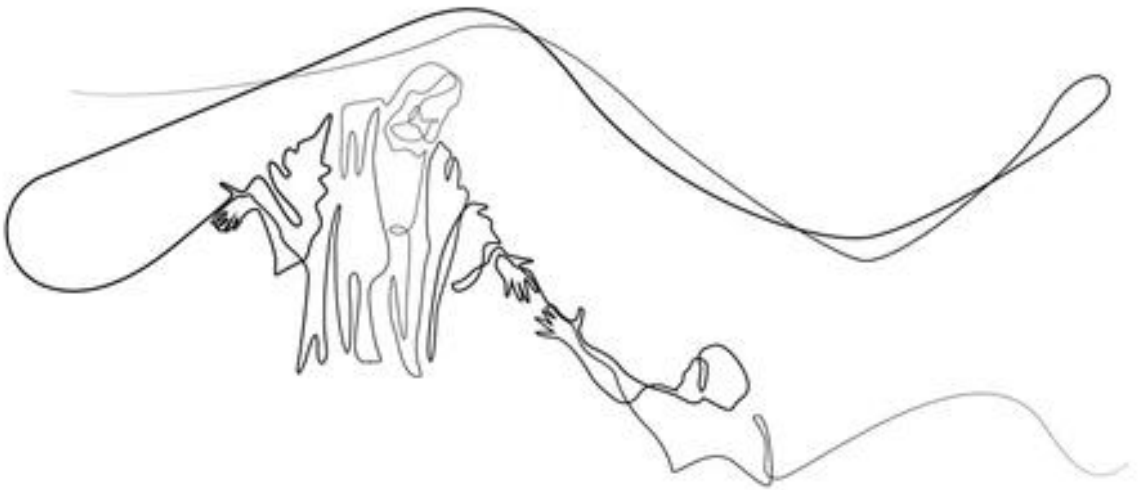


REFORMATION SUNDAY



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October 25, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

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PREACHER/PRESIDER: Pastor Jon Jacobs

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: David Walker

READER: Brittany Wilson

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jeff Bray

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Lisa Myers and Cheryl Walker

ALTAR GUILD: Lisa Myers and Cheryl Walker

USHERS/GREETER: Dorothy Zeidler, Jacob Habeck, Sean Holub, Rodney Pinnix

PRELUDE

MEDITATION CHANT "The Kingdom of God"

Taize Community

The king - dom of God is jus-tice and peace and
joy in the Ho-ly Spir - it. Come, Lord, and
o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

Pastor Jon Jacobs

(please stand if able)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships with neighbors.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others here and around the world.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” *Red Book 800*
vs 1, 2, 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

David Walker

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(please sit)

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19: 1 – 2, 15 – 18

Brittany Wilson

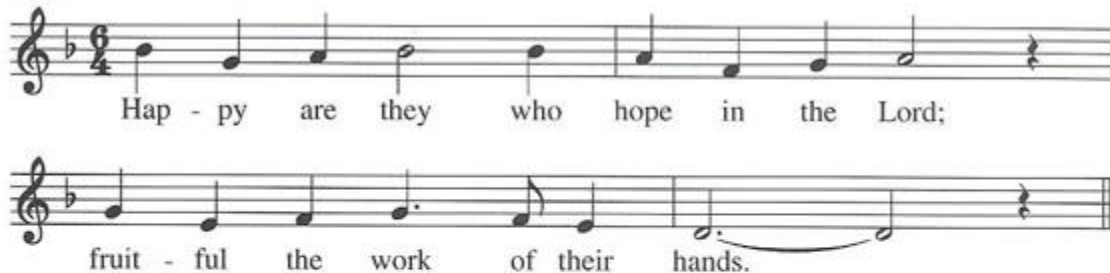
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

²“Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: **You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.**

¹⁵“You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood^[a] of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.

