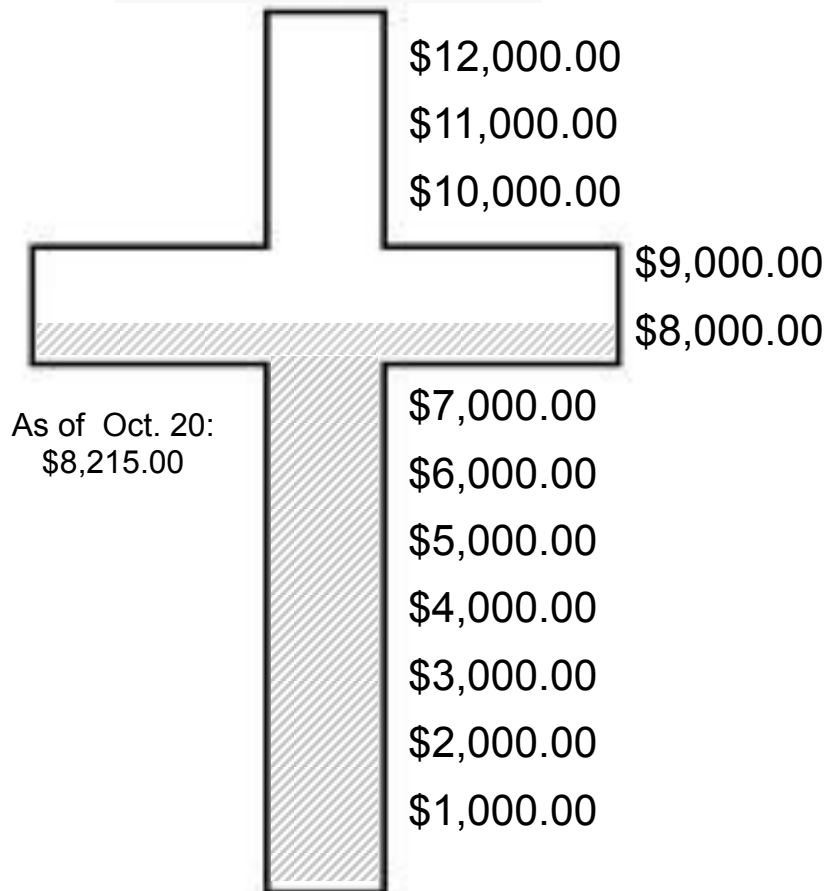


Our Mission Goal for 2013 is \$12,000!



**REFORMATION
SUNDAY**

**October 27, 2013
Christ Lutheran Church
Marshall, MN**

Let's fill in the Crown!

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Marshall, MN 56258 – 532-2162
Pastor Keith Schreiner
October 27, 2013

The Festival of the Reformation *Sola Gratia - Sola Fide - Sola Scriptura*

Pre-Service Music

The Bells Ring out our Lutheran Heritage

Anthem by Sr. Choir: *“How Firm a Foundation”*

The Invocation

Dialogue of Remembrance

P: It was in Eden that Satan destroyed the relationship that existed between God and the crown of his creation. It was in Eden that first began the tragic cry from the human heart:

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Show us your face, O Lord. Remove us from Satan’s power.

P: When the time was right, God acted. He sent his one and only Son into the world to do for his creatures what his creatures could not do for themselves. Jesus Christ lived and died and rose again to restore the unity and to renew the image that was lost in Eden. The Church was born to carry the message of restoration and renewal into all the world.

C: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth! We shall not die but live and declare the praises of God.

P: Satan was not finished. He challenged the Church’s faith and mission with his nefarious influence. God preserved his Church, often quietly, sometimes with only a whisper. But even in the

The Sermon – John 8:31-36

The Offering of Thanks

The Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

The Consecration of the Elements

The Distribution Hymns: #199 & 204

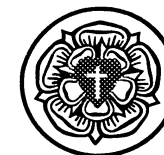
Hymn 199 sung as follows: Vv. 1-3 *Selected voices*

Vv. 4-7 *Congregation*

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn: #203 *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”*

The Luther
Seal



Luther designed this seal while teaching at Wittenberg. He wanted it to summarize his faith. It did just that, as his explanation shows:

The first thing expressed in my seal is a cross, black, within the red heart, to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saves us. "For with the heart man believes unto righteousness." Now, although the cross is black, shameful, and intended to cause pain, yet it does not destroy nature. In other words, it does not kill but keeps alive. "For the just shall live by faith" - by faith in the Savior. But this heart is fixed on the center of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy, comfort, and peace. The rose is white, not red, because white is the ideal color of all angels and blessed spirits. This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-colored background, to show that such joy of faith in the spirit is but a promise and beginning of heavenly joy to come. This joy, though not yet revealed, is looked forward to and held by the hope which we have. Around this background is a ring, to show that such bliss in heaven is endless. And since the ring is made of gold, the best and most precious metal, it also shows that the bliss of heaven is more precious than all other joys and treasures.

Third Lesson: "Sola Scriptura" By Scripture Alone!

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Response:

Cong: To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
And evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us.

*Select voices: "The foe shall shed my precious blood,
Me of my life bereaving.
All this I suffer for your good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.*

*Select voices: "Now to my Father I depart,
The Holy Spirit sending
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
My help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
Teach you to know and follow me,
And in all truth will guide you.*

Cong: "What I on earth have lived and taught
Be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.
This final word I leave you."

depths of darkness the light of grace flickered...In the fourth century as Satan attacked the deity of Christ the Church confessed:

C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God.

P: In the fifth century, as the doctrine of the Trinity was attacked, the Church confessed:

C: Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being. For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

P: Through the centuries the battle continued. Often Satan seemed to be the Victor. The cry of God's people continued:

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Show us your face, O Lord. Remove us from Satan's power.

P: When his time was right, God acted in history. He raised up a man, yes only a man, a man with weaknesses and failures, but God used that man to be a messenger of the everlasting gospel. That man was Martin Luther. We do not praise him, but we praise God for him, that as his instrument God restored to his Church the good news about Jesus Christ.

C: Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, and I am your sin. You became what you were not and made me to be what I was not.

P: This is a service of thanksgiving on the Festival of the Reformation of the Church. Come, let us worship the Lord!

(Please be seated)

The Opening Hymn: #200 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Verse 1 & 2 All

Verse 3 Choir

Verse 4 All – Please stand

Prayer of the Day – Luther’s Morning Prayer (in unison)

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen. *(Please be seated)*

Children gr. K-2 “*Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain*” 8:00AM

The Foundation on Which We Build Grace - Faith - Scripture

First Lesson: "Sola Gratia" By Grace Alone!

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:1-9

Response: #377 “*Dear Christians, One And All, Rejoice*”
Sung as printed

Cong: Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done,
How his right arm the vict'ry won.
How dearly it has cost him!

*Select voices: Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
Death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day;
In sin my mother bore me.
Yet deep and deeper still I fell;
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.*

Cong: My own good works availed me naught,
No merit they attaining;
My will against God's judgment fought,
No hope for me remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left naught but death to be my share
And hell to be my sentence.

Second Lesson: "Sola Fide" By Faith Alone!

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:16-17

Response:

*Select voices: But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of his mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A Father's heart he turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently;
He gave his dearest treasure.*

Cong: He spoke to his beloved Son:
"'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown,
And bring mankind salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
May live with you forever."

Cong: The Son obeyed his Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
A servant's form like mine he bore
To lead the devil captive.