Reformation Journey





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Week 1 ~ September 27

Memory

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Mark 16:16

Theme ~ Baptism Video: Luther's Birthplace Location: Old German Church Hymn: "God's Own Child" LSB



Pictures and memories of becoming a Child of God.



Where did Martin Luther's father take him the day after he was born?

Why?

What happens in our hearts when we are baptized?

The Bible says that our lives are a mess. We are born sinful. Our sinful nature, the world around us, and the devil conspire to lead us into sin every day of our lives. We don't have to think very hard to remember the last time we sinned. But God has provided a way to wash away our sin!

WORD BANK

gives	condemned	saved
arise	rescues	works

- 1. Baptism ______ forgiveness of sins.
- 2. Baptism ______ us from death and the devil.
- 3. Baptism ______ eternal salvation to all who believe.

4. Whoever believes and is baptized will be _____.

- 5. Whoever does not believe will be _____.
- 6. Baptism indicates that a new person should daily emerge and ______ to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

1. works, 2. rescues, 3. gives, 4. saved, 5. condemned, 6. arise,

Answers to fill in the blank:

The Holy Spirit puts faith in our hearts and we become God's children. God wants us to believe in Jesus and be baptized so that someday we can live with him in heaven.

To have Luther baptized.

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Memory

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

Colossians 3:20

Week 2 ~ October 4

Theme ~ God's Word Video: School House Location: German School House Hymn: "Luther's Evening Prayer"



How do both prayers begin?

How do they end?

What does Amen mean?

Who is our heavenly Father?

Who is the evil foe?

Why does he have no power over us? (See lesson 1)

What did Martin Luther's School look like?

What does (did) your school look like?



Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this

day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.



Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and gra-

ciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth; help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart.

Week 3 ~ October 11

Memory

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

Theme ~ Sin and Salvation

Video: Monastery

Location: Monastery

Hymn: "God Loves Me Dearly" LSB 392

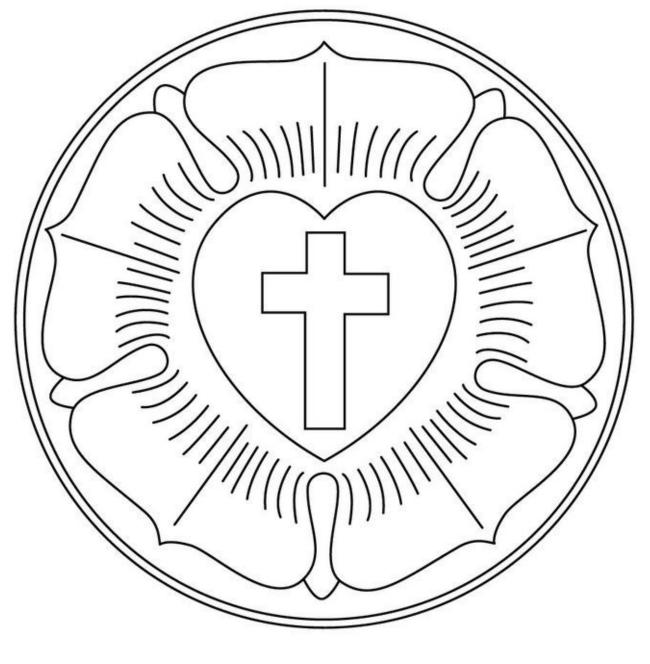


One of the important things Martin Luther God's love.

wanted people to know was that Jesus is their Savior. Jesus' death and resurrection paid the price for our sins. There is nothing we can do to earn forgiveness; the price has already been paid by Jesus, our Savior! This is what we call grace, the free gift of

"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12

How wonderful it is to know that Jesus is our Savior! Make an artistic collage with your family with a cross at the center as a reminder that Jesus is at the center of all we do. Decorate your collage with glitter, stickers or other special items you have at home



What

does

this

mean?

The <u>Gold Circle</u> reminds us of the joys of being with God in heaven. The circle is gold, a very precious metal, to remind us that heaven is more precious that any other treasure we have and that eternal life is endless.

The <u>Blue Circle</u> reminds of the joy we have in Jesus forgiving all our Sins.

The <u>White Circle</u> reminds us that the faith we have in Jesus brings us joy, comfort and peace. Jesus has promised to always be with us.

The <u>**Red Heart**</u> reminds us that Jesus gave His life on the cross to save us and forgives us. Because He loves us, He helps us love and care for others.

Finally the <u>Black Cross</u> reminds us that we don't have to earn our way to heaven but that Jesus paid the price for us by dying on the cross to that the punishment for our sins. Jesus dying on the cross frees us from our sin. Because of Jesus, we receive the free gift of God's love and forgiveness.

