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REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

*Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God.
Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.*

Hebrews 13:7

DIVINE SERVICE Setting One

Hymn of Invocation # 901

Confession & Absolution p. 151

Introit

I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings
and shall not be put to shame.

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings
and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie p. 152

Gloria in Excelsis p. 154

Salutation & Collect p. 156

O God, our refuge and our strength, You raised up Your servant Martin Luther to reform and renew Your Church in the light of Your living Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Defend and purify the Church in our own day, and grant that we may boldly proclaim Christ's faithfulness unto death and His vindicating resurrection, which You made known to Your servant Martin through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:6-11 (ESV)

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:5-17 (ESV)

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) or " 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

"Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: St. John 15:1-11 (ESV)

[Jesus says] "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in Me,

and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in Him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

Nicene Creed	p. 158
Hymn of the Day	# 696
Sermon	Into Your Hand I Commit My Spirit
Prayer of the Church	
Into Your hands, O Lord,	
We commit ourselves, for You have redeemed us,	
O Lord, faithful God.	
Offering	
“ What Shall I Render	p. 159
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Distribution Hymns	# 395 (st. 1-4), 629, 594
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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

Welcome to worship as we commemorate the death of Martin Luther. Martin Luther died around 3 a.m. on February 18, 1546. That night, Luther prayed Psalm 31:5 four times: “Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.” Luther believed that “if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:5–17). This Christ-centered faith is the heart of Luther’s understanding of justification and salvation through Christ alone. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Annual Meeting: Please join us for our Annual Meeting after worship this morning. Potluck brunch will follow the meeting.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the 40 days of Lent, is March 1st. The theme of our mid-week worship will be “The Salutary Gift”.

Greeters are needed for the month of March. A sign-up sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

“**Thank You**” to the Weigum families and Judy Jose for the cookies last Sunday.

The February Human Care Project is collecting tuna for Women’s Action & Resource Center. Please leave your donations in the shelving unit in the entryway. Thank you.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick & recovering: Tom Bornemann, Buck Follis (father of Kim Senske), Anna Pischel, Cheryl Marsh (daughter of Ardella Halter), Delphine Traxel, & Brenda Weigum.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 109 Offerings: \$2,993.50

“You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.” By God’s grace we are His children – and we are called to be spitting images of our Father who is in heaven. Growing in holiness is not some abstract concept – it is growing into the image of God: in love, in generosity, in kindness, in humility. Where Jesus goes, we follow. How Jesus is, thus are we called to be.

† This Week at Concordia †

Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Voters Meeting
	10:30 am	Potluck Brunch
Monday	7:00 pm	Sarah Guild
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:30 pm	Catechism
	7:00 pm	Chime Practice
	7:30 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for March calendar
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin