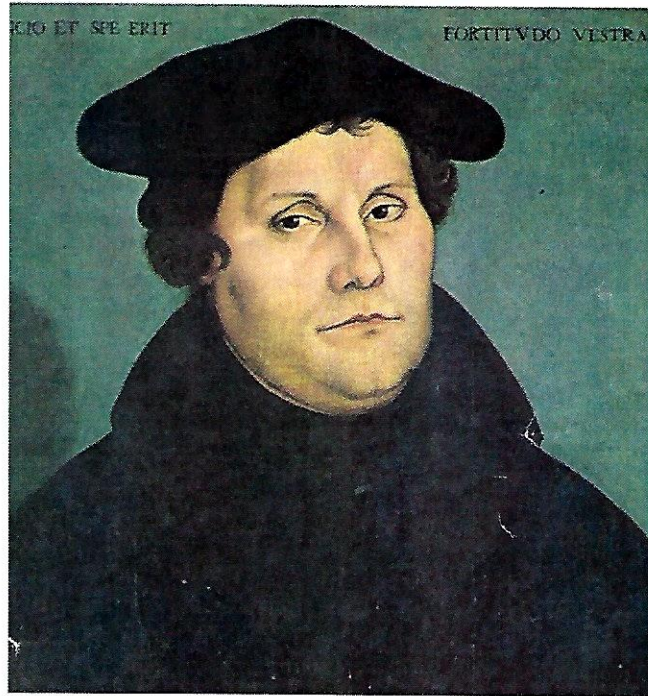


A Celebration of the **R**eformation

*a teaching service about the Reformation
with special music including music by J. S. Bach*



3:30 p.m.

October 31, 2010

First Lutheran Church

1207 Broadway, Knoxville, Tenn.



VDMA stands for the Latin phrase: Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum or in English: The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. This battle cry of the Reformation can be found in various hymns such as in A Mighty Fortress: "The Word they still shall let remain." It reminds that the Scriptures are the only sure guide for faith and life.

The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24-25. It first appears in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. It was used by Frederick's successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them.

A Reformation Timeline

- 1517 **Luther nails *Ninety-five Theses* to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, October 31**
- 1520 Pope Leo X issues papal bull *Exsurge, Domine* and gives Luther sixty days to recant; Luther later burns the bull
- 1521 Luther excommunicated by papal bull *Decet Romanum Pontificem*; appears before the imperial Diet of Worms and refuses to recant and is sent into exile
- 1524 Peasant's War begins
- 1525 Luther marries Katharina von Bora (former nun)
- 1527 Plague strikes Wittenberg; the Luthers turn their home into a hospital
- 1529 **Luther publishes *Large Catechism* and *Small Catechism***
Luther, Melanchthon, and Zwingli meet for Marburg Colloquy; unable to agree on the doctrine of the Lord's Supper
Following Second Diet of Speyer, term *Protestant* used to refer to those who agree with Luther
- 1530 ***Augsburg Confession* presented to Charles V at Diet of Augsburg, June 25**
- 1531 *Augsburg Confession* and *Apology* published, April – May; *Apology's* second edition published, September
- 1534 **Luther publishes complete German Bible**
- 1536 Luther, Melanchthon, and Englishmen Edward Fox and Robert Barnes agree to *Wittenberg Articles*; rejected by Zwinglians; Wittenberg Concord
- 1538 Luther's *Smalcald Articles* published
- 1540 Melanchthon's *Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope* published
- 1545 Council of Trent's first session
- 1546 Luther dies at Eisleben, February 18
- 1547 Smalcaldic League defeated by Charles V at Battle of Mühlberg, April 24
- 1548 *Augsburg* and *Leipzig Interims* imposed to stop conflicts in Protestant territories
- 1555 *Peace of Augsburg* allows Lutherans equal rights in Holy Roman Empire
- 1563 Council of Trent ends, settling Roman doctrine and establishing Roman Catholic Church
- 1575 Crypto-Calvinists fully exposed in Wittenberg; Lutheranism restored by Augustus I
- 1576 Torgau Conference; *Formula of Concord's* "Epitome" completed
- 1577 *Formula of Concord's* "Solid Declaration" completed
- 1580 ***Book of Concord* published on the 50th Anniversary of the *Augsburg Confession*, June 25**
- 1598 *Formula of Concord* subscribed in Strasbourg

