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for the world

"when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Mark 4:32

***Sunday, June 13th, 2021***

***9:00 Worship***

*Sharing the Heart of Christ in the Heart of the City!*

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

*3rd Sunday after Pentecost – June 13, 2021*

**WELCOME**

Pastor Jason Adams

*Thank you for worshiping with us, in person and at home! This resource is meant to help us all share in worship from wherever we are. We'll be live streaming this order of worship at 9:00am on Sunday at [www.facebook.com/reformationlasvegas](http://www.facebook.com/reformationlasvegas).*

*As we continue to adapt to the decline in COVID-19 and adjust office procedures and worship schedules, we want to hear from you. Please be assured that communications to the church office will be received and answered as quickly as possible. If you or someone you know is in need of help, you can always email [office@reformationlasvegas.org](mailto:office@reformationlasvegas.org) or call 702-732-2052.*

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude in F Major*

*J.S. Bach*

**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.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*All Are Welcome*

Hymn #641

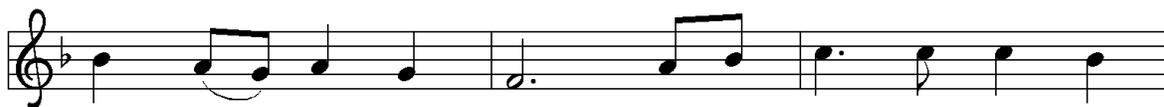
# All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**C** Amen.

**P** Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** God our provider,

**C** help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

**P** Beloved people of God,  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C** Amen.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** O God,

**C** you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Send Me Out*

*Steve Fee*

## THE WORD

**P** A Reading from **Ezekiel 17:22-24:**

22 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

23 On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

24 All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

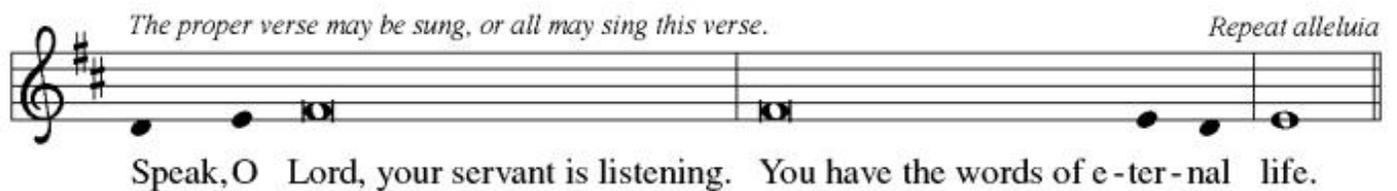
I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**P** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation



## \*THE GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel According to **Mark 4:26-34:**

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

26 [Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, 27 and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. 28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

30 He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; 34 he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON**

“For the World”

Pastor Jason Adams

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Hymn #879

## For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## **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**

### **\*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!*



## THE OFFERING

*All that we have belongs to God, and we give faithfully 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.*

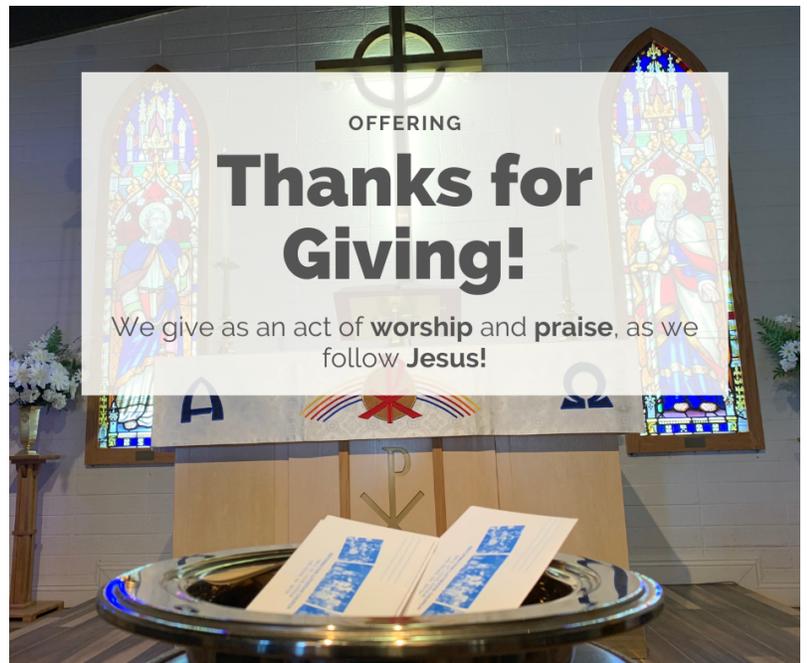
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**OFFERTORY**

*Air*

*Bernardo Pasquini*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P** Jesus, Bread of life,

**C** you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.  
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.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting  
life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
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. 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.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed...

