



## LUTHER'S SEAL

*This seal (or "coat of arms") has become one of the best known emblems of evangelical Lutheran Christians. Martin Luther explained how the symbol points us to the Jesus Christ and the gift of eternal life that He gives us:*

"First, there is a **black cross in a heart** that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a **white rose**. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a **sky-blue field**, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a **golden ring** to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal."

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

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## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!

We're thrilled that you are here and we want you to feel at home.

- \* Restrooms are near the door that you came in today.
- \* The service is printed in this worship folder. Join in as your comfortable. Ask anyone if you're lost - they'll be glad to help!
- \* We're glad you brought your kids! We know and Jesus knows that little kids have a hard time sitting quietly sometimes. They are still welcome here. Jesus said: Let the little children come to me! If your little one is restless, feel free to spend a minute in the entryway, you should still be able to hear through speakers.
- \* If you could use some hearing assistance, please ask the usher in the entryway, we have headsets available.

Please introduce yourself to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil. They would love to meet you and serve you however they can!

### TODAY: THE COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION

506 years ago this week, a Roman Catholic monk in Germany put 95 thesis on a church door to propose a debate about what was going on in his church. That sparked a reformation, a renewed discovery of the Truth that had always been in the Bible: we are saved only by God's grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. Today we remember the Reformation because it gives us an opportunity to thank God for preserving the Truth for us and another moment to worship God for His grace and gift of eternal life.

Look for these main ideas in the Bible readings today:

- + **We are justified by grace, through faith in Christ** - The Bible uses a courtroom picture to describe what God has done for us. We are "justified," which means that we are declared to be not guilty in God's sight. (The common word today is "acquitted.") As we stand in the presence of our righteous and holy God, He pronounces the verdict of not guilty on us based on the fact that Jesus has already paid the penalty for our sins by suffering and dying on the cross. Justification by grace through faith in Christ - this is the heart of the whole Bible and therefore the heart of the Reformation.
- + **Stand firm on God's Word** - Today God encourages us to take a stand be faithful to Him and His Word, even when we face opposition and threats. Jesus warned His first disciples about this and at the same time promised them that God would give them strength to stand firm. We see this in the famous account of Daniel. May God give us strength to stand firm on His Word, for our blessing and His glory.

## VDMA - *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum*

(The Word of the Lord Endures Forever)



is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God's Word. The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24–25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court's official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It was used by Frederick's successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. It was found inscribed inside churches, over doorways, on foundation stones, even on horse's helmets! The VDMA logo and statement has appeared throughout Lutheran churches worldwide and remains an enduring motto of the Reformation to this day.

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"NOTE WELL, THAT THE POWER OF SCRIPTURE IS THIS: IT WILL NOT BE ALTERED BY THE ONE WHO STUDIES IT; INSTEAD IT TRANSFORMS THE ONE WHO LOVES IT." *DR MARTIN LUTHER*

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"WHEN YOU FEEL IN YOUR CONSCIENCE THAT YOU ARE GUILTY, BE VERY, VERY CAREFUL NOT TO CONTEND WITH EITHER GOD OR MEN IN AN EFFORT TO DEFEND OR EXCUSE YOUR SIN. RATHER, DO THIS: WHEN GOD POINTS HIS SPEAR AT YOU, DO NOT FLEE FROM HIM; ON THE CONTRARY, FLEE TO HIM WITH A HUMBLE CONFESSION OF GUILT AND A PLEA FOR PARDON." *DR MARTIN LUTHER*



I OPPOSED INDULGENCES AND ALL THE PAPISTS, BUT NEVER WITH FORCE. I SIMPLY TAUGHT, PREACHED, AND WROTE GOD'S WORD; OTHERWISE I DID NOTHING. AND WHILE I SLEPT, OR DRANK WITTENBERG BEER WITH MY FRIENDS PHILIP AND AMSDORF, THE WORD SO GREATLY WEAKENED THE PAPACY THAT NO PRINCE OR EMPEROR EVER INFLICTED SUCH LOSSES UPON IT. I DID NOTHING; **THE WORD DID EVERYTHING.**

