

Welcome

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



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WELCOME

PRELUDE "How Firm A foundation" arr. Renfrow
The Altar Candles are lit at this time during the Prelude.

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation.

Please stand as able and turn to face the cross.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)

C **Amen**

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew 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**

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, you did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all to be our Savior, and along with him you have graciously given us all things. We thank you for your precious, saving gospel, and we pray that you would help us to believe in the name of our Savior faithfully and steadfastly, for he alone is our righteousness and wisdom, our comfort and peace, so that we may stand on the day of his appearing; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Lord.

C **Amen**

Source: Collect for Reformation, found in *Allgemeines evangelisches Gesang- und Gebetbuch zum Kirchen und Hausgebrauch*, Hamburg, 1846, p. 694.

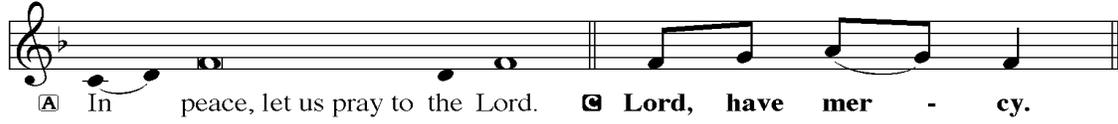
PROCESSIONAL HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God LBW# 229

GREETING

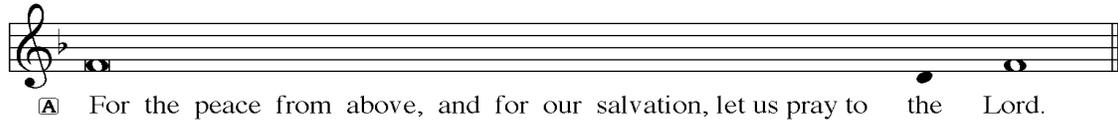
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

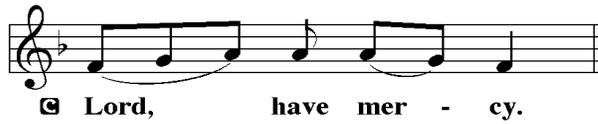
KYRIE (Mark 10:47)



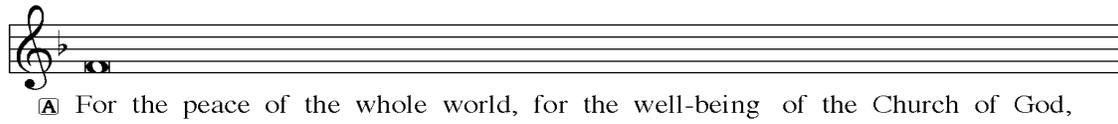
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



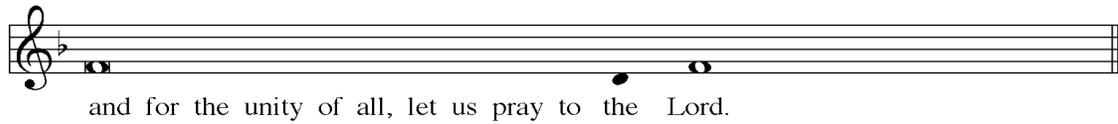
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



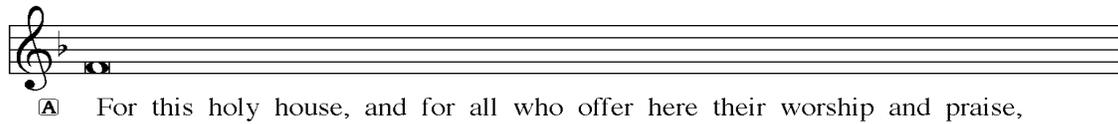
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



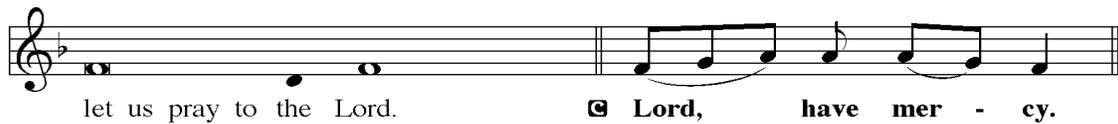
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE (Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9)

☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **☐** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **☐** Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
☐ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **☐** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

SALUTATION (2 Timothy 4:22)

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to live this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the evening victorious over all temptation, we may praise you, the eternal God, for you govern all things and are praised now and forever.

C **Amen**

Mozarabic Breviary, Lauds, Advent 1, Bright, Ancient Collects, in Common Service Book of the Lutheran Church, 1919

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

We read scripture from the Old Testament, Apostolic Letters and the Gospels because faith comes from hearing. (Romans 10:17)

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 14:6-7

⁶I 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.”

