





# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>  
**Date:** October 30, 2016

## ✠ The Order of Reformation Worship ✠

**Worship Preparation:** ..... *Psalm 46, TLH p. 134*

**Opening Prayer:** ..... *Luther's Morning Prayer*

**C:** In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. We give thanks unto Thee, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept us this night from all harm and danger; and we pray Thee that wouldst keep us this day also from sin and every evil, that all our doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with us that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

**Opening Hymn:** ..... *WS 774: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

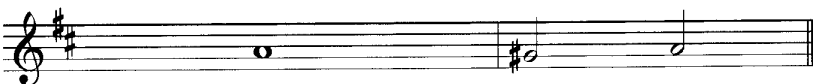
**Opening Liturgy:** ..... *The Order of Confessional Service, TLH p. 46*

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.*



C: A - - men.

*P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*



C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



**Second Lesson:** ..... *Romans 3:19-28*

**Sung Response:** ..... *Tune of TLH 465: Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

The Savior's voice is heard: "My true disciples be;  
Continue in My Word, the truth that sets you free."  
Alleluia! By faith alone God's grace we own. Alleluia!

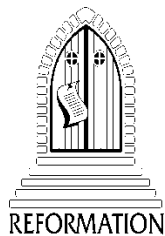
**Third Lesson:** ..... *John 8:31-36*

**Sung Response:** ..... *Tune of TLH 465: Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

The cross of Him who died within my heart I see.  
My life is opened wide and heaven beckons me.  
Alleluia! By faith alone God's grace we own. Alleluia!

**Choir:** ..... *By Faith*

**Creed:** ..... *Article IV of the Augsburg Confession, Justification*



**C:** It is also taught among us that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God by our own merits, works, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for His sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us. For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness. Amen.

**Hymn:** ..... *Praise to You, the Church's Lord (Tune of WS 786)*

1. Praise to You, the Church's Lord, For Your truth to us restored;  
For this threefold cornerstone: Scripture, grace, and faith alone,  
Scripture, grace, and faith alone.
2. For Your grace, unearned and free, Loving, seeking, pard'ning me,  
Giving me in heav'n a place – I am saved alone by grace.  
I am saved alone by grace.
3. For my faith, Your gift divine; Not through any works of mine  
Do I dare approach Your throne – I am saved by faith alone.  
I am saved by faith alone.
4. For the Scriptures, wholly true, Guide for all I believe and do,  
Means by which Your will is known – I will trust Your Word alone.  
I will trust Your Word alone.
5. May my heart within me burn, Never from these truths to turn.  
May I guard them all my days. May I give You thanks and praise.  
May I give You thanks and praise.

# MARTIN LUTHER'S COAT OF ARMS

## Devotion Introduction:

### The Black Cross

**Reading & Luther's Explanation:** ..... *Colossians 1:20*

**Colossians 1:20:** "The Son of God has made peace through the blood of His cross."

Luther says, "The first thing in my seal is a cross, black, within the red heart, to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saves us. 'For with the heart man believes unto righteousness.'"

## Devotion:

**Sung Response:** ..... *TLH 354, st. 1: In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

In the Cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.



### The Red Heart

**Reading & Luther's Explanation:** ..... *Hebrews 10:22*

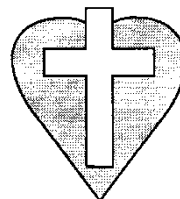
**Hebrews 10:22:** "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

Luther says, "Now, although the cross is black, shameful, and intended to cause pain, yet it does not change the color of the heart, does not destroy nature. In other words, it does not kill but keeps alive. 'For the just shall live by faith' - by faith in the Savior."

## Devotion:

**Sung Response:** ..... *TLH 179: On My Heart Imprint Thine Image*

On my heart imprint Thine image,  
Blessed Jesus, King of Grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures  
Have no power Thee to efface.  
This the superscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's Foundation,  
And my Glory and Salvation.



# The White Rose

**Reading & Luther’s Explanation:** .....Romans 5:1-2

Romans 5:1-2: “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Luther says, “This heart is fixed on the center of a white rose, to show that faith causes joy, comfort, and peace. The rose is white, not red, because white is the ideal color of all angels and blessed spirits.”

**Devotion:**

**Sung Response:** ..... TLH 394, st. 1: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
Oh, let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!



# The Blue Sky

**Reading & Luther’s Explanation:** .....1 Peter 1:3-4

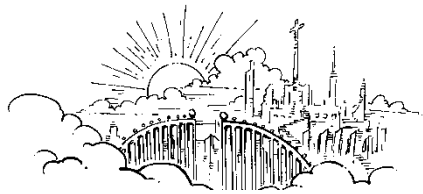
1 Peter 1:3-4: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.”

Luther says, “This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-colored background, to show that such joy of faith in the spirit is but a promise and beginning of heavenly joy to come. This joy, though not yet revealed, is looked forward to and held by the hope which we have.”

**Devotion:**

**Sung Response:** ..... TLH 660, st. 1: I’m But a Stranger Here

I’m but a stranger here,  
Heav’n is my home;  
Earth is a desert dread,  
Heav’n is my home.  
Danger and sorrow stand  
Round me on every hand;  
Heav’n is my fatherland,  
Heav’n is my home.



# The Golden Ring

## **Reading & Luther's Explanation:** .....Romans 8:18

**Romans 8:18:** "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Luther says, "Around this background is a ring, to show that such bliss in heaven is endless. And since the ring is made of gold, the best and most precious metal, it also shows that the bliss of heaven is more precious than all other joys and treasures."

## **Devotion:**

### **Hymn:** .....Tune of TLH 265: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

1. Your cross, O Christ, upon my heart  
Bespeaks the blessings You impart:  
Your cross did for my sins atone,  
And I am saved by faith alone.
2. A blooming flow'r, my life unfolds  
To celebrate the joy it holds:  
Sweet nectar from Your bounty flows,  
O Christ, my Messianic rose.
3. Encircled in a ring of gold,  
My heav'nly hope I now behold:  
Cross, heart, rose, and blue sky above  
Proclaim the wonders of Your love.

## **Offering & Prayers:**

### **The Lord's 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.

## **Benediction:**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** ..... *LSB 941: We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*



1 We\_\_\_ praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the  
 2 The\_\_\_ band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your  
 3 You,\_\_\_ Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing  
 4 You\_\_\_ sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right



Lord, The\_\_\_ Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored. To\_\_\_  
 praise; The\_\_\_ fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death less voic - es raise. The\_\_\_  
 Son, Yet\_\_\_ You, with bound - less love,\_\_\_ sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one: You\_\_\_  
 hand, Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand. We\_\_\_



You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing, The\_\_\_  
 mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a\_\_\_ great and no - ble throng, Sing\_\_\_  
 laid a - side Your glo - ry, were\_\_\_ born of vir - gin's womb, Were\_\_\_  
 know that You will come as our\_\_\_ Judge that fi - nal day, So\_\_\_



cher - u - bim and - ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring: "O\_\_\_  
 with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song: "O\_\_\_  
 cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb; Then\_\_\_  
 help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray; May\_\_\_



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth; Your\_\_\_  
 all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son, And\_\_\_  
 by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve— You\_\_\_  
 we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end, In\_\_\_



maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"  
 o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
 glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!



## ✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

◆ **Reformation:** Today the Minnesota Area CLC Reformation Festival will be held at 4:00 at Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN. The theme will be "The Lutheran Confessions: A Great Reformation Blessing." A fellowship luncheon will be served following the service. Guests planning on attending the meal afterwards are being asked to bring a dessert of any kind to share. Music for the service is available from our choir director. Those participating in the male chorus ("Christ Is Our Cornerstone" - practice at 3:20 p.m.), the joint choir ("By Faith" - practice at 3:30 p.m.) and the children's choir (Practice at 3:40 p.m.). As we begin the celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, we hope that you and your people will be able to join us in celebrating God's grace and our Biblical Lutheran heritage in these last days.



