



***The Commemoration  
of  
The Lutheran Reformation***

*Peace Lutheran Church*

*Trinity, FL*

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## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

We are blessed to have you worship with us today and we pray that the message of God's love that you hear today will be a blessing to your faith and life. If Peace Lutheran Church can serve your spiritual needs in any way or if you simply have questions about us and what we teach, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact information is at our website: [www.peacelutherantrinity.com](http://www.peacelutherantrinity.com).

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## **SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS WEEKEND**

Throughout history, Satan has attacked God's Church with wicked schemes. Through false teachers, he has led many to neglect the pure gospel, and thus it often seems as though Satan is victorious. And yet, as promised in the Bible, God preserves his Church and His Word, even in the depths of darkness.

One especially dark period through which God preserved his Church occurred 500 years ago. The Gospel seemed all but lost. Bibles were rare and people were seeking heaven by works. But in his grace, God used a man to be a faithful messenger for his gospel. That man was Martin Luther. Today we praise God. We praise God that used a man like Martin Luther as his instrument to help reform the church by restoring the good news of Jesus as our only Savior. By God's grace the Word shall remain forever.

## WHY DO WE CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION?

Today we celebrate the Festival of the Reformation of the Church. What does that mean? It means that today we remember why we're called Lutherans.

The effect of the Lutheran Reformation of the Church on the history of the world can hardly be overstated. Quite simply, it caused one of the most profound sea-changes in history. In fact, when *US News and World Report* ranked the most important events of the last 1000 years, the Lutheran Reformation placed second, right behind Gutenberg's moveable type printing press. Now consider that for a minute... That means that they considered the Lutheran Reformation to be of greater significance than the discovery of the New World (number 3 on the list).



But why? And who was this Luther guy? He was a monk, a priest, a professor at a little university in Wittenberg, Germany. Why would a guy like that be listed at the third most influential person of the last 1000 years (*1000 Years and 1000 People*, Gottlieb and Bowers)? More important than Einstein, Edison, George Washington, etc.?

Why? All for the reason that we call ourselves "Lutherans" and celebrate this Festival of the Lutheran Reformation.

During the dark days of the Middle Ages, the truth of God's Word was hidden away in monasteries. The church of that day was not teaching that we are saved by Jesus' death and resurrection. Instead, people were told that they needed to try and earn their way to heaven—or worse, that they had to *buy* their way to heaven. The truth of God's word was rejected, and the traditions of men put in its place.

Dr. Luther changed all that on October 31, 1517, when he nailed 95 Statements for Debate on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. He said that the Bible should be our only source of teaching, not manmade traditions. He showed that God saved us by grace alone, by faith alone. He returned the Bible into the hands of the people, and quite literally changed the world.

Today, we are not here to celebrate a man. We're here to celebrate the grace of God who reformed his Church, and brought back the pure and simple teaching that had been lost: Jesus Christ died and rose for me, so I will be in heaven forever. Period.

By Grace Alone. By Faith Alone. By Scripture Alone.

# GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

*God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement. This Gathering Rite on the Word of God helps to remind us of the blessings of his powerful and mighty Word we are about to hear.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** Oh, how I love your law!

**C:** **I meditate on it all day long.**

**M:** Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

**C:** **for they are ever with me.**

**M:** I have more insight than all my teachers,

**C:** **for I meditate on your statutes.**

**M:** How sweet are your words to my taste,

**C:** **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

**M:** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

**C:** **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

## OPENING HYMN

*Speak, O Lord* | 735



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -  
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly  
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.  
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the  
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - - - - - ness That the  
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day In our acts of  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic  
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your  
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver  
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.  
 un - be - lief.  
 glo - ry.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Too often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent' (Matthew 4:17), he willed that the entire life of believers to be one of repentance."<sup>1</sup> Therefore let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Forgive my sins, O Lord – forgive the sins of the present and the sins of the past, the sins of my soul and the sins of my body; the sins which I have done to please myself, and the sins which I have done to please others. Forgive my sins of weakness and the sins that I committed deliberately. Forgive me for the sins I remember and the sins I have forgotten. Out of your great mercy, Lord, forgive me of all my wrongs!**

## ABSOLUTION

**M:** God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> *Luther, M. 95 Theses, #1. Vol. 31 Luther's Works, vol. 31: Career of the Reformer I (J. J. Pelikan, H.C. Oswald and H.T. Lehmann, Ed.) Luther's Works. Fortress Press: Philadelphia*

# The Word

## FIRST LESSON

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

*Daniel is loyal to God's Word and trusts in God's protection*

**N**ow 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.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
**an ever present help in trouble.**

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
**and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**  
through its waters roar and foam  
**and the mountains quake with their surging.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
**the holy place where the most high dwells.**

God is within her, she will not fall;  
**God will help her at break of day.**

“Be still, and know that I am God;  
**I will be exalted among the nations,**

I will be exalted in the earth.”

**The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**



MY REFUGE  
AND MY FORTRESS,  
MY GOD,  
IN WHOM I TRUST



## SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 4:9-18

*Paul is faithful to God's Word even though it brings persecution. He looks forward to rescue by God taking him to kingdom of heaven.*

**D**o your best to come to me quickly, <sup>10</sup>for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. <sup>12</sup>I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

<sup>14</sup>Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. <sup>15</sup>You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word | 203



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that  
 u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.  
 we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 10:16–23

*Jesus promises that persecution will come to those faithful to his Word. Jesus our Good Shepherd also promises we can trust him and those who stand firm will have eternal life.*

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 10.

**//** 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

*A Mighty Fortress Is our God* | 201



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.  
 He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: EIN FESTE BURG (87 87 55 56 7) Martin Luther, 1483–1546.

Theme: Peace in Christ

*After the sermon please stand*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH<sup>2</sup>**

**M:** What does it mean to believe in Jesus Christ?

**C:** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

**OFFERING**

*The members of Peace Lutheran joyfully and freely worship God with their offerings. The Bible says, "Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not out of grief nor out of compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8). God wants us to give cheerfully.*

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<sup>2</sup> Public confession of what we believe is faith's response to God's saving Word. Today we use Martin Luther's exquisite explanation to the second article of the Apostle's Creed, "I believe in Jesus Christ..."

## LORD'S PRAYER<sup>3</sup>

M: I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray as Christ our Lord taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,**

M: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.

**C: Hallowed be your name.**

M: God's name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.

**C: Your kingdom come.**

M: God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

**C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

M: God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

**C: Give us today our daily bread.**

M: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

**C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

M: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So, we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

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<sup>3</sup> Today we slow down to think about the important meaning of the prayer we pray so often. We use Martin Luther's succinct explanation to each petition of the Lord's Prayer.

**C: Lead us not into temptation.**

M: God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

M: In conclusion we pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil that threatens body and soul, property and reputation, and finally when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end and graciously take us from this world of sorrow to himself in heaven.

**C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

M: We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen," "Yes, it shall be so.

**HYMN**

*To God Be the Glory* | 399



1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,  
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;  
And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



Who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin  
The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves,  
But pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
Our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



Oh, come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



And give him the glo - ry— great things he has done!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, alt.

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY (11 11 11 11 with Refrain) William H. Doane, 1832–1915.

## PRAYER

**M:** Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all our 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 his favor + and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Presiding Minister**

Joel Schwartz

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Cheryl Huebner

**Guitarist (Recording)**

Jim Denny

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### Mission Statement

*Peace Lutheran's mission is to build a Christ-centered community on God's Word  
Growing in God's grace  
Telling of his love to all people*

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