

# Christ Lutheran Church

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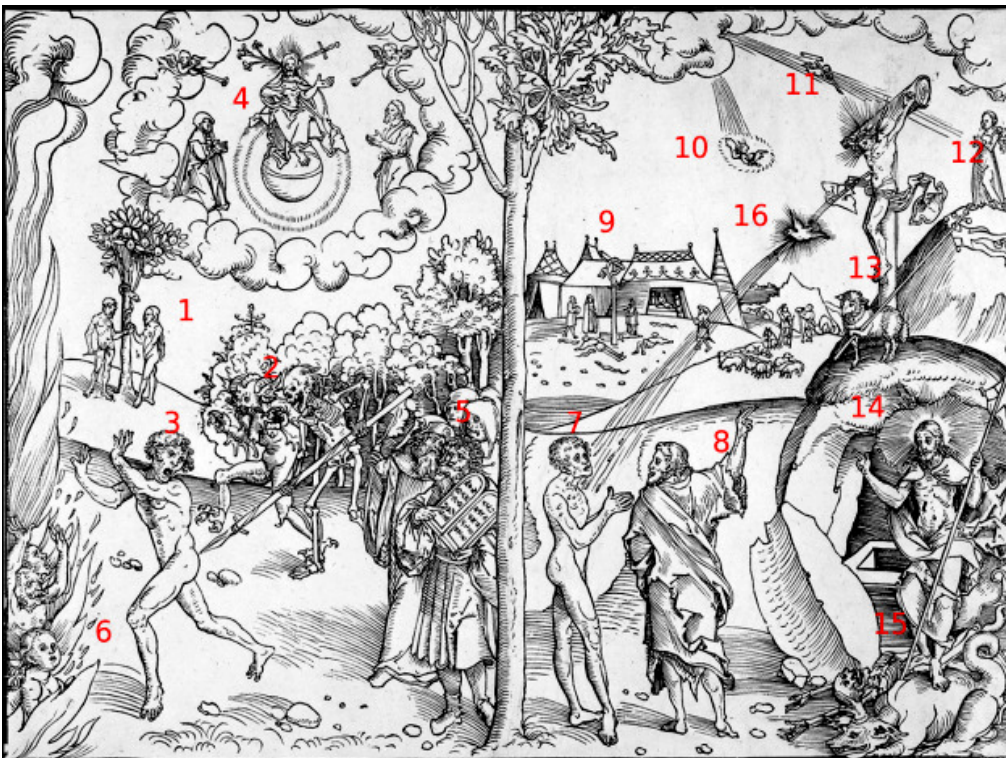
In reading the Bible, we need to understand two teachings God gives – Law and Gospel. If we do not properly distinguish the two, we will be confused as to how we are saved for eternal life.

God's Law includes all parts of the Bible where He commands how we are to live and not to live. In the Ten Commandments, God summarizes His Law in words like: *"You shall...You shall not..."* (Exodus 20). Jesus summarized the Law in two parts, commanding us to love God above all and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Luke 10:27). But the Law cannot give us peace with God, for we fail to meet His standard of perfection (Mathew 5:48). The Law shows our guilt and pronounces judgment: *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"* and *"the wages of sin is death"* (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

God's Gospel is different. It does not speak of what we must do, but what God in His love has done to save us. He sent His Son to live the perfect life we cannot, to fulfill the Law for us. God sent His Son to the cross for our sins, to satisfy the Law's justice. Therefore, *"the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:23). This gift is received by faith in Jesus' finished work, not by our own works (Ephesians 2:8-9).

While God's Law convicts us in our sin, His Gospel comforts us in our perfect Savior. Be assured that Jesus has done everything necessary to forgive and reconcile you to God for eternal life. Then faith will respond as it always does – delighting to love God and neighbor, purely out of joy and thankfulness for His goodness.

Below is a woodcut by Lucas Cranach, a contemporary of Martin Luther during the Reformation, entitled "Law and Grace." The explanation is taken from [wolfmueeller.wordpress.com](http://wolfmueeller.wordpress.com). In God's grace, Pastor Smith



1. Adam and Eve, eating the forbidden fruit. Notice the snake wrapped around the tree.
2. Death and the devil, driving men to hell with the fear of death and the condemnation of the law.
3. That guy is you, goosed into hell because of your sin.
4. Here is Christ coming in judgment. Notice the flower (the Gospel) coming out of His mouth for those on His right, while the sword (the law) coming from His mouth for those on His left.
5. Moses, the lawgiver, holding the Ten Commandments. The Commandments are the verdict of our guilt and condemnation.
6. Hell, the desperate destruction of those who die apart from the blood of Jesus.
7. That's you again, looking much happier on the Gospel side of the woodcut.
8. John the Baptist is preaching to you, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," (John 1:29), pointing to Jesus, dying on the cross for you.

9. Here's a picture of Moses again, this time with the tabernacle. There's a cross out front with the bronze serpent out front to which the people look and are saved (see John 3:14-15; Numbers 21:7-9). I think there is manna scattered on the ground.

10. Here's the angel preaching to the shepherds and announcing the birth of our Lord Jesus.

11. Baby Jesus, descending from heaven to the womb of Mary. Jesus is bringing His cross with Him!

12. Mary, blessed by the Lord, pregnant with Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

13. Jesus on the cross, satisfying the wrath of God for all sinners. The Lamb in front indicates that this is a sacrifice, in fact, the atoning sacrifice. The Lord's cloth is being blown by the wind, indicating that the Holy Spirit brings the preaching of Christ to us.

