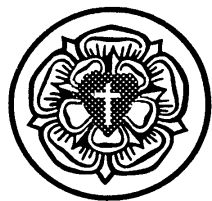


HARVEST FESTIVAL: The PTF Harvest Festival will be held on November 12th from 6:30-8:30 at Samuel. If you would like to donate cakes, pies or cupcakes in a disposable container for the Harvest Festival please sign up on the table by the bulletin board. If you have small pumpkins or gourds that you would like to donate you can drop them off at school at any time. Put your creative minds together and donate a gift basket to be purchased at our silent auction held during Harvest Festival. All proceeds will go to the PTF fund. Suggested basket ideas: date night, babysitting service, yard work/snow removal, hair products, baby products, goodie basket, Mary Kay etc. Any questions, please feel free to call Becky Swanson 532-2324 or Hannah Prah 337-0785.

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.



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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: *"In Christ Alone"*

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

FALL BACK: Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour next weekend as Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 7th.

MEETINGS: Pastor will be gone Monday and Tuesday as he attends a District Council meeting for Circuit Pastors and other District leaders in New Ulm. Other meetings this week include Stewardship and Board of Ed on Thursday at 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM respectively.

COOL WEATHER WEAR: A number of people asked if we planned on offering long sleeved apparel with our church logo on it. We will place an order if we are able to cover the cost of the printing. We are offering long sleeved t-shirts and polos as well as sweatshirts. These can be done with either embroidery or screen printing. We will have samples available with prices come mid November.

LOST AND FOUND: Are you missing a jacket or a sippy cup? We have accumulated a number of lost items at church. The lost and found area is right across from the tract rack. Please take a minute to see if any of these items are yours. If the items are not claimed by the end of November they will be given to a charity.

GRANDPARENTS/GRAND-SENIORS OF SAMUEL STUDENTS: Do you like to read? If you are interested in reading books in individual classrooms November 16-18 and/or February 15-17, please call the school (532-2162) or email Mrs. MacArthur at amacarthur@christlutheran-marshallmn.org.

CARING COOKS: Our congregation is starting a new program called "Caring Cooks." This group will furnish a few meals for families with a new baby and also for members who have been hospitalized and might need some help. Mrs. Ellen Loe has offered to organize and head up our Caring Cooks. If you would volunteer to be a caring cook you would be asked to prepare a meal that can be delivered to a family in need. There is a sign up sheet on the table by the bulletin for you to indicate your willingness to serve. If you want more information please contact Ellen Loe at 929-5382. *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"*. Colossians 3:17

This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour – CLYF
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	12:00 PM	Bus Leaves for Reformation Rally
	2:30 PM	Reformation Rally at MLC
<i>Monday-Tuesday:</i>		Pastor at District Council Meeting
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	7:30 PM	Choir
	8:00 PM	SMSU Campus Ministry
<i>Thursday:</i>	7:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting at Patzers
	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
	6:30 PM	JCM
	7:00 PM	Board of Education
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour – Ladies Aid
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	Adult Information Class

SINGING TODAY: A special thank you to the choir and its director and accompanist Mr. and Mrs. Festerling which helped beautify our Reformation worship. Also thank you to Melanie Werner, Celeste Werner, Abby Biastock and Dan Haag.

COFFEE HOUR: Thank you to the CLYF for hosting our coffee fellowship this morning.

REFORMATION: You are encouraged to continue your celebration of our Lutheran Heritage in a special Reformation Rally this afternoon at MLC in New Ulm at 2:30 PM. Minnesota District President Charles Degner will be preaching at this service. Music will be provided by the MLC College Choir.

BUS: Just a reminder the bus will load from church at **noon**. You are on your own for lunch. If you have a lunch you can eat on the bus. While we had thought about staying for the meal sponsored by the Kingdom Workers after the service, it now seems that would get us home too late. There would be a 45 minute to an hour presentation before we would eat. While I'm sure it would be interesting and informative it would make for a very long day. So this Reformation we only have food for the soul!

