

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Divine Service Five

Festival of the Reformation

October 25, 2020



Commemorative doors (from 1858)
on the Castle Church in Wittenberg
where Luther posted his 95 thesis.
Engraved on copper.



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10:30 AM

Prayer for the Festival of the Reformation

Lord God Almighty, on this Reformation observance, we thank You for the gift of Your holy Word. Satan cannot tolerate the true proclamation of the Word, so he continually distorts and distracts from the divine message through false prophets, false doctrine, and false hope. Lord of the Church, we glorify You for promising that Your Word will stand forever. Thank You for raising up reformers and endowing them with the Spirit to clearly see what is truth in accord with Your Word and to recognize error instigated by Satan and carried out by humans. Fill us with that same Holy Spirit to be eager students of Your saving Word. Safeguard the Scriptures to our synod, our congregation, our families, and us. Reform our hearts through the Scriptures so that we confess our sins and look only to Jesus for salvation. Lord, may we daily search the Scriptures, for they "make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." In the name of Him who is our Savior from all sin. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

John 20:19–23

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.



Service of the Word

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

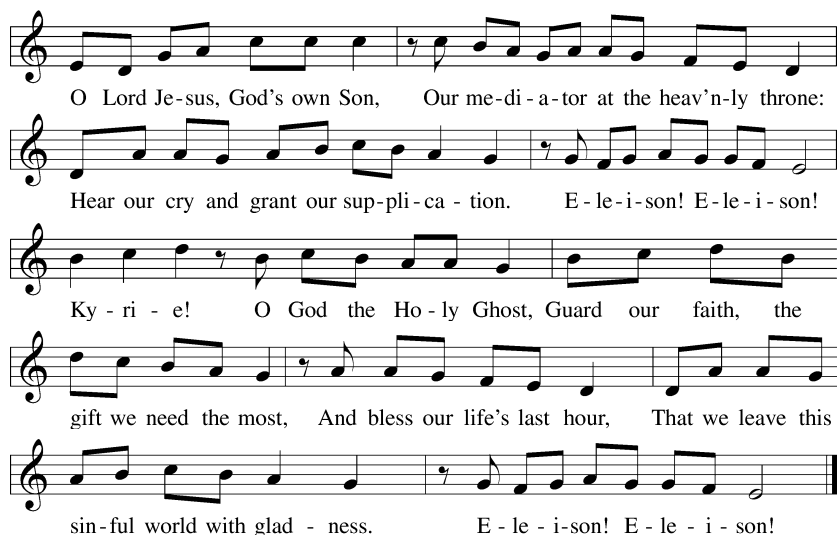
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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942 Kyrie! God, Father sung by cantor

Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove, You a - bound in gra - cious love,
Of all things the mak - er and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!
Ky - ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal - va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di-a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:
Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli-ca-tion. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!
Ky-ri-e! O God the Ho-ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the
gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this
sin-ful world with glad-ness. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!

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948 All Glory Be to God Alone



1 All glo-ry be to God a-lone, For-ev-er-more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor-ship You in
3 Lord God, our King on heav-en's throne, Our Fa-ther, the Al-
4 You take the whole world's sin a-way; Have mer-cy on us,
5 You on-ly are the Ho-ly One And o-ver all are
high-est one, Who did our sin-ful race be-friend And
hum-ble-ness; From day to day we glo-ri-fy The
might-y One. O Lord, the sole be-got-ten One, Lord
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a-way; O
Lord a-lone. O Je-sus Christ, we glo-ri-fy You
grace and peace to us ex-tend. A-mong us may His
ev-er-last-ing God on high. Of Your great glo-ry
Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's Son, True God from all e-
Lord, re-ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your
and the Spir-it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev-er-
gra-cious will All hearts with deep thanks-giv-ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
ter-ni-ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
mer-cy send, To all the world Your grace ex-tend.
more shall be One in the Fa-ther's maj-es-ty.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading: Revelation 14:6–7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 48:1a, 12–14a

**Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!**

**Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

Epistle: Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the

righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
 2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
 3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
 4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -

fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
 ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
 giv - en That could them - selves re - deem And
 ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our

help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
 man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
 by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
 guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's

Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our

world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
 Law re - quires, And lost is con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

Women 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

Men 6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

Women 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

Men 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

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Stand

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:12–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



954 We All Believe in One True God

1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Who cre - at - ed
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, His own Son, our
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who, in high - est

earth and heav - en, The Fa - ther, who to us in love
Lord, pos - sess - ing An e - qual God - head, throne, and might,
heav - en dwell - ing With God the Fa - ther and the Son,

Has the right of chil - dren giv - en. He in soul and
Source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing; Born of Mar - y, His
Com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing; Who the Church, His

bod - y feeds us; All we need His hand pro - vides us;
vir - gin moth - er, By the pow - er of the Spir - it,
own cre - a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spir - it.