14. Jesus risen from the dead, preaching peace to you, stomping death and the devil under His feet (Hebrews 2:14; Psalm 110:1)

15. The spear with which the devil was driving us to hell has been stripped away, and used against them.

16. The Holy Spirit brings the atoning blood of Jesus to you, in the preaching of the Gospel, in Baptism and in the Lord's Supper. Here, in the Gospel, we have life and salvation.

# In Light of God's Reformation Blessings

(A newsletter of our ELS Board for Home Outreach)

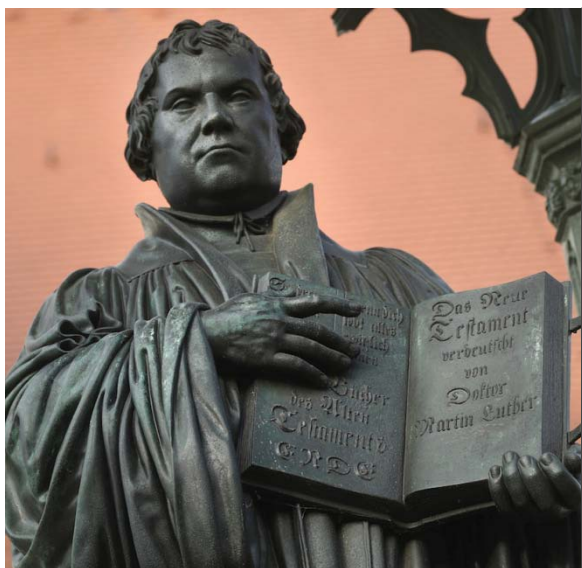
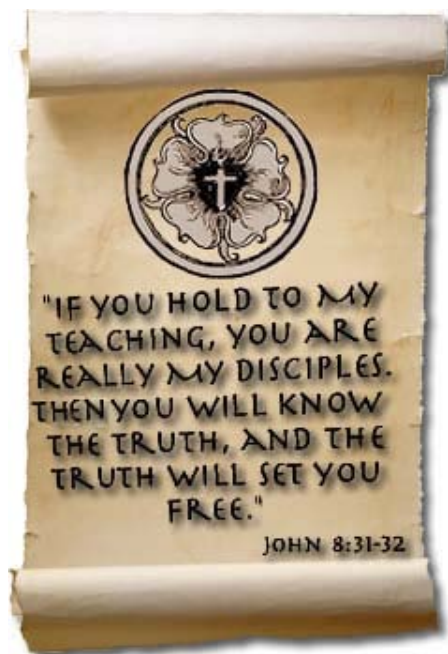
On October 31<sup>st</sup> every year the Lutheran Church commemorates the anniversary of the Reformation, which began in 1517 when Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church. The 95 theses were written by Martin Luther and they addressed several problems in the church that he wanted to discuss with the other priests and professors at Wittenberg.

Through the Reformation, Luther ended up leaving the Catholic Church and began what became known as the Lutheran Church. In the Lutheran Church, we also celebrate the freedom to worship and live led by the Word of God, a freedom that we consider as our Reformation blessing. This blessing affords us the opportunity to enjoy the forgiveness of sins, live at peace with God the Father and the promise of eternal salvation.

To be sure, the work of Martin Luther and the Reformation is important to the Lutheran Church and we thank

God for the blessings of his work. However, it is not Luther or the Reformation that we worship. It is God! He called us out of the darkness of sin into the wonderful light of salvation through the life, death and resurrection of His only beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus lived a sin free life, and when the time was right He exchanged His sinless life for the sins of the world. He took them to the cross where He died to make full satisfaction for their guilt. While He walked on earth, He taught many lessons that have been recorded in the Bible. In one of those lessons He said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

Jesus makes us free. What a blessing! It is God's desire that all of us come to the knowledge of this freedom while we live here on earth so that we will spend eternity with Him in heaven. Hold on to Jesus. He forgives your sins. He sets you free.



## Regional Reformation Service

*To be held*

*Saturday, October 27 at 11:00 AM*

*At*

*Christ Lutheran Church  
127 N. Spring St., Klamath Falls*

*Preacher: Rev. Edward Bryant  
(Faith Lutheran Church, Medford)*

*A free meal will be provided afterwards.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <i>Happy Birthday Cade Harrington</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Jesus Cares Ministry for Special Needs 2:00 PM	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <i>Pentecost 20</i>  Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	<b>11</b> Outreach Activity at Rogue River Place 10:30 AM  CLWMS Ladies Meeting 3:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <i>Pentecost 21 / ELS Founder's Day</i>  Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Council Meeting 4:30 PM	<b>17</b> <i>Happy Birthday Elizabeth Karp</i>  Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	<b>18</b>  Circuit Pastors Meeting Myrtle Creek	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <i>Pentecost 22</i>  Worship with Communion 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	<b>25</b> <i>Happy Birthday Neal Eberlein</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Regional Reformation Service Christ Lutheran Klamath Falls • Service: 11:00 AM • Lunch afterwards  <i>Happy Birthday Will Morrow</i>
<b>28</b> <i>Reformation Sunday</i>  Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 AM Worship at Crystal Terrace 1:00 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Happy Birthday Virgil Teigland</i>	<b>31</b> <i>Reformation Day</i>  Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	<p><i>“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”</i></p> <p><i>Ephesians 2:8-9</i></p>		

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