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"
 Flute – Piano – Organ – Trumpet

Introduction: The Reformation gains momentum!

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)*

The Psalm – Psalm 46 on page 84 in the red hymnal.

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!

*Solo: 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.*

Important dates of the great Reformer

1483 Martin Luther, Born at Eisleben, Saxony, Germany, on November 10; baptized the next day, St Martin's Day.

1498 Studied at Eisenach, lived in home of Ursula Cotta.

1501 Entered University of Erfurt for the study of law.

1505 Entered cloister in Erfurt and became an Augustinian Monk.

1507 Ordained a priest.

1510 Journey to Rome.

1512 Professor of theology at University of Wittenberg. Doctor of Divinity.

1517 October 31, posting of ninety-five theses on door of Castle Church in Wittenberg against abuses of indulgences.

1519 Disputation with Dr. Eck in Leipzig.

1520 Pope threatened to excommunicate Luther. Luther burned papal bull.

1521 Formally excommunicated from Church of Rome by the Pope. Diet of Worms. "Here I stand." Edict of Worm.

1522 Lived as Junker George (Knight George) at the Wartburg. Translated the New Testament. Returned to Wittenberg.

1524 Wrote and published his first twenty-four hymns.

1525 Married Catherine von Bora.

1529 Diet at Speyer. Protestants.

1529 Disputation with Zwingli at Marburg.

1530 Augsburg Confession. Luther at Coburg.

1534 Published translation of the whole Bible.

1537 Smalcald Congress and Articles. Luther's confession.

1545 Beginning of Roman Catholic Council of Trent. Formulation of Roman Catholic Doctrine.

Died at Eisleben on February 18. Buried in Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

P: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of the fathers of our church's past.

C: May the Lord, our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us or forsake us.

P: Let this be the time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel of your Son. Let us find joy in unity, zeal for our work, and, if it is your will, success in our labor. We ask you to give us faith, O Lord, so that we can sound the trumpet none can silence or mistake and grant us courage to proclaim once more for all to hear: The feast is ready! Come to the feast!

C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

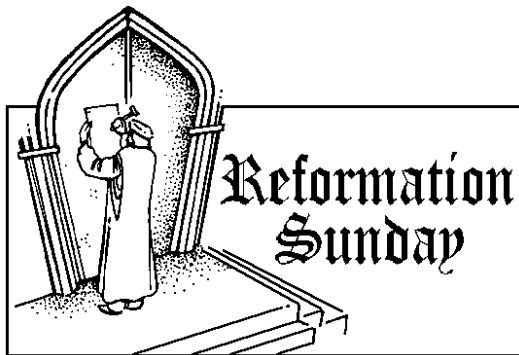
(intercessory prayers if requested)

P: We ask all this in the name of our loving and forgiving Savior who has also taught us to pray his prayer...

C: Our Father who art in heaven....

The Benediction

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



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:

*Solo: 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.

Third Lesson: "*Sola Scriptura*" *By Scripture Alone!*

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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.

*Solo: "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.*

*Solo: "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."

The Sermon – John 8:31-32

The Offering of Thanks

The Prayer of the Church for Reformation

P: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. You accepted his sacrifice on the cross. You raised him from death in glorious splendor. For his sake, you richly and daily forgive the sins of all who put their trust in you.

C: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

P: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit upon your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the story of salvation into all the world.

C: The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

P: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to destroy the idols of the medieval age and to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures. You renewed your people with the light of your love, you granted power and success to the proclamation of the gospel, and your holy Church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

P: When the time had fully come, you made our fathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your word. Guided by your Spirit, they joined hands and hearts under a common confession and with a determined resolve to work together in the ministry. You have blessed their sons and daughters during the century past and enabled us to persevere and proclaim the saving gospel of your Son.

C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.