*DR MARTIN LUTHER, 1522 SERMON*

# The Festival of THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION

∞ The congregation speaks and sings the words in **BOLD type**. ∞

## Dialogue of Praise, Repentance and Forgiveness

*Please stand.*

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

**Amen.**

*1 Kings 8:27-30; Mt 28:18-20*

Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto the One who sits on the throne,

**And to the Lamb, forever and ever.**

*Revelation 5:13*

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves,  
**it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.**

*Ephesians 2:8-9*

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
**which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

*Ephesians 2:10*

*(sung)* **All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and  
crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and  
crown Him Lord of all!**

**Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget the  
wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and  
crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and  
crown Him Lord of all!**

*(CW 512 st. 1 and 4)*

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty God, merciful Father,**

**I, a troubled and repentant sinner,**

**confess that I have sinned against you  
in my thoughts, my words, and my actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I am distressed by my sins and am deeply sorry for them.**

*silence for personal reflection*

Jesus' death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. He said to His people,  
"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven."

*John 20:23*

Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and  
of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. You are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life!

**Amen.**

*(sung)* **Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe and  
crown him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe and  
crown him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and  
crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song and  
crown Him Lord of all.**

*(CW 512, st 5+6)*

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# THE WORD OF GOD

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## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in Your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## First Reading

***Daniel 6:10-12,16-23***

*Daniel, an Israelite living in captivity in the Persian Empire, is entrapped by his enemies and must choose what to do. This lesson is the basis for the sermon this morning.*

<sup>10</sup>Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. <sup>11</sup>Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. <sup>12</sup>So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

<sup>16</sup>So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

<sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not

be changed. <sup>18</sup>Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup>At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup>When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

<sup>21</sup>Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

<sup>23</sup>The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Hymn 863 - A Mighty Fortress is Our God

*A Mighty Fortress” is Luther’s famous hymn based on Psalm 46. When he was discouraged he would often invite those with him to sing it, saying, “Come, let us sing Psalm 46.” This battle hymn of the Reformation is still a favorite among Lutherans.*

### Second Reading

### Romans 3:19-28

*St. Paul, an apostle of Jesus, says that no one can be righteous in God’s sight based on how well they keep God’s law. However, the good news on which the Christian Faith is founded is this: God has declared us righteous as His gift, based on the work of Jesus, completely apart from the law.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

<sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ

Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### Only By Grace (10:15 service only) *sung by students of Prince of Peace Lutheran School*

*It’s only by grace that I believe  
And only through faith that I receive  
From God above  
A gift of his love,  
So that I can be saved by grace.*

*Only by grace pure and free,  
God’s Son has died for me.  
Now heaven’s my home to be,  
And it’s only by grace!*

*It’s only by grace I’m set apart  
And only through faith within my heart.  
I’ll follow your ways  
And sing you my praise  
Out of thanks for your gift of grace.*

*It’s only by grace that I’m forgiv’n  
And only through faith will I see heav’n.  
It’s where I will be  
For eternity  
‘Cause I know I am saved by grace!*

*Please stand to show special reverence for Jesus and His words.*

## The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 10:16-23**

*Jesus speaks to the twelve apostles, who He is about to send out to proclaim the good news. Jesus warns His followers about the opposition they will face, but He also encourages us to trust in our God to support us.*

<sup>16</sup>“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup>On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup>for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup>You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## Hymn of the Day | 877 Reformation Song

*Our soloist will sing stanza one - the congregation joins to sing the rest of the hymn.*

**Sermon** Daniel 6 One word from God is all it takes

*After the sermon, please stand.*

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## Prayer of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of the eternal Gospel, that it may be so treasured among us that its glories may never fade in our midst or its living light be lost to us, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all churches where the teachings of men have obscured the Good News of God's grace in Christ, that the Holy Spirit may mercifully renew them in the truth of God's gifted righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the spread of the Gospel to every nation, tribe, language and people, that all those who dwell on earth may come to know and live in the freedom of the Son, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith to use our freedom in Christ to serve our neighbor in our daily callings, that we might bear fruit in keeping with our new lives as God's children to the glory of our

Father, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God's faithful servants of old who spoke His truth, let us give thanks to God; and that by His grace, we may one day also stand with this great cloud of witnesses, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

