





About the Cover

Martin Luther desired his seal to be a symbol of the firm footing we have in the Gospel. The black cross in the center of a living red heart signifies that Christ's death brings us life. The flower blossoms like the joy and peace of faith in salvation, and the heavenly blue background points to future joy in eternity. It is all surrounded by the golden ring because salvation in Christ is eternal and our greatest treasure (Luther's Works, vol. 49, pp. 358–59). In this common Lutheran symbol, we have a reminder of the heart of the Reformation: Christ's cross brings us the eternal and priceless blessings of forgiveness, life, joy, and peace.

REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

**First Reading:
Revelation 14:6–7**

⁶Then 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. ⁷And 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."

Epistle: Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption

that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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.

²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Holy Gospel: John 8:31–36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

The Holy Spirit has come upon mankind to open the hearts of sinners. He alone could make the Father's Plan of the Gospel a part of our lives. He leads us to stand on the principles of: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, and Scripture Alone.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH **Reformation Service**

Church Phone: 867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 760-1854

Saturday, October 26, 2024 5:30 pm

Opening Prayer

The **Reformation** took place at a time when God was using His Word to bring reform to the church. God was changing the church from what it had become; to what He desired it to be. Reformation was a time when the Lord, through His Spirit, raised men up who were willing to stand for what was God pleasing and true; even if it meant putting their lives on the line. Dr. Martin Luther was one of these men called by the Lord to bring about change. He was called to stand up to the church of His day and lead His church to face the ways in which it was walking contrary to the Holy Scriptures. Luther, though far from perfect, was led by the Holy Spirit to stand on the principles that we still stand on today: Grace alone; Faith alone; and Scripture Alone. He was a servant of the Lord, and his tool was the Holy Scriptures.

Hymn: "Thy Strong Word" 578

Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness; at Thy speaking it was done;
For created light we thank Thee While Thine ordered seasons run. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory Tongues Thy mercies to proclaim.
Throats that shout the hope that fills us Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, Alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

Reformation Litany:

P: It is by Grace alone that we can call out to God. **C:** *It is by Grace alone that we are able to worship Him.*

- P: It is by Faith alone that we grasp His truths C: *It is by Faith alone that we trust in Christ as our Savior.*
- P: It is Scripture alone that provides us His truth. C: *It is Scripture alone that is the Word of God, the Word of life and salvation.*
- P: In Baptism He imparts His grace on sinners C: *He places upon sinners His Holy name.*
- P: In the Lord's Supper His grace is given C: *He grants to us His own body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.*
- P: God alone determines His way of bringing grace to us C: *He has given us His "Means of Grace" to bring His forgiveness and spiritual strength into our lives.*

Hymn of Praise: *"By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless" 373*

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
 Why stagger at this Word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
 No; then this Word must true remain: By grace you, too, shall heav'n obtain.

By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
 Was it because of Your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
 No, it was grace, and grace alone, That bro't Him from His heav'nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain; so long as God is true, it stands.
 What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
 What our whole faith must rest upon, Is grace alone, grace in His Son.

Reformation was a time when Satan was battling the Lord, in an overt fashion, in the church itself. God's teaching: "Salvation by Grace, through faith without works" was seen as a teaching that should be condemned as heretical. In fact, anyone who was proclaiming this message: was said to deserve death. The very message of comfort and hope to the world and is the basis of faith for all people, was attacked and hated. The Church was not basing salvation on grace, but on the works of the Church and man. This gained sinners nothing but a deeper depth of despair. This was the very despair that led Luther to search the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit touched His heart to believe salvation came not in what he did, but in what the gracious Lord had done on his behalf.

Psalmody: *Psalm 46*

- P: God is our refuge and strength, and ever-present help in trouble. C: *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.*
- P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. C: *God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.*
- P: Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; He lifts His voice, the earth melts. C: *The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

P: Come and see the works of the Lord, the desolations He has brought on the earth. C: *He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire.*

P: "Be still, and know that I am God; C: *I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*"

P: The Lord Almighty is with us; C: *The God of Jacob is our fortress.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Prayer for the Day: C: *I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your Holy Angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

Hymn: "God's Word is Our Great Heritage" 582

Reformation was a time when once again the teaching of the Cross was brought to the forefront. Salvation had been given to mankind, through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. No more needed to be done for our salvation. Jesus paid the ultimate price and made the perfect sacrifice, which covered the sins of the whole world. Salvation has to be a gift from the Lord Himself, because we have nothing by which we can make payment. God desired for Luther, to make this teaching the central element of the Church's teachings. It needs to remain our central teaching forever.