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 46 *read responsively*

¹God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,**

and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

³Though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

⁴**The Lord of hosts is with us;**

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁵There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁶**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;**

God shall help her at the break of day.

⁷The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;

God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

⁸**The Lord of hosts is with us;**

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁹Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,

what awesome things he has done on earth.

¹⁰**It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;**

he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹¹“Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹²**The Lord of hosts is with us;**

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND LESSON: 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.

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (John 6:68)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed 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 practices 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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON
Always Reforming

Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Salvation unto Us Has Come

LBW# 297

APOSTLES' CREED (Romans 10:9-10)

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and was seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

***Or, the holy Christian Church,*

THE PRAYERS (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

THE PEACE (John 20:19)

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Lutheridge Scholarship Fund. During the month of October, the Benevolence focus is on Lutheran Military Vet. Serv. If you wish for your giving to go there please specify accordingly.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

God is Our Refuge (Allen Pote)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

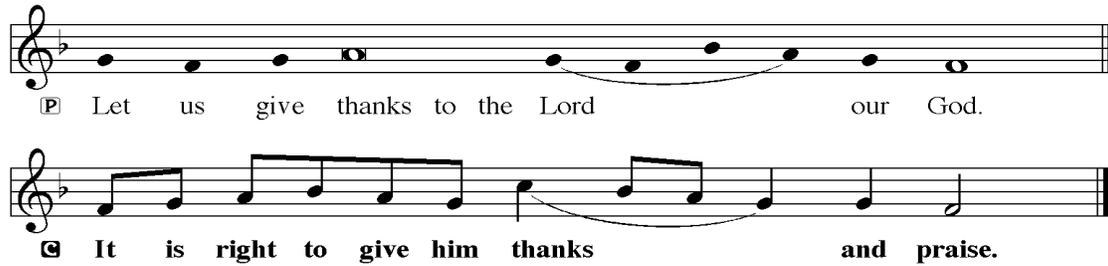
☞ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table, yet I have heard the sweet words of your invitation, and you have promised me forgiveness of my sins through your body and blood which I eat and drink in this sacrament. O dear Lord, I know that your divine Word and promise are true. I do not doubt them, and resting on them, I eat and drink with you. Let it be to me according to your Word. Attributed to Martin Luther, no German original found in *Die Gebete Luthers*, from *The Collection of Baron Bunsen*, p. 182 #3 Tr. Catherine Winkworth.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (2 Timothy 4:22)

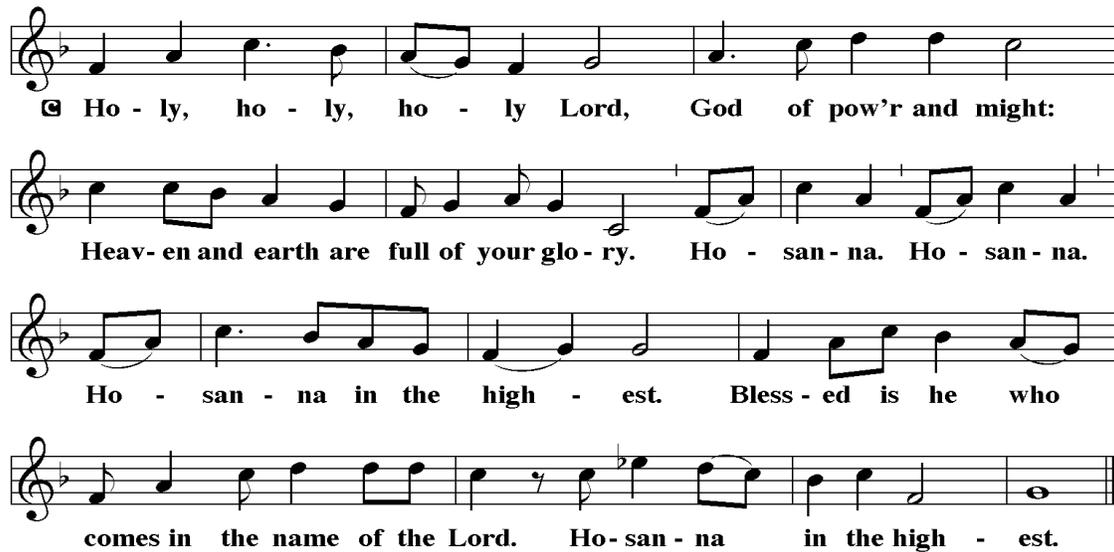
☞ The Lord be with you. **☞** And al - so with you.
☞ Lift up your hearts. **☞** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS (Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

C 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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION (Mark 14:23)

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

AGNUS DEI (John 1:29)

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMN

Day by Day

WOV# 746

Please stand as you are able.