*We pray for...*

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

## Offering



*Moved by God's love in Christ, we return to God our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.*

*There is an offering plate in the entry way for those who wish to give a gift in that way.*

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## THE SACRAMENT

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### Stand

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O

Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves His Church to the end of time when He will come again as king to judge all people and take His own to glory., Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:



*(sung)* **Sing holy, holy, holy Lord,  
The God on high by all adored. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The heav'ns above and earth below  
To one and all His glory show.  
Sing hosanna! Christ has risen! Life is dawning, joy increasing. Alleluia!**

*Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

## The Words of Our Lord Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

*(sung)* **O Christ, the Lamb of God, we pray,  
Take all our sinfulness away. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
O Christ, the Lamb of God, we pray,  
Take all our sinfulness away.  
Mercy show us, peace bestow us. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Be seated.*

## Distribution of the Lord's Supper

### A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS

***Children and those who are not communicant members of our church may come forward for a blessing. Those who do are asked to cross their arms on their chest to indicate this.***

*Prince of Peace practices closed communion, because the Bible teaches it and because we love you. That means we ask that only members of Prince of Peace or other congregations in our fellowship take the Lord's Supper this morning. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, it is simply our desire to uphold what God says in 1 Corinthians 10 and 11 about who should receive Holy Communion and how. Because we believe from these words that Jesus' body and blood is really present in and with the bread and wine, we want to be sure that it is received in the manner He has commanded us.*

*Please speak to Pastor Boettcher or Pastor Peil about communing with us in the future if you're not part of our congregation. **Thank you for your understanding!***

## Hymn | 878 Christ Alone the World's Redeemer

*After the distribution, the minister speaks this blessing:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.  
Your ☩ sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn | 630 Thy Strong Word**



*We thank the Lord for the gifts of Amy Sehloff (piano/organ), Suzanne Bawden (organ), Tom Bruce (trumpet), Chandra Lange (soloist) and our Lutheran Elementary School students (choir), used to adorn this festival service to our Savior's glory!*



This painting is part of a larger picture that hangs over the altar of St. Mary's Church in Wittenberg, Germany. It was painted by Lucas Cranach at the time of the Lutheran Reformation to remind the worshippers what the Christian Church is really about. Christ Jesus crucified is the center and foundation and focus. To the right, Martin Luther is preaching with one hand on the Bible and the other hand pointing at the crucifix, for the Word of God shows us the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. Cranach understood and Luther preached what Jesus once said: "These are the Scriptures that testify about me" (John 5:39). Jesus comes through His Word to those who gather in His Name. He comes to forgive, to bless and to strengthen. And so Jesus is the point of all Lutheran preaching, which is based on the Scriptures.

The Lutheran Reformation is not about Martin Luther or the other reformers. It is about preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Luther's goal was that we might follow the example of St. Paul who said: we preach Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:23). As children of the Reformation, our heritage is to preach and defend the Gospel against error and against our own doubts. Only the good news of Christ crucified for sinners can truly bring peace to the conscience and salvation to those lost in sin. Today we thank God that He has saved us through that Good News and we ask God's strength to stand firm in the Good News He has entrusted to us.

In the Lutheran Reformation, the Lord raised up Martin Luther and other bold confessors to reclaim the Holy Gospel in its truth and purity. By the 1500's A.D. the Christian Church, in the main, had replaced Christ with good works, indulgences, penance, and whatever else popes and councils of the Church decreed that people must do to satisfy God's wrath. Martin Luther and other reformers, by the grace of God, rediscovered the truth revealed in God's Word alone that Christ is the only true salvation and He is received and man is justified by the grace of God in Christ alone.

We gather this morning to give thanks to the Lord for restoring the Holy Gospel and pray Him that we continue to keep His Word rightly preached and His sacraments rightly administered, according to the Holy Scriptures, and as they are confessed in the Book of Concord. Article IV of the Augsburg Confession, which states the doctrine of justification, has traditionally been called the article by which the true Holy Christian Church stands (or falls if it is lost). God help us that our Lutheran congregations ever hold to this article that shapes everything else we believe:

**"Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merit or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight. (Romans 3:21-23; 4:5)"**

**By Grace alone. By Faith alone. By Scripture alone.**

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