

Raiders News– Happy Thanksgiving!

November 23, 2021

Thanksgiving Break for Preschool and Grade School

There is NO SCHOOL Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26th. We will welcome all students back to school on Monday, November 29th.



Being Thankful for What We Have by Giving (Food Drive)

Reformation is holding a food drive to help those in need! Please bring any canned food or non-perishable items to the Reformation Office/Narthex next week **Wednesday**. We will deliver the food to either Porchlight Community Services or Community Christian Services. Thank you for helping show Christian love to our community through this opportunity!

Half-Day and Shepherds Care for K-8, Wednesday, Nov. 24

Wednesday, November 24, will be a half-day for grades K-8. This means that pickup will be from noon-12:20pm. Shepherd's Care will be available until 3 pm, the same time that Preschool closes on that day. Please reach out to Mr. Ross if you need Shepherd's Care on Wednesday. principal@refsd.org





Thanksgiving Worship Service @ Reformation

Wednesday, Nov. 23 @ 11am

Wednesday, Nov. 23 @ 7pm

God's blessings to all of you and Happy Thanksgiving!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Thankfulness in Hard Times (Happy Thanksgiving)

COVID cases...disagreements over masks...confrontations over vaccine mandates...supply chain shortages...rising gas prices...loved ones and friends falling ill or being separated due to quarantines...a pandemic that doesn't seem to have a clear end in sight...

Do concerns such as these make it more challenging to feel thankful these days? Do joyful hymns, such as "Now Thank We All Our God" seem to clash with the anxieties that these recent days have sometimes brought into our hearts? Perhaps it may surprise you, then, that the origins of this beloved hymn have some striking parallels to the challenges facing us today and, in fact, make these days seem quite harmless in comparison.

Pastor Martin Rinkart of Eilenburg, Germany, wrote "Now Thank We All Our God" sometime around the year 1637. During the Thirty Years War of 1618-1648, Eilenburg, as a walled city, became a popular place of refuge for people fleeing the death and destruction brought by the war. By 1637, Eilenburg had become overcrowded and overrun with refugees and this led to disease spreading among the occupants of Eilenburg at such a rapid rate that the year would later be named "The Year of Great Pestilence."

At the beginning of 1637, Rinkart was one of four Lutheran pastors serving the people of Eilenburg. One pastor quickly abandoned his work and left with his family due to concerns for his family's health. Shortly after, Rinkart would officiate the funerals of the other two remaining pastors.

As the only remaining Lutheran pastor in Eilenburg, Rinkart soon found himself officiating up to 40-50 funerals per day. It is estimated that Rinkart officiated over 4,480 funerals by the end of 1637. In May of that year, his own wife died. Rinkart's every waking moment was consumed with encouraging and counseling the remaining grieving survivors. By the end of the year, deaths were happening so rapidly that people were being buried in trenches without any services at all.

It is in this heavy-hearted context, in the throes of a raging epidemic, that Rinkart wrote the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God." What would drive a man to compose such a joyful hymn filled with thoughts of thanksgiving to God at such a time?

Rinkart understood that times of trial and challenge aren't a reason to lose his thankfulness to God. Rinkart, instead, saw times of difficulty, uncertainty, and loss as an extra reason to be thankful for the unshakeable foundation and certain hope we have in Jesus!

It is in times of challenge that we are led to see our health, possessions, family, friends, and even life itself as blessings that are both temporary and fleeting. If our life's foundation and purpose are built on these earthly things, we will fail to find lasting peace and confidence. These things will often fail us and can be taken from us in a moment.

Rather, especially in times of challenge, we find our joy in the unshakable, never-failing love that Jesus has for us! While the world around us hopelessly grasps at and searches for something that will calm their troubled hearts, our souls can rest at peace knowing that nothing can separate us from the love of God. It is that deep love our Heavenly Father has for us that drove Him to send his only son, Jesus, to the cross to die for our sins. Through faith in Jesus, we have the forgiveness of sins and the guarantee of a home waiting for us in heaven. Indeed, even during a pandemic, we can join with Rinkart in singing with joy-filled hearts,

"Now thank we all our God!"

*"Oh May this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next."*

Now Thank We All Our God - Verse 2

Reformation Family Calendar

November

24 Preschool and Shepherds Care Closes at 3:00pm

25-26 No Preschool, Grade School or Shepherd's Care - Campus closed - Thanksgiving Break



December

5 Grades 5-8 sing at the 8:00am Worship Service

10 NO Christmas Store

17 Grades 1-8 sing at 7:00pm Christmas Program

18 Christmas in Clairemont

19 PK/K sing at the 10:30am Christmas Program

22 Preschool Closes at 3:00pm

24 No Preschool, Grade School or Shepherd's Care - Campus closed - Christmas Eve

22-31 No Grade School - Christmas Break

31 No Preschool, Grade School or Shepherd's Care - Campus closed - New Year's Eve

Worship Service - Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am

Kids4Christ - Sundays at 9:30am

Foundations 101 - Sundays at 9:30 am

A monthly calendar is updated on our website, and a full school year calendar is available also. Click here to review these calendars. (<http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/>).



*We have this hope
as an anchor
for the soul,
firm and secure.*

Hebrews 6:19



About Us



The eternal truths of God's Word are the foundation of our school, its curriculum, and all its activities. Our goal in Christian education is to provide each child with the maximum development of God-given spiritual, physical, and mental abilities. We offer Christian education in our Preschool (ages 2.5-5) and Grade School (K-8).

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