



just as the sufferings of Christ are  
abundant for us, so also

OUR CONSOLATION IS  
ABUNDANT THROUGH CHRIST.

2 Cor. 1:5

***Sunday, August 16th, 2020***  
***Online Worship***

*We welcome you in the name of Jesus!*

**Service of the Word**  
**REFORMATION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*The Heart of Christ in the Heart of the City*

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost – August 16, 2020*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pastor Jason Adams

*Thank you for worshiping at home with us. This resource is meant to help us all share in worship even though we can't be together in person. If you're able, you may also want to join us online. We'll be live streaming this order of worship at 9:00am on Sunday at [www.facebook.com/reformationlasvegas](http://www.facebook.com/reformationlasvegas)*

*Your church council and pastors are working on plans for our future gatherings. Our priority is health and safety for all. In the meantime, we serve our neighbors as we are able. If you or anyone you know is in need of help, please reach out to us. You can email [office@reformationlasvegas.org](mailto:office@reformationlasvegas.org) or call 702-732-2052. You can also reach Pastor Jason's cell phone at 702-443-0582.*

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING HYMN**

*O Christ the Healer We Have Come*

Hymn #610

## O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come



- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?  
yet in our hearts we would con - fess that whole - ness is our deep - est need.  
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
the whole - ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man - kind.

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your  
Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and  
grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.,

**C** Amen.

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

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what  
we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not

**loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** God of Life,

**C** You know the ways we have struggled and the pain that is part of each of our stories. Give us strength and the peace that comes through your Word of grace, and heal us so that we might be a help to the ones you have placed in our paths, in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Pastor Jason Adams

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## READING

### **P** A Reading from 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, 4 who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. 5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. 6 If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. 7 Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

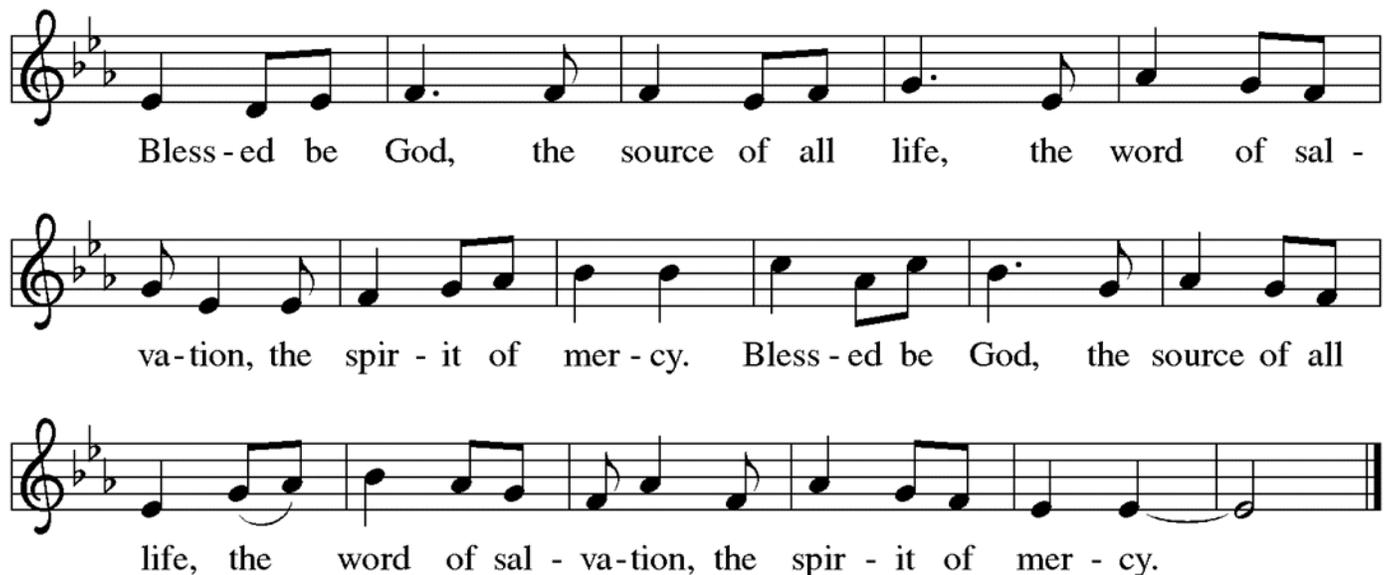
8 We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. 10 He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, 11 as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life



Bless - ed be God, the source of all life, the word of sal -  
va - tion, the spir - it of mer - cy. Bless - ed be God, the source of all  
life, the word of sal - va - tion, the spir - it of mer - cy.

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**P** The Holy Gospel according to John 14:25-27:

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

25 I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“For A Reason”

Pastor Jason Adams

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

Hymn #769

## If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less  
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and  
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's  
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -  
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who  
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has  
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.  
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.  
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

## APOSTLES CREED

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 into hell. 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

Pastor Matt Metevelis

## PEACE

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

**C** And also with you.

*Pass the peace in the comments! Post an emoji or comment as we share the peace of Christ!*



## OFFERING

*All that we have belongs to God, and we give in gratitude for God's abundance, as a practice of discipleship, and to serve the needs of those around us. Our mission to bless and serve our neighbors matters now more than ever.*

You can give your offering online to Reformation  
at [www.reformationlasvegas.org](http://www.reformationlasvegas.org)

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## OFFERTORY

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

**P** O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason Adams

## BLESSING

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

**P** 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

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

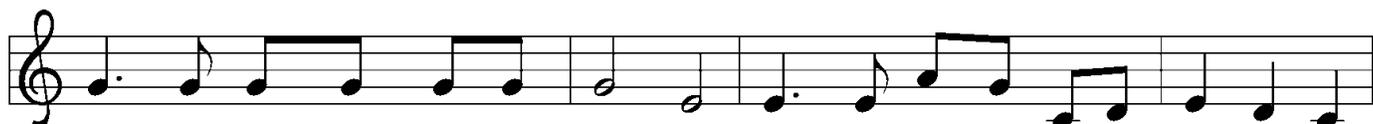
*God be With You Til We Meet Again*

Hymn #536

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

### *Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**P** Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**C** Thanks be to God!