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

P For as often as we eat this bread and drink the cup,

C We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26, ESV)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Luke 2:29-32)

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER

The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.

P We thank you, almighty Lord God, that you have refreshed us through the body and blood of your dear Son. We pray that through this, you would make us prosper with strong faith toward you and with fervent love among us all, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Source: Coburg Agende

Source of this version: Translated for *A Collection of Prayers*. German source: *Gebetbuch, enthaltend die sämtlichen Gebete und Seufzer Martin Luther's, ...* Evangelischer Bücher-Verein, 1866, #597.

BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:22-27)

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LBW# 551

Please face the cross as it is processed out.

THE SENDING (Matthew 28:19)

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

P You have been nurtured in Word and Sacrament now go therefore and make disciples of all nations

C **Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

P Union Lutheran Church you are sent!
C Amen, amen, amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE
A Mighty Fortress is Our God (arr. Cathy Moglebust)

Belles and Beaus

Next Week's Readings (All Saints Sunday, November 7):
Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 149; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Those Serving in October

Acolyte: Adam Thompson

Altar Guild: Mary Hutchens and Vivian Sprinkle

Communion Assistants: Frank Merrell, Doris Shepherd, and Vivian Sprinkle

Lay Reader: Cathy Kluttz Painter

Instrumentalists: Abbey Deaton (flute), Brad Huffman (trumpet),
Jan Huffman (french horn), Brett Farris (trombone). Brian Sevison (tuba)

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Mike Cauble, Phil Cauble (HU), and Frank Merrell

Offering Counting Team: Jennifer Curlee, Doris Shepherd, and Wayne Vellines



“A SIMPLE EXPLANATION OF THE CHURCH SERVICE”

Welcome to church! As you participate in the church service, we will be providing you with weekly nuggets to help you understand more of what is happening, why it is happening, and some of the special language used in church.

NUGGET #3c: Absolution (...the announcement of forgiveness to the penitent sinner.)

Our Lord declares through the mouth of His servant, the pastor, that by His grace and mercy our sins are forgiven. The **Absolution** speaks the Gospel into our ears in a personal way. Through these Gospel words we receive the salvation earned by Christ upon the cross of Calvary; every sin is covered by His blessed death.

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” (John 20:22-23)

(“A Simple Explanation of the Church Service”, page 5, Concordia Publishing House, 2018)

5 Facts About Reformation Day

While most people know today as Halloween, for millions of Christians October 31, 2021 is also the 504th anniversary of Reformation Day. Here are five facts about the Protestant holiday:

1. Reformation Day celebrates Martin Luther's nailing his ninety-five theses to the church door Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. (Some scholars debate whether he posted them to the door then, later in November, or whether he even posted them at all.) By posting them to the church door—which was similar to a public bulletin board—Luther intended to start a debate among his fellow academics.
2. While the historical date for the observance of Reformation is October 31st, most churches celebrate it on the last Sunday in October. The only countries in which Reformation Day is a national holiday are Chile and Slovenia. (Though in Chile it's called *Día Nacional de las Iglesias Evangélicas y Protestantes*—National Day of the Evangelical and Protestant Churches.)
3. On the first “Reformation Day”, when he posted the ninety-five theses, Luther was not yet a “Protestant.” (He would later say that at the time he was a committed Catholic who would have murdered—or at least been willing to see murder committed—in the name of the Pope.)
4. The theses that sparked the Reformation were not particularly radical, and key Lutheran doctrines, such as justification by grace through faith alone, were not included. The theses were mainly about the selling of indulgences, which the Catholic Church defines as “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.” At the time, believers could pay for an indulgence to reduce the punishment of someone believed to be in Purgatory.
5. On this same day, Luther sent a letter to the Archbishop of Mainz, under whom, as it says in the letter, “Papal indulgences for the building of St. Peter's are circulating under your most distinguished name.” Soon after this letter was sent, the theses were circulating among the intellectual elite. Although the rapid spread of the ideas that launched the Protestant Reformation are often attributed to the printing press (which had been around for more than 60 years), some scholars now say the document went “viral” because of the “wider system of media sharing along social networks—what is called ‘social media’ today.”

Blog by Joe Carter, Senior Editor of Action Institute



MARTIN LUTHER

THEOLOGIST | 1483–1546

Martin Luther was a German monk who changed Christianity when he began the Protestant Reformation in 16th-century Europe. In May 1522, he organized a new church, Lutheranism.

QUICK FACTS



Studied to
be a lawyer



95
Theses



Married
former nun



Excommunicated from
the Roman Catholic Church



Now 65 million
Lutherans worldwide

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