The Folger also holds the largest collection of Reformation era documents in the US. Over 850 volumes of Reformation imprints include 300 by Luther--two-thirds of the Luther's publications. There are also writings by Zwingli, Calvin, Melancthon and others. The Folger is open to the public and will host the reception after worship in the Great Hall. We are grateful for the Folger's support of ELCA 500.

Creation Care: Wind and solar power generate all of Church of the Reformation's electricity. The congregation has one of the largest privately-owned, roof-top solar arrays in the District of Columbia. We recycle all paper, cardboard, cans, bottles and many other items. Please deposit your used materials in the proper receptacles. Caring for creation is a way we say, "Thanks be to God!"

The Salvadoran Cross (*front cover*)

Salvadoran artist Christian Chavarria has created a vibrant 6 foot high cross for the joint Reformation commemoration, replete with meaning for both Catholics and Lutherans. Depicting the Triune God's creative, reconciling and sanctifying work, this cross also depicts our longing for a shared Eucharist. The images embody reconciliation: God's call to communities of faith to be places of reconciliation and peace and God's call to all the baptized to be ministers of reconciliation, engaging the path of goodness that offers reconciliation to all humanity and all creation. God embraces this splendid universal communion.

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