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Prelude (Organ and Trumpets)

Ein feste Burg arr. Robert Powell

Words of Welcome and Opening Sentences

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made; *Psalm 118:24*
P let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting, *Psalm 113:3*
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L** I will also speak of your testimonies before kings *Psalm 119:46*
C and shall not be put to shame
- L** Sanctify them in Your truth. *John 17:17*
C Your Word is truth.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting, *Psalm 113:3*
C The name of the Lord is to be praised.
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.

Hymn (text below)

God's Word is Our Great Heritage

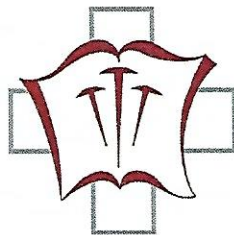
Text: Nikolai Fredrik Severin Grundtvig; Tune: Ein Feste Burg (656)

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
Throughout all generations.

First Teaching

Luther's Ninety-five Theses

"Is not My Word like a Hammer?" — Jeremiah 23:29



Hymn 655

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: Erhalt Uns, Herr

Second Teaching

The Imperial Diet of Worms

"So I always take pains to have a clear conscience..."—Acts 24:16

Choral Anthem

Here I Stand

Text & Tune: Karla Hood

Third Teaching

The Bible and the Reformation

"...for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest"—Hebrews 8:11

Hymn 658 stanzas 1, 4

Preserve Your Word, O Savior

Text: Andreas Gryphius; Tune: Munich

Fourth Teaching

The Augsburg Confession

"I will also speak of your testimonies before kings..."—Psalm 119:46

Hymn 555 stanzas 1, 3, 6, 9

Salvation unto Us Has Come

Text: Paul Speratus; Tune: Es Ist Das Heil

Fifth Teaching

The Arts of the Reformation and J. S. Bach as the Fifth Evangelist

"Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!"—Psalm 108:2

Voluntary (Organ and Trumpet)

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sixth Teaching

The Book of Concord

"The Word of the Lord endures forever"—1 Peter 1:24-25



Hymn 556

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: Etlich Christlich liden

Stanza 1	Choir
Stanza 2	Congregation
Stanza 3	Choir
Stanzas 4-5	Congregation, Choir & Instrumentalists

+ Seventh Teaching: Sermon +

Preacher: *Rev. Paul Bushur, First Lutheran Church*

Hymn 556 continued

Stanza 6	Choir
Stanza 7	Congregation
Stanza 8	Choir
Stanzas 9-10	Congregation, Choir & Instrumentalists

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Offering

Bell Choir Voluntary: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word (*arr. S. Eithum*)

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

...

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

L Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Evening Prayer (from Luther's *Small Catechism*)

C **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 graciously 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.**



Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

Hymn 656

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Text: Martin Luther; Tune: Ein feste Burg

Prelude	Organ
Stanza 1	Congregation
Stanza 2	Choir only
Transition	Organ
Stanza 3	Congregation, Choir & Instrumentalists
Stanza 4	Congregation, Choir & Instrumentalists

Announcements: Following the service, we welcome everyone to the Meal, Reformation Art Display, and Art Contest awards ceremony in the gymnasium

Organ Postlude

Postludium on *Ein feste Burg* (arr. Charles Callahan)

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Choir: Mrs. **Karen Farris**, Director

Handbells: Mr. **Wayne Poore**, Director

Meal: Mr. **Jeff Baerns** of Brickyard Barb-b-que of Powell, Tennessee; Mrs. **Susan Haun**, Parish Fellowship

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Art Contest Judges: Mr. **Jered Sprecher** (UT Assistant Professor of Art), Mrs. **Terrie Yeatts** (artist),

Mrs. **Amanda Hillard** (artist and First Lutheran art instructor)

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