¹⁷“You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, **but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.**

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1**"Happy Are They Who Hope"***Bob Dufford**Refrain**Verses*

1. Blessed are they who cherish your law,
who ponder by day and by night.
2. Planted in God near waters of life,
a tree whose leaves never fade.
3. Those who refuse your law in their hearts
are dust that is blown by the wind.
4. Happy are they who walk in your ways
and seek you with all of their heart.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**"Hallelujah/Heleluyan"***Charles Webb*

(please stand if able)

** May be sung in canon.*

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Gospel of Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶**“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”** ³⁷Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴²**“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?”** They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet” ’?

⁴⁵“If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶**No one was able to give him an answer**, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**
(please sit)

SERMON SONG “A Sturdy Shelter Is Our God”
(prayer squares collected)

Craig L. Nesson

Shalom Rendering of “A Mighty Fortress”

A sturdy shelter is our God,
Whose refuge holds securely.
God restrains the rising tide
In which our world is swirling.
With dangers all around
We fear that we shall drown.
From harm God would protect
Each child from neglect.
We praise God’s loving nurture.

If we depend upon ourselves,
Our strength is insufficient.
We need the One who knows us well,
Who’s with God coefficient.
In every age the same
Christ Jesus is his name,
Prince of Peace, Emmanuel
Chooses with us to dwell
And we may trust this mercy.

And though this world with violence spins
Poised to harm the victim,
We need not fear for Christ undoes
Our scapegoat blaming systems.
Who bends to wash our feet,
With love all hate defeats,
To still the rage and mend,

Turns stranger into friend,
Commanding us do likewise.

The Word of God hides in the poor,
Invites us there to find him.
Jesus is begging at our door,
Awaiting us to feed him.
With bread and wine the means
Through which Christ would be seen
Among the very least;
We are the kingdom's yeast.
These are the things that make for peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" *Ken Medema*

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG “Get Together” *Youngbloods*

OFFERING PRAYER *David Walker*

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION *Pastor Jon Jacobs*

Song *Richardson/Bray*

And the ta-ble will be wide. And the wel-come will be wide.

And the arms will o - pen wide to ga-ther us in.

And our hearts will o-pen wide to re - ceive.

Presider's Prayer

Reprise "Table Will Be Wide"
(please stand if able)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother and . . .

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.

Invitation (please sit)

COMMUNION SONG

"Lean On Me"

Bill Withers

Verse 1

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow
But if we are wise, we know that there's always tomorrow

Chorus

Lean on me, when you're not strong, and I'll be your friend,
I'll help you carry on, for it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Verse 2

Please swallow your pride, if I have things you need to borrow.
For no one can fill those of your needs, that you won't let show

(Bridge)

You just call on me Neighbor, when you need a hand.
We all need somebody to lean on.

I just might have a problem that you'll understand

We all need somebody to lean on.

(to Chorus)

Verse 3

If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load,
If you just call me.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

David Walker

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve the world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

(please stand if able)

God, the Source of glory,

God, the Word of life,

God, the Spirit of truth

+ bless you all, now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING SONG

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Red Book 708

DISMISSAL Go now in peace. Love your neighbor as yourself! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office is open, 9 – 1, Monday – Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment with a pastor.

BIBLE STUDY THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

- We will focus on **Matthew 5: 1 – 12**.

A MESSAGE FROM JOAN JACOBS, OLGA BOARD PRESIDENT

- Olga needs volunteers to help with pickup and delivery of food from Feeding America to Redeemer on Wednesdays. Feeding America is close to Redeemer (1.6 miles at 1700 W. Fond du Lac Ave.) and pick up can be anytime between 8:00 am and noon. We need to create a pool of volunteers whom we can call upon when this help is needed. The size of our orders varies widely, so this help may not be needed every week. Requests for help would be made a week in advance. Please consider helping Olga with this critical need.
Any questions or to volunteer, please contact the church office at 414-933-7004.

SIGN UP GENIUS FOR WORSHIP LEADERS

- Please use the link or QR barcode to sign up to be a worship leader. You can sign up to be the liturgical assistant, reader and communion assistant. Dates are in there up to the end of the year. Plan ahead!
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AAA82CA2FCC34-64339932-worship#/>



PLAN AHEAD

- MET Coffee Hour – November 1 – 9 AM.
- First Teen Talk – November 8 and following the service, a potluck with Pastor Heidi.