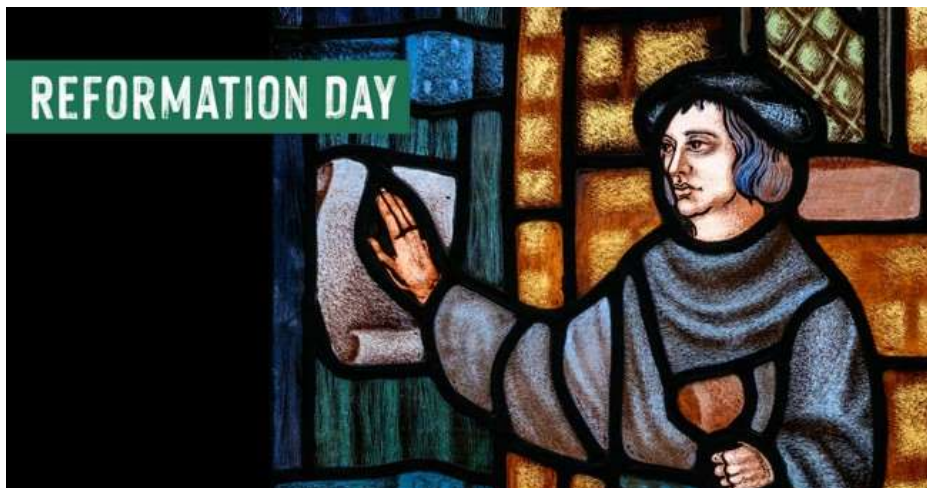




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creator of heaven and earth.

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and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you,

and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me,

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Amen.

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so that our life and actions may please you.

Into your hands we commend ourselves:
our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.

Let your holy angels be with us,
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BLESSING

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Thanks be to God.

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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TODAY			Oct 25
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10:00	-	Worship – Sanctuary (Reformation Sunday)	
11:00	-	Sunday School, Brunch, Confirmation and Adult Education	
12:00	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM	
MONDAY			Oct 26
Mum Orders Due By noon today			
<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>			
TUESDAY			Oct 27
6:30	-	Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	
WEDNESDAY			Oct 28
8:30	-	Folding Bulletins	
1:30	-	Prayer Time	
2:00	-	Pastor's Bible Study – St. Paul House Conference Room	
THURSDAY			Oct 29
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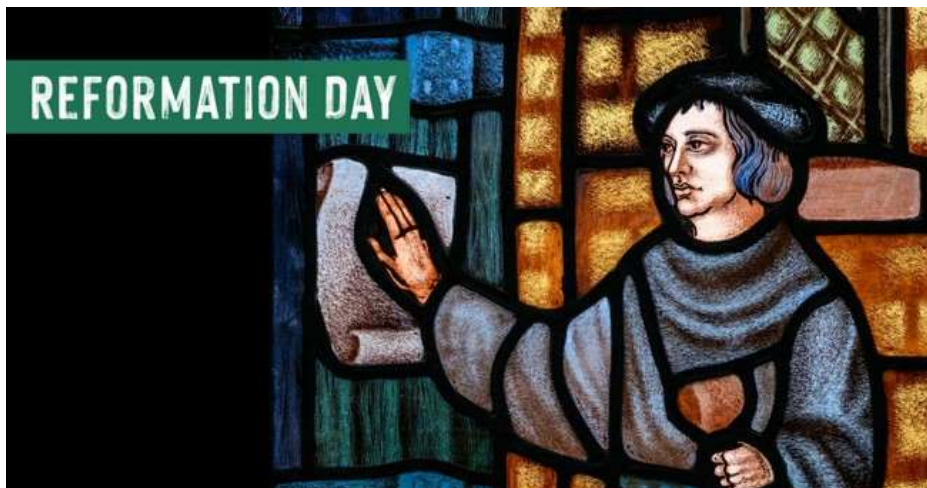
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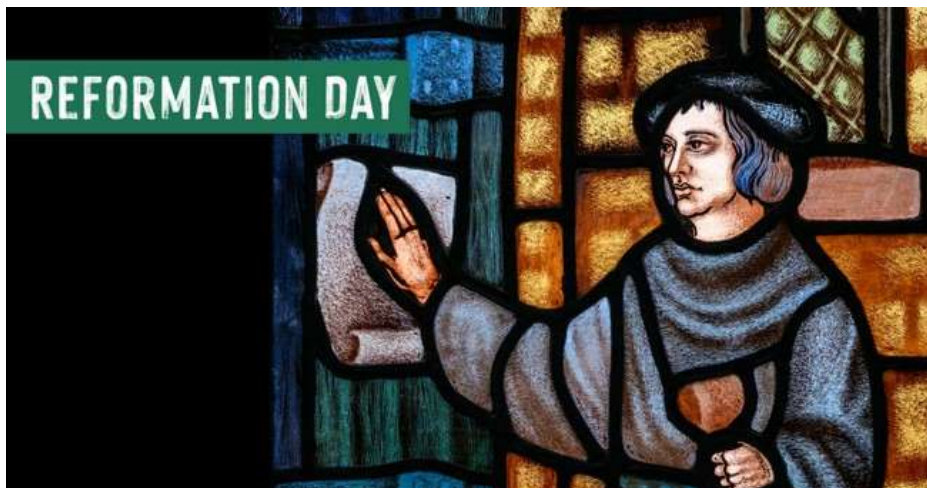
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Let my mouth be full of your praise