- ◆ **Fall Back:** Daylight Saving Time ends next weekend. Remember, turn your clocks back an hour.
- ◆ **Education Sunday:** With Pastor Hein's trip, a visitation team from Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be presenting a Christian Education Sunday here at Grace. Professor Paul Sullivan will be our guest speaker, teaching us about the great need of passing onto our children the teachings of God's Word. During Bible Class, Prof. Sullivan will also address how things are at Immanuel by interviewing two students, David Hein from the High School and Zack Sippert from the College. It should be a valuable presentation for all our parents and youth to hear. The upper two levels (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders) of Sunday School will join the Bible Class.
- ◆ **Poinsettias:** There is a signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias by the guest book at the entry to church. If anyone would like to purchase a plant for church, please indicate it by signing your name and plant information on the sheet. For questions, please contact Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **Liberia (From the Elders):** Pastor Hein will once again be traveling to Liberia from Oct. 31 to Nov. 12. The intent is to focus on training 5 pastors who have a heightened interest in the truth of God's Word. There will be other sessions with other interested pastors and lay people. He requests your prayers for the success of his trip. The Liberia Fund will help support part of the trip. While our congregation is not intending to take on a foreign mission on its own, it has supported some of what has been taking place there due to Alvin Jask's connection with Grace.
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran Musical:** The fall musical for Immanuel Lutheran, "She Loves Me," will be performed both on Nov. 11 and 12, 7:30 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. A band concert will precede it Friday night at 7 pm and a variety of student musical performances on Saturday night at 7 pm. The play has a similar plot-line as the movies "Shop Around the Corner" or "You've Got Mail."
- ◆ **Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day** is Nov. 11 beginning at 10 am in the ILC gymnasium for chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 3 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. Speak with your pastor about questions and attendance. Contact Prof. John Ude by Nov. 7. Office: 715-836-6631, home: 715-955-4127, e-mail [john.ude@ilc.edu](mailto:john.ude@ilc.edu).
- ◆ **2017 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** Plans are underway for the CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal in July. More information can be found at: [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/2017-nepal](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/2017-nepal).
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work: #7 – Fifth Commandment**

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Ryan Mueller**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob Vandever**

Counting Team 3: **Brian Eichstadt; Phil Flesner; Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow**

Hospitality Team 5: **Andrea Dahl; Pat & Dawn Paplow; Frank & Ann Radichel**

Church Cleaners: **R & H Nelson**     School: **Flesner**

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob Vandever**

Counting Team 4: **James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust**

Hospitality Team 6: **Alex & Bonnie Baker, Kevin & Tracy Baker; Phil & Rona Flesner**

Church Cleaners: **P & J Radichel**     School: **Holmberg**

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Oct. 30:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service  
 11:00 am – Hospitality  
 4:00 pm – MN Reformation Service (Inver Grove Hts.)
- Mon., Oct. 31:** Reformation Day (499<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Oct. 31, 1517)
- Oct. 31-Nov. 12:** Pastor's Trip to Liberia
- Wed., Nov. 2:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sun., Nov. 6:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School (Immanuel Presentation)  
 10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
 11:00 am – Hospitality
- Fri., Nov. 11:** Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors Day
- Nov. 11 & 12:** 7:00 pm – Concert and ILC Musical, "She Loves Me"
- Sun., Nov. 13:** Council Meeting
- Wed., Nov. 23:** 7:00 pm – Thanksgiving Worship Service

