

✠✠ **Announcements** ✠✠

Welcome

Welcome members and friends. Today we celebrate **grace alone**, knowing that only God's undeserved love and desire to rescue us from sin caused our salvation. We celebrate **Scripture alone** as the only source and foundation of all doctrine and teaching in the church. We celebrate **faith alone** in Jesus Christ as the only way to the Father. We celebrate **Christ alone** as the center of Scripture and the only Savior from sin.

Sincere thanks to ...

- **Organist** Richard Maginnis; **Liturgist** -Host Pastor- Rev. Keeler
- **Host Congregation and pastor** for welcoming all of us today.
- **Joint Choir** for beautifying our worship with special music.
- **All participating pastors:** Rev. Andrew Burmeister, Rev. Peter Heyn, Rev. Herb Huhnerkoch, Rev. Charles Keeler and Rev. Matthew Moldstad.
- **All who prepared and brought food** for our German fest dinner.
- **Our Savior, Lakeland, and pastor** for producing and printing the service folders.

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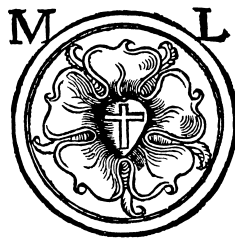
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Luther Seal

Resurrection Lutheran Church ✠ Winter Haven, FL
(19th Sunday after Trinity) ✠ *Everlasting Gospel*
October 26th 2014 ✠ 3:30pm 🕒 *Reformation Festival*



Why I am a Christian
Why I am a Lutheran

TREASURES of the LUTHERAN REFORMATION

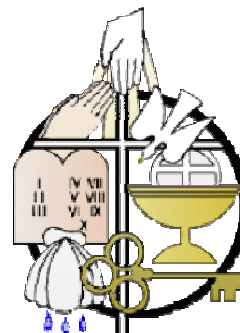
Part 1. "*Sola Gratia*" Saved by **GRACE** in Baptism

Part 2. Pillars of Doctrine: **LAW & GOSPEL**

Part 3. Means of Grace: **WORD & SACRAMENTS**

Part 4. (Treasure of) **Lutheran WORSHIP**

Part 5. (Lutheran view on) **VOCATION**





I. The Service of Preparation



WELCOME, ALL! ✕ **REFORMATION FESTIVAL** ✕ *“Why (I Am A) Lutheran?”*
(Congregation please rise.)

OPENING HYMN “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” TLH #262 (4v) EIN FESTE BURG

**1. A Mighty Fortress is our God, - A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from every need - That hath us now o'ertaken.**

**The old- e-vil Foe - Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might - Are his dread arms in fight;
On Earth is not his equal.**

**2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One, - Whom God Himself elected.**

**Ask ye-, Who- is this? - Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sab-a-oth Lord, - And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.**

**3. Though devils all the world should fill, - All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill, - They shall not overpower us.**

**This world's- prince- may still - Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none, - He's judged; the deed is done;
One little Word can fell him.**

**4. The Word they still shall let remain - Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain - With His good gifts and Spirit.**

**And take- they- our life, - Goods, fame, child and wife,
Let these all be gone, - They yet have nothing won;
THE KINGDOM OURS REMAIN-ETH. A-MEN.**



The INVOCATION (Congregation may be seated.) TLH p.5

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ✕ and of the Holy Spirit. C: ♪ A-men.

The INTROIT

P: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Refuge. Therefore will not we fear though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble. ...from Psalm 46

The GLORIA PATRI (TLH p.6)

**C: ♪ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be, forevermore.
Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON (Lord Have Mercy)

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

REFORMATION PRAYER, & LORD'S PRAYER

Special PRAYER for REFORMATION (Congregation please rise for prayer)

P: DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, through an unlikely candidate in Your church, a struggling fearful man, Martin Luther, You restored to our world the great Truth of the Gospel.

By faith we now see Heaven's door open to us through the perfection of Your Son Jesus who died to set us free forever from the tyranny of sin.

In an age in which the church can seem helpless amid rapid moral decline, rampant materialism, and in which anti-authoritarianism has eroded people's respect and trust in God fearing pastors and lay leaders, help us to maintain an uncompromising loyalty to Your Word and to live our faith in such a way that it will glorify Your Name. Daily reform what needs correction in our lives, strengthen us that we might always keep our eyes focused on You and be with us so that when we die we may do so confidently in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One True God, now and forever,

C: A-men.

The LORD'S PRAYER

*(After Prayer) 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.*

The BENEDICTION (Trinitarian Blessing, TLH p.14)

*P: ♪ The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you,
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give ✕ you peace.*

C: ♪ A-men, A-men, A- -men.

(Congregation may be seated.)

CLOSING HYMN “God's Word Is Our Great Heritage” TLH #283 (1 verse)

**God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure.**

THROUGH-OUT ALL GEN-ER-A-TIONS. A-MEN.

SILENT PRAYER. (CANDLES OUT)    **ANNOUNCEMENTS; FELLOWSHIP.**

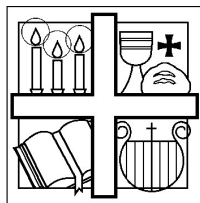
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TREASURE #4: Lutheran WORSHIP

Rev. Andrew Burmeister - Our Savior, Lakeland

REFORMATION HYMN. 4 M. LUTHER

“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”

TLH #387; vv. 1, 5 & 10



1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, - With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice - And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the victory won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.