**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.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

**P** This is the banquet, and all is now ready.

*The pastors will distribute communion in pre-packaged cups (wafer & juice).  
After all have been distributed, they will announce:*

*This is the body of Christ, given for you.  
This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*You may consume the wafer, and drink the juice.*

*Communion assistants will collect remaining materials as we sing:*

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## \*SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the  
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**P** Jesus, Bread of life,

**C** we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason

### \*BLESSING

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

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, smile on you, and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

*Hymn #679*

# For the Fruit of All Creation



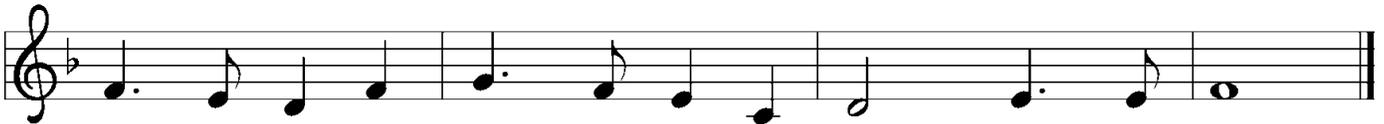
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## \*DISMISSAL

**P** Go in Grace.

**C** **Sharing the Heart of Christ in the Heart of the City!**  
**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Triumphal March*

*G.F. Handel*

*The gift of Altar Flowers today are from Eileen and Pat Ward  
and dedicated in memory of their granddaughter Cody.*

*Preaching today: Pastor Jason Adams*

*Music: Faye Bastarache*

*Reader: Sarah Filer*

*Prayers: Roger Bailey*

*Next Sunday:*

*June 13th*

*2 Cor. 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 4:26-34*

*Renewed: For the World*

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### **Last Week's Worship Attendance:**

*In Person: 80*

*Online Streaming Views: 85*

### **PRAYERS**

Please remember in prayer: Tony, Taylor, Maxine's sister Chris, Christy Lyn and her father Eldon, Kristine Bailey, Pastor Marta's niece Rachel and family, Kelly Dailey, Helen's nephew Stephen, Sharon Graf, Bill Graf, Andy Windes, Sara Siller, Anita & Mark, Dennis Geiter, Stephen Sappington, Carla, Pete Geloff, Pat Ward, Jeremy Filer, Mark Jones, Levi Billsie, Peggy & Wendell Edwards, Debbie Schultz, & Cris Champion.



### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

**CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING**

The annual meeting of the congregation will be **June 27th at 10:15am** following our 9am worship. All members are invited to gather as we hear important updates on our ministry, our strategic plan, and elect new council members.

*Online access will be available through Zoom.*



## **VBS is Back!**

Help us welcome kids (ages 5-10 ) back to church this summer with **VBS July 19-23 from 9am to noon!** They'll sing, dance, and learn together as we hear the good news of Jesus! We need volunteer leaders, decorators, and financial gifts! Our first leader training meeting will happen **Monday, June 14th at 6:30pm on Zoom.**

## **Sunday Bible Study**



Each of us is called to be a steward of all that God has created. We are made in God's image and given particular roles in caring for the world around us. Gather with us online Sundays at 10:30 as we look at God's good creation and our lives together.

The discussion happens on **Zoom Sundays at 10:30am**, or follow along on our Facebook group.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/RLCBibleStudy>  
or click on the Zoom link in your email.

## Dedicate Flowers on your Special Day!

Our flower chart is hanging in the Narthex, and ready for you to sign up to dedicate flowers for your special remembrance, anniversary, or holiday! Give a gift of \$30 (just note “flowers” on your check or digital giving) and receive a printed dedication in our digital bulletin and a special acknowledgment during worship.



## Youth Ministry Events

Reformation Lutheran Church presents brunch and beliefs, a chance for youth to connect and reflect (with food)! It all happens week of June 14th, and Marissa will invite our young people to gather as small groups to share thoughts on faith and life.

Transportation will be available if needed. If you have a student (6th-12th grade) who is not currently active in youth ministry but would like to be included please email Marissa at [youth@reformationlasvegas.org](mailto:youth@reformationlasvegas.org) or call 702-373-1805.





### Family Promise Just Neighbors

If you'd like to be a part of our Just Neighbors leadership team, join us after worship on **June 20th at 10:30** for a meet-and-greet with Barbara Coggins, program services director of Family Promise Las Vegas. We'll hear more about how we will grow new relationships and serve these special families.



*Happy Birthday*

17 - Hayden Hansen  
22 - Linda Birkemeyer  
25 - Jada Jackson

*Happy Anniversary*

26 - Pr. Matt and Marissa Metevelis