**Last Week's Stats:** Oct. 23, 2016    Sun.: 111    S.S.: 13    B.Cl.: 43    Wed.: 19

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,375.25	CLC:	\$1,049.29	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	1,000.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,075.25	CLC:	+49.29	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$124,362.45	CLC:	\$38,289.64	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	141,900.00	CLC:	43,000.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-17,537.55	CLC:	-4,710.36	
GLC Other:	1,207.11	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition Aid:	108.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	50.00	Kinship:	100.00
ILC Student Aid:	145.00	ILC Bldg.	20.00	IIF:	0.00
				CEF:	3.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	18,440.25	Tuition Aid:	604.62



**REFORMATION**

## **CLC E-Devotion – October 31, 2013**

Romans 1:16-17 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes ... as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

### **MARTIN LUTHER AND YOU**

Sometime in the fall of 1514 Dr. Martin Luther took up the study of the expression "the righteousness of God" in preparation for his classroom lectures at the University of Wittenberg. Though this expression had troubled Luther for a long time, he still continued to look to the Holy Spirit for help. He let Scripture interpret Scripture. And this time the Spirit of God added light to the Word He had preserved. But let Luther tell you himself:

"I hated the expression 'righteousness of God', which I had been taught to understand as that righteousness with which God is righteous and punishes the unrighteous sinner ... But, after days and nights of wrestling with the problem, God finally took pity on me, so that I was able to understand that the 'righteousness of God' is here that righteousness by which the righteous are saved by God's grace, namely, through faith; that is, that the righteousness of God which is revealed through the gospel is to be understood in a passive sense -- as that righteousness with which God through mercy justifies man by faith, as it is written, 'the just shall live by faith.'

"Now I felt exactly as though I had been altogether born again, and had entered paradise itself through open gates."

This was the historic experience that changed Luther's whole life and dramatically influenced western Christendom and the history of the world. But when all is said and done, to know the history of how this earthshaking revelation was made and to know Luther's "find" changed the history of the world in remarkable ways, is a waste of time and energy if we do not travel the same road.

What good is Reformation history or being a Lutheran or a church member, if we do not each ourselves despair of ever making ourselves righteous in God's sight, and rejoice in the righteousness which God gives us as a free gift through faith -- the very righteousness of His own dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

So, I beseech you, do not simply read the words we now read, do not simply confess as Luther confessed, but from your heart with all your soul confess as true for you what Luther believed -- by the grace of God through the working of the Holy Spirit.

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The true Gospel teaches that works and love do not dress or perfect faith, but that faith of itself is the gift of God and the divine work in the heart which justifies because it apprehends Christ the Savior Himself. Human reason looks to the Law: This I have done; this I have not done. – But when faith performs its proper office, it looks to absolutely nothing except Jesus Christ, the Son of God, given for the sins of the whole world. It does not look at love, does not say: What have I done? Which sin have I committed? What have I merited? It rather says: What has Christ done? What has He merited? – Martin Luther

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# Martin Luther's Coat of Arms

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The symbol on the bulletin cover is referred to as Luther's Coat of Arms, Luther's Seal, or Luther's Rose. Luther designed this while serving as Professor at Wittenberg. The exact date is unknown. It seems to be in use as early as 1519 or 1520. Prince John Frederick, who later was the protector of Martin Luther, commissioned a seal for Luther which he would wear as a ring. Luther wrote this letter to explain the original intent of his seal to Lazarus Spengler of Nuremburg, who was designing the ring. This letter was written on July 8, 1530, just two weeks after the presentation of the Augsburg Confession at the Diet of Augsburg:

“Grace and peace from the Lord.

As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of my theology.

The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. “For one who believes from the heart will be justified” (Rom. 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. “The just shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal.

This is my *compendium theologiae* [summary of theology]. I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation. May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen.”

Martin Luther, *Letter to Lazarus Spengler*, July 8, 1530, as included in the translation by Amy Marga from "Luthers Siegel: Eine elementare Deutung seiner Theologie," in *Luther* 67 (1996):66–87. Translation printed in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. XIV, Num. 4, Winter 2000, pg. 409-410.