5. He spoke to His beloved Son: - 'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown, - And bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free,
Slay bitter death for him that he
May live with Thee forever.

10. What I have done and taught, teach thou, My ways forsake thou never;
So shall My Kingdom flourish now - And God be praised forever.
Take heed lest men with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This counsel I bequeath thee.

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TREASURE #5: Christian (Lutheran view on) VOCATION

Rev. Charles Keeler - Resurrection, Winter Haven

REFORMATION HYMN. 5 M. LUTHER

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

TLH #261 (3 verses)



VOCATION
The spirituality of
ordinary life
By Gene Edward Veith

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3. O Comforter of priceless worth.
Send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

+++++ (End of Reformation Presentation) +++++

The RESPONSORY

P: *The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.*

C: **And also with you.**

P: *God is our refuge and strength, an 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.**

P: *The LORD Almighty is with us;*

C: **The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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

C: **The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P: *O Lord God, send Your Holy Spirit to Your faithful people on earth. Protect them in every temptation, defend them against all who oppose Your Word, and give them courage and endurance in their battle for the faith. We ask this in the Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*

C: **Amen.**

📖 **The LESSON** (Gospel for Reformation Festival) 📖

(Congregation please **rise** for the reading of the **Holy Gospel**.)

Matthew 11:12-15 (NKJV) "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

The CREED (*Our Confession of Faith*)

CREED HYMN "We All Believe in One True God" TLH #252 (3 verses)

1. We all believe in One True God - Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present Help in need, - Praised by all the heavenly host,
By whose mighty power alone - All is made and wrought and done.

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ, - Son of God and Mary's Son,
Who descended from His thrones - And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we - Rescued from all misery.

3. We all confess the Holy Ghost, - Who from both fore'er proceeds;
Who uphold and comforts us - In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blest and holy Trinity, - Praise forever be to Thee!

“Why I Am A Lutheran?” *Treasures of the Reformation*

TREASURE #1: “Sola Gratia” Saved by GRACE (in Baptism)

Rev. Herb Huhnerkoch - Peace, Kissimmee (Spanish)



REFORMATION HYMN. 1

“By Grace I’m Saved, Grace Free and Boundless”

TLH #373; vv. 1, 2 & 7

1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;

My soul, believe and doubt it not.

Why stagger at this word of promise?

Hath Scripture ever falsehood taught?

Nay; then this word must true remain;

By grace thou, too, shalt Heav'n obtain.

2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;

Our works and conduct have no worth.

God in His love sent our Redeemer,

Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;

His death did for our sins atone,

And we are saved by grace alone.

7. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;

In Jesus' promise I rejoice;

For though I know my heart's condition,

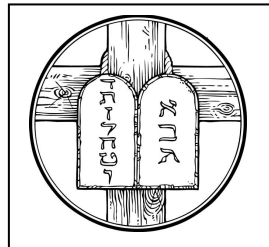
I also know my Savior's voice,

My heart is glad, all grief has flown,

SINCE I AM SAVED BY GRACE ALONE.

TREASURE #2: (Pillars of Doctrine) LAW & GOSPEL

Rev. Matthew Moldstad - Peace, Kissimmee



REFORMATION HYMN. 2

“The Law Commands and Makes Us Know”

TLH #289 (4 verses) -- Choir sings

(Words of Hymn on next page 4 ↗)

Choir: 1. The Law commands and makes us know
What duties to our God we owe; - But 'tis the Gospel must reveal
Where lies our strength to do his will.

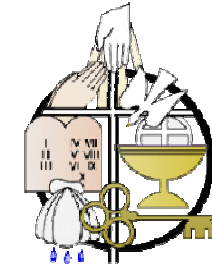
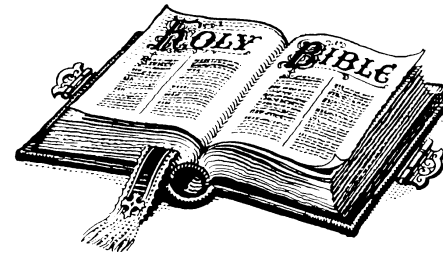
Choir Women: 2. The Law discovers guilt and sin
And shows how vile our hearts have been; - The Gospel only can express
Forgiving love and cleansing grace.

Choir Men: 3. What curses doth the Law denounce
Against the man who fails but once! - But in the Gospel Christ appears,
Pard'ning the guilt of numerous years.

Choir: 4. My soul, no more attempt to draw
Thy life and comfort from the Law - Fly to the hope the Gospel gives;
The man that trusts the promise lives.

TREASURE #3: (The Means of Grace) WORD & SACRAMENT

Rev. Peter Heyn - Peace, Lakeland



REFORMATION HYMN. 3 “O Lord, We Praise Thee” #313; vv. 1&3 M. LUTHER

1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy Body and Thy Blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!

May Thy Body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy Blood for us plead, In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor
To please Him with our behavior
And live as brethren here in love and union
Nor repent this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy Good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heavenly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!