Through all snares and per - ils leads us, Watch - ing that no
Word made flesh, our el - der broth - er; That the lost might
Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly come through

harm be - tide us. He cares for us by
life in - her - it, Was cru - ci - fied for
Je - sus' mer - it. All flesh shall rise, and

day and night; All things are gov - erned by His might.
all our sin And raised by God to life a - gain.
we shall be In bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

A - men, a - men. A - men.

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Sit

Sermon

“John the Baptist, Martin Luther, and the Reformation”

Text: See the Holy Gospel Reading

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Sit



Offering

There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit your offerings.



Service of the Sacrament



Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.



Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and,

above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

C 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.

P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim; Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly hid their feet from sight, And with the oth-er two a-loft they soared; One to the oth-er called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab-a-oth! His glo-ry fills the heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin-tels trem-bled at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

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Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn

938 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart



1 In peace and joy I now de-part Since God so wills it.
2 Christ Je-sus brought this gift to me, My faith-ful Sav-ior,
3 You sent the peo-ple of the earth Their great sal-va-tion;
4 Christ is the hope and sav-ing light Of those in blind-ness;



Se-rene and con-fi-dent my heart; Still-ness fills it.
Whom You have made my eyes to see By Your fa-vor.
Your in-vi-ta-tion sum-mons forth Ev-'ry na-tion
He guides and com-forts those in night By His kind-ness.



For the Lord has prom-ised me That death is but a slum-ber.
Now I know He is my life, My friend when I am dy-ing.
By Your ho-ly, pre-cious Word, In ev-'ry place re-sound-ing.
For Your peo-ple Is-ra-el In Him find joy and glo-ry.

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



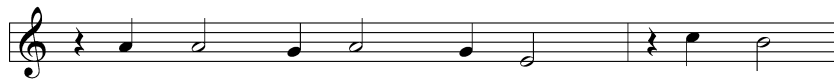
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and a great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main eth.



Soli Deo Gloria!

(To God alone be the glory.)

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Announcements



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Bob Stabo
10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver

*A special "Thank you" to Joseph Tabris
for the special trumpet music this morning.*



*The flowers this morning were given to the
glory of God by Steve and Becky White.*

Greeters for Sunday, October 25, 8 a.m.: Keith and Lynne Rodefeld



**Don't forget to set your
clocks back 1 hour
Saturday night,
October 31, 2020,
before you go to bed.**



The Beginnings of the Reformation

Reformation Day is a minor festival and is usually celebrated the last Sunday in October. Reformation Day is being celebrated today, October 30. On this day we recall the work of God in preserving and reforming the church in times of trial and for giving the church teachers and preachers of the truth. The color of the paraments used for Reformation is red, the color of zeal and martyrdom.

Lutherans commemorate October 31, 1517, as the beginning of the Reformation. On that date the Augustinian monk Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses about forgiveness of sins and the abuse of the sale of indulgences on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The first thesis reads: "Our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, in saying 'repent' intended that the whole life of His believers on earth should be a constant penance."

Luther, as a doctor of theology and a professor, explained the Bible to his students and taught them how to explain its teachings to others. In his preaching and teaching he warned his hearers against trusting in good works and self-righteousness. Luther proclaimed that, based on various writings in the Scriptures, people will live eternally because they are justified, that is declared righteous, by God through faith (Habakkuk 2:4).

In April of 1521 Luther was requested to appear before the Diet (Council) of the city of Worms, Germany, to stand trial for his opposition to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Luther stated that he could do nothing against Scripture because God's Word has more authority than the Pope or the councils of the Church. Luther's words caused the Holy Roman Empire to be forever divided, the Lutheran Church to be launched, and annual Reformation services celebrated.

The major theme of the Reformation is that justification is by faith alone, not by works. Even though man is, by nature, sinful and unclean, justification means that we are declared righteous (right with God), our sins are forgiven because of Christ's payment on the cross, and we are given eternal life solely because Jesus rose from the dead to sit at our Father's right hand. All these blessings are given to us by or through faith, faith wrought in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

Explanation of Luther's Rose



"Grace and peace from the Lord. As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of my theology.

The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For one who believes from the heart will be justified (Rom. 10:10).

Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified.

Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12).