Week 4 ~ October 18

Memory

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 Theme ~ Reformation

Video: Indulgence Sales and Castle Church

Location: Castle Church in Saxony

Hymn:

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 594



On October 31, Martin Luther walked up to the church door. In one hand he carried his paper. In the other he carried a hammer and some nails. Tap, tap, tap! Went the hammer as Luther nailed his sentences to the church door.

The next morning as people came to worship, they stopped to read Luther's ideas. Those who could read the ideas told the others, "Luther says God tells us in the Bible that Jesus has earned our forgiveness. We don't have to buy John Tetzel's papers to get rid of our sins!" October 31, the day this happened is called Reformation Day because this was the start of reforming the church.

- 1. What kind of work did Martin do at this time?
- 2. As Martin Luther read his Bible what did he learn about God and about God's Son, Jesus?
- 3. Who visited Luther's town one day?
- 4. Tetzel was selling some papers. Why did many people buy them?
- 5. Why was Luther angry when he heard what Tetzel was doing?
- 6. What name do we give the day that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door?

Reformation at Home: Practice counting! Try to find a large collection of items and count out 95 of them. (Pennies, M&M's, marshmallows, Legos or pasta noodles might be good items for counting.)

Answers: 1. He was a teacher and pastor. 2. That God loved him; that Jesus had died for his sins; that he did not have to be atraid of God. 3. A monk named John Tetzel. 4. They thought the papers would bring forgiveness of sins. 5. He knew that God forgives sin because Jesus died for us and that when we believe this, God saves us. 6. Reformation Day.

Ninety-five is a pretty big number! On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 sentences on the church door for everyone to read. These sentences were about things the church was doing wrong. Luther wanted everyone to know the truth. Because Luther studied the Bible, he came to learn that Jesus earned the forgiveness for sins by dying on the cross.

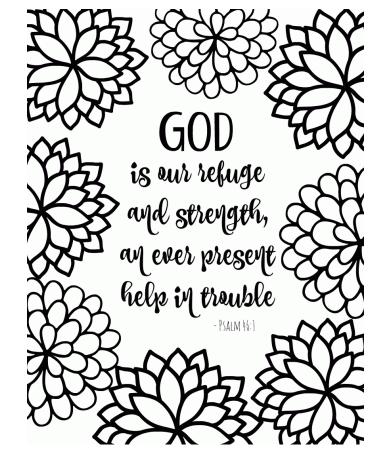


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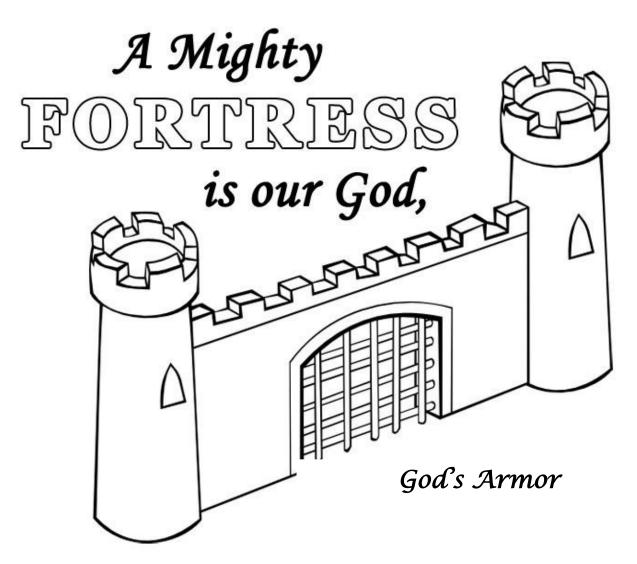
- \Rightarrow Martin Luther spoke out against indulgences and corruption in the church.
- He advocated Justification by Faith
- \Rightarrow As a result
- Indulgence sales went down
- The decline in revenue began to affect the finances of the Church

Week 5~ October 25

Theme ~ God is our refuge. Video: Wartburg Castle Location: Wartburg Castle Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is our God" LSB 656



What are some troubles we face today. How can God help us?



Read Ephesians 6:10-20. Then fill in the blanks with what God gives us to face our enemies. (Use words or pictures.)

The breastplate of

The shield of

The helmet of

Week 6 ~ October 31

Memory

We love because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19

Theme ~ God is Love

Video: Fish Market and Luther's Home

Location: Fish Market

Luther's Home

Hymn: "From Heaven Above, to Earth I Come" LSB 358



Look through your book. What are some things you have learned or important things you were reminded of on your Reformation journey?

Who might you want to share this book with?



For God so loved the world (finish this verse from John 3:16)