## **POSTLUDE**

*Preaching: Pastor Jason Adams*

*Worship: Pastor Matt Metevelis*

*Music: Dr. Alexandria Le*

*Next Week:*

*August 23th*

*Second Corinthians 2:1-10*

*Forgiveness*

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## Online Attendance

Our Facebook live Sunday worship online (8/9) has been viewed over 250 times!

## PRAYERS

Please remember in prayer: Ivy's Dad Cris, Bruce Smith, Sharon Graf, Andy Windes, Sara Siller, Anita & Mark, Donna Shelton, Dennis Geiter, Stephen Sappington, Carla, Pete Geloff, Pat Ward, Jeremy Filer, Mark Jones, Levi Billsie, Joan Dagnino, Wendell Edwards, Ange Stange, Bill Graf, Jack Potter, Linda Potter's nephew Dustin Dwyer, Debbie Schultz, Cris Champion.



## GriefShare Support Group



**GriefShare** is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. And now, GriefShare is at Reformation, on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm** online with ZOOM and in person this week, until Sept. 9th, led by Pr. Marta Poling-Schmitt. You can join any time! Call the church or email [griefshare@reformationlasvegas.org](mailto:griefshare@reformationlasvegas.org) for more info! Workbooks are available now for \$20 each.



## Nevadans for the Common Good

**Nevadans for the Common Good (NCG)** is hosting an *online Civic Academy* on public education on **Monday evening, August 31, from 7 to 8:15 pm**. Learn about the challenges facing public education in our state and connect with others to do something about it! NCG is also hosting an online civic academy on the topic of addiction recovery on Wednesday evening, September 2, from 7 to 8:15 pm.

Families with school-age children in the Clark County School District who need financial assistance with **Internet connection** and/or devices are encouraged to go to *ConnectingKidsNV.org* between August 17 and September 8. Use the services here at church or call 888-616-2476. Eligible families will have all costs covered.

Trapped in the payday loan debt cycle? SCE credit union is offering rescue loans to members of NCG member institutions (such as Reformation).

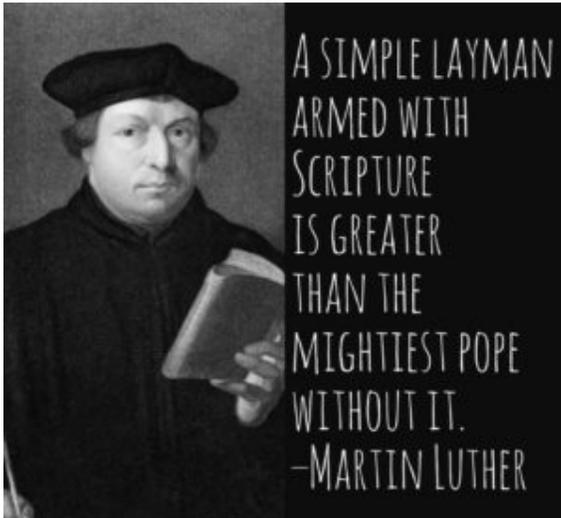
For more details on any of these items *please contact Reformation member Paul Hansen at 702-335-3735.*

### Online Bible Study



This week, we continue our new study of the Lord's prayer with help from Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* and modern insights. Join Pastors Matt and Jason on Zoom or

Facebook Live - find the link in your email or follow on our Facebook Bible Study Page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RLCBibleStudy>.



Would you like a program of study to help you learn more about your faith, theology, the church, and the world? Classes for Diakonia are being offered in Phoenix, Las Vegas, & Tucson. Live online video classes are also being offered to enable us to reach the entire Grand Canyon Synod.

To register for classes, or for more details on the courses, a program overview, class schedules and more, visit the website at:  
www.diakoniaaz.org  
email: info@diakoniaaz.org

## Open Conversations on Race



A Grand Canyon Synod working team will host “Open Conversations about Race” - with the next meetings happening **September 8, October 13, and November 10**, at 6:30-7:45 pm on Zoom. These conversations are a safe and thoughtful space where you and others in the synod can wrestle with questions and talk with each other.

As people of faith we push forward knowing that together, through conversation, we can learn. Together we can discover places where our hearts expand.

Together we gain confidence in leading what can be difficult and critical conversations. We all see things differently. Now is the acceptable time to learn from each other about how our opinions are formed through experiences and cultural messages. **All are invited to participate.** *Register online at: <https://bit.ly/gcs-811>*

# August

12 - Elijah Maples  
14 - Dana Russell  
18 - Helen Smith

## *Happy Anniversary!*

14 - Kent & Marsha Larson  
17 - Helen & Bruce Smith  
22 - Bob & Debbie Dailey

## *Happy Birthday!*

22 - Jeri Brown  
22 - Kristianne Smith  
23 - Alfred Rael  
25 - Eileen Ward  
30 - Pr. Matt Metevelis  
31 - Christy Lyn Gamber