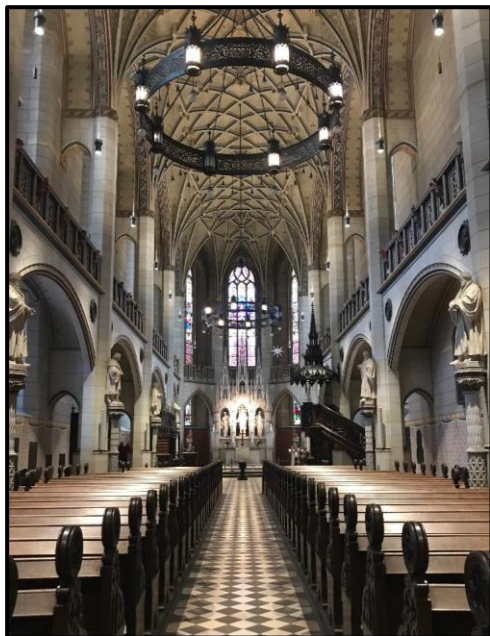
Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed.

And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal.

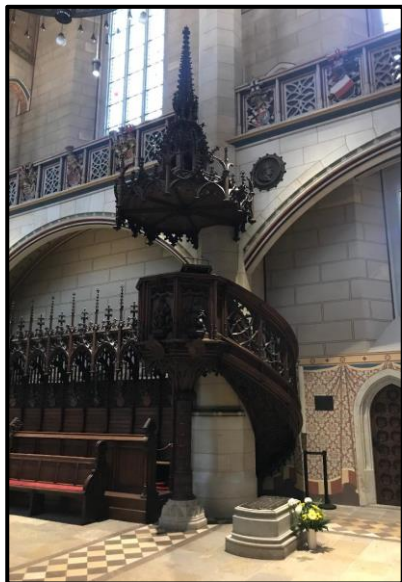
This is my *compendium theologiae* [summary of theology]. I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation.

May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen."

Martin Luther, *Letter to Lazarus Spengler*, July 8, 1530.



The center aisle of All Saints Church (the Castle Church) in Wittenberg. View toward the Altar.



The pulpit and Martin Luther's grave, All Saints Church, Wittenberg. The Church is also the burial place of Frederick the Wise (1525) and Philipp Melanchthon (1560).



After his excommunication at the Diet of Worms, Martin Luther was kidnapped and hidden in the Wartburg Castle in Eisenach from May 1521-March 1522, in order to avoid his most certain death. It is here that he translated the New Testament into German. Founded in 1067, the Wartburg is one of Germany's most important castles.

The 2020 Lutheran High School Auction will be a global event!



Mark your calendars for Friday night, November 20, 2020! That is the night of the 21st Annual Lutheran High School Auction! This year it is a "Global Event" as we will have people in attendance on campus AND parties in homes as we celebrate and support the ministry of Lutheran High School!

Tickets for the on-campus event go on sale on Friday, October 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Tickets are not needed to host or attend a LuHi Home Auction Party. We are looking for 50+ hosts to gather people in their homes on that night to celebrate and support Lutheran High School. You can sign up to host a party and find all of the details at www.lhsparker.org/auction.

Everyone is invited to become a part of this amazing night of support for the ministry of Lutheran High School!

Thank you!

Kristin Gehrke & Cheryl Cattau - Auction Coordinators

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life October 25, 2020

"I pray that the love of Christ emboldens you to rejoice in the Word and to speak it without fear of consequence ... may future generations speak of us like we do of David, Josiah, Luther, and our forefathers. May our children say of you and me, 'Our forefathers stood their ground on Christ alone, on His Word of truth alone.' The truth has set you free. Enjoy your own personal reformation. Then let your freedom in Christ be contagious! Let your life continue to shout: Thank Jesus Christ my Savior! I'm free at last ... and so are you! Amen."

*Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*



Petitions and Prayers: We pray in response to God's loving invitation, "Call upon Me..." and "Ask, and it shall be given you."



Health concerns:

Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, bore our sicknesses and infirmities and "with His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Give Your Holy Spirit to those who are sick so that they have confidence that You hear them when they cry out to You. If it be Your will, ease their pain and heal them. Assure them of Your love for them. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Theresa Kingham – cancer
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) – cancer
- Julie Ann Zamora – multiple health issues

Prayer of intercession:

**Holy Spirit, on this Reformation Day, we honor You as the great reformer of our hearts. We remember the work of Martin Luther, who did not conform to the pattern of this world but boldly made known the truth of Your Word. Let us test everything against Your Word that we may discern what is acceptable to You. Make us bold to speak the truth in love when necessary. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

**Blessed Father, You have given some to serve us in the public realm, ordaining men and women for the sake of good order and peace to preside in Your stead. Grant them Your blessing, along with wisdom and strength, to govern us well. Through their service, grant us and our country Your ongoing favor, even as You lead us all to serve with them, especially the most vulnerable among us. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



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***For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

Romans 6:23



***For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.***

Ephesians 2:8-9

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