First Lesson: *Revelation 14: 6-7 (A Glimpse of Heavenly Splendor)*

Epistle Lesson: *Romans 3: 19-28 (We are justified by grace through faith.)*

Gospel Lesson: *John 8: 31-36 (The Word brings truth; the truth brings freedom)*

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed (Back of the Hymnal)

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" 656

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Offerings brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of: Herrmann, Alyssa and Adam, Collins and Lincoln; Hill, Warren and Jackie, Addison, Jude, Jordan; Hoffherr, Stu and Carol

Confession of Sins C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution: 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. Amen.

Blessing of Elements:

Distribution:

Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" 644 vs. 1-3

Reformation was a time our God used His Word to enlighten the hearts of those who were seeking Him through the Word. The Reformation has been such a gift to we who worship today. We have spiritually sound: liturgy, doctrinal teachings, Sacraments, and the Gospel Message, because the Lord brought His Truth into our presence. The basis for our church's doctrine, is the strong and clear message of Romans: "We are saved by grace freely given to us by the Father". Also, the strong message from Ephesians, "We are saved by grace, through faith, without works, so no man can boast." We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

Closing Prayer P: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **C:** *Amen.*

Benediction: Remembering God's grace to us, and having heard His Word in the Holy Scriptures, we now move forward in faith with God's blessing. May the Lord therefore bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace. **C:** *Amen.*

Rev. Mark Moog, Pastor Beth Vance, Organist

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WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACHES CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

TONIGHT: Reformation Worship w/HC at 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: Reformation Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship 10:15 am
City Wide Reformation Service at 3:00 pm and Dinner at 4:30 pm
High School Youth at 5:00 pm
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice 6 pm
THURSDAY: **Bible Class at 9:30 (Revelation) Bible Study at 6:00 (Hebrews 10)**
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Oct.5: 35 LS: 31; Sun, Oct.6: 8 am: 65; 10:15 am: 62

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next week we will be praying for the families of: Herrmann, Alysa and Adam, Collins and Lincoln;

SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 10, for our Annual Thanksgiving Meal hosted by the Fellowship Committee. We ask that everyone bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. Now is a good time to try out that new recipe you are wanting to make for Thanksgiving. The Fellowship Committee will provide the following: Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Rolls, Soft Serve Ice Cream.

Thanks to those who have donated items to the Food Pantry, which makes it nice for those who are in need of food and health items.

Items Needed for our Food Pantry: Chef Boyardee Ravioli, Chef Boyardee Beefaroni, Packages of Rice Meals, Noodle Meals, Pasta Meals, etc. Toilet Paper, Paper towels, Kleenex, Small bottles of Laundry detergent, Bars of Soap, Cans of Fruit Cocktail, Variety of Jellies, Cans of Soup, Beef Stew, Deodorant.

Things we have an ample supply: Raisins, Large bags of Rice, Macaroni and Cheese, Pears, Fruit cups, Green Beans, Corn, Peas, Peanut Butter, Tomato Soup, chicken Noodle, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner.

I need help getting some scrap in my trailer. Someone has dropped off an old engine and I so not think I can get it into the trailer without some help. So if you could help me accomplish this, it would be greatly appreciated.

November 10 – I would like to have a Confirmation outing. We would meet here at church at 4:00 and then go bowling and get something to eat. We should be done by 7:00 pm. You will only need money for a tip.

Trinity Darmstadt needs singers! We are planning to present, Holy Light, a Candle light Service of Carols” on Sunday, December 15 at 3:30 pm Practices will begin Thursday November 7 at 7:30 pm. There will also be some Sunday practices for those unable to make the weekly practice. For questions or more information please call Jeff Sensmeier at 812-499-4965. All voices welcome!! Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP BONFIRE tomorrow night at 5. We will have hot/dogs, smores, and will go until 8:00 pm.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

CHOIR PRACTICES are Wednesdays at 6pm. We are always looking for more members and if you like to sing (the only qualification you need), high school age and up, we would love to have you join us. The choir sings for Reformation, Thanksgiving, Advent services and for Christmas Eve. Practices are Wednesdays at 6pm - 7pm. Come give us a try and see what we will be singing this fall. It is a lot of fun and good fellowship. If you have any questions, please call or text Cheryl Bratten 812-604-9076.

City-Wide Reformation Service at St. Paul's at 3:00 pm on October 27 with meal being provided by Immanuel.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Sunday, November 10 at 11:15 am

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING: Sunday, November 17th, following the 10:15 am service to elect 2025 officers and board members and approve 2025 Budget.

OFFICER & BOARD MEMBER LUNCHEON & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Sunday, Dec 1 at 11:15 am