

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Katie Wiechmann

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WELCOME!

"A man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law." --Romans 3:28

THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION: To "reform" means to change and improve. In the 1500's the Lord used Professor of Theology, Dr. Martin Luther, of the University of Wittenberg, Germany, to restore to the church the full Gospel message of forgiveness of sins through Christ alone. On October 31, 1517, Dr. Luther nailed 95 Statements, or Theses, onto the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. The doors were the common bulletin board. He was inviting theologians to debate him on the value of buying "indulgences" from the church. The papacy in Rome said indulgences would grant release from the penalties of sin. Luther had learned from Scripture that man is not saved by human efforts, connections, or money; but by faith in Christ alone, who was punished on the cross for us and rose in victory also for us. *Romans 3:28 "A man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law."* We remember this date each year.

Hymn 258 Lord of Our Life!

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS: Romans 7:18-19, 24-25

P: I know that in me, that is, in my flesh,

C: Nothing good dwells.

P: For to will is present with me,

C: But how to perform what is good I do not find.

P: For the good that I will-to-do,

C: I do not do;

P: But the evil I will-not-to-do,

C: That I practice.

P: O, wretched man that I am!

C: Who will deliver me from this body of death?

P: I thank God—

C: Through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

Hymn 387 vv. 1-5 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice!

READING: Acts 5:22-33 The Apostles, through the Holy Spirit, boldly preached and healed in Jerusalem in the name of Jesus. The leaders were indignant. The Apostles were put into prison. However, an angel released them. When called in, the apostles stood firm, obeying God rather than men. The enemies made plans to kill them. --- Satan's forces are never at peace with the Gospel !

THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

The Augsburg Confession, 1530, was written during Luther's lifetime. It was presented by the Lutheran princes of Germany—laymen, not clergymen—to Emperor Charles V at the city of Augsburg, Germany. Charles V ruled Austria, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, and Spain. This confession of faith was presented in response to his invitation to bring their disagreements with the Roman Catholic Church. Charles, a Catholic, was seeking to end the religious strife in his realm. Martin Luther did not attend the meeting; the emperor had already declared him "wanted" in 1521. Philip Melancthon, a trusted colleague of Luther, used Luther's writing to draft the Augsburg Confession. The emperor was unable to force the princes to abandon their Confession. Today the Augsburg Confession remains one of the staunch confessions of conservative Lutheran Christians.

The following are excerpts of Articles 1-6 (of which there are 28):

Our churches with common consent teach:

1

P: There is one Divine Essence which is called and which is God—

C: Eternal, without body, without parts, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness, the maker and Preserver of all things, visible and invisible.

P: And yet there are three Persons, of the same essence and power, who also are coeternal—

C: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

P: The term "person" signifies, not a part or quality in God,

C: But, as the church fathers used it, that which "subsists of itself."

2

P: Since the fall of Adam, all people are born with sin,

C: That is, without the fear of God, without trust in God, and with evil desire.

P: This inborn, original malady is truly sin

C: And brings eternal death upon those not born again through Baptism and the Holy Spirit.

3

P: The Son of God took on man's nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary,

C: So that in Him, two natures, the divine and the human, are inseparably joined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true Man.

P: He truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us,

C: And be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of humanity.

P: He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day;
C: Afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures,
P: And sanctify those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts,
C: To rule, to comfort, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin.
P: The same Christ shall openly come again
C: To judge the living and the dead.

4

P: We also believe and confess that men [*mankind*] cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works;
C: But are freely justified for Christ's sake through faith,
P: When they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who, by His death, has made satisfaction for our sins.
C: This faith God accounts as righteousness in His sight.

5

P: So that we may obtain this faith, the ministry of preaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted.
C: For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given,
P: Who works faith where and when it pleases God, in all who hear the Gospel.
C: And the Gospel is this, that God, not because of our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.

6

P: We also teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruits,
C: And that it is necessary to do good works commanded by God because it is God's will.
P: Yet we should not rely on those works to merit justification before God,
C: For the forgiveness of sins and justification are ours by faith in Christ.

Hymn 264 Preserve Thy Word, O Savior !

SERMON: 2 KINGS 19 : 10-12, 15, 19, 35

STAND FIRM !

¹⁰ "Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: 'Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." "¹¹ Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered? "¹² Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed? . . . "¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said:

"O LORD God of Israel, the One who dwells between the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. . . . ¹⁹ Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his [King Sennacharib of Assyria's] hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the LORD God, You alone." . . .

³⁵ And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians 185,000; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.

Hymn 262 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God !

Offering:

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Hymn 283 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage !

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SCHEDULE:

11/1 STANDARD TIME RETURNS—Turn clocks back 1 hour Saturday night

11/2 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B. Class & Sun. Sch.

11/9 10:30 Worship 9:30 B. Class & Sun. Sch

11/16 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 B. Class & Sun. Sch.

NOVEMBER CLEANING: Thank You! 2,9 Kerry C.; 16,23,30 Kanzenbachs

CALL NEWS:

Pastor Michael Gurath, Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI.

Retired Pastor Paul Tiefel, Eau Claire, WI, has received the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Pastor David Pfeiffer, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld, Sister Lakes, MI, has returned the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI.

Professor Mark Weis, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the (additional) part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

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