and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you,

and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me,

bless God's holy name.

You redeem my life from the grave,

and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.

Lord, hear my prayer,

and let my cry come before you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, as we remember the Reformation, we thank you for all those who have worked to hold the church accountable to its mission. Protect them as they speak truth to power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for the beauty of the world's islands, coastlines, and low-lying places. Keep them and their inhabitants safe from harm. Hear us, O God.

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We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionary Liv in West Asia, serving with the Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Grace Lutheran Church in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Today we also give you thanks for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alice, Texas and their pastor, Alicia Carlisle. Bless their work for your Kingdom's sake.

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Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your dear Son,
that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger.

We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil,
so that our life and actions may please you.

Into your hands we commend ourselves:
our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.

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SENDING

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

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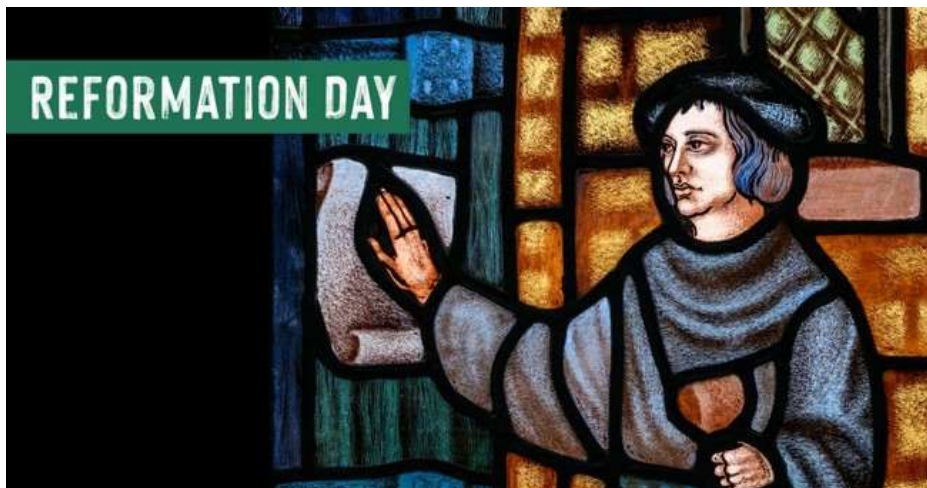
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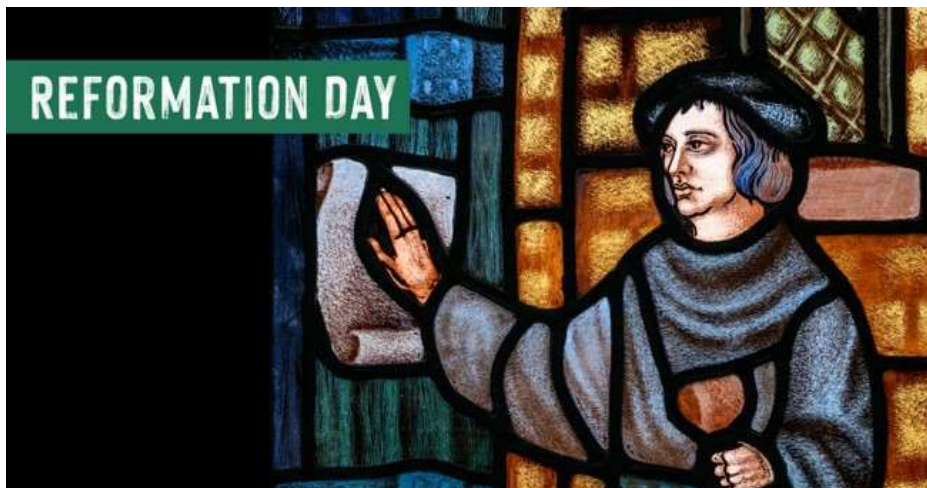
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Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (v. 1, 2, 4)

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PRAYERS

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Let my mouth be full of your praise

and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you,

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O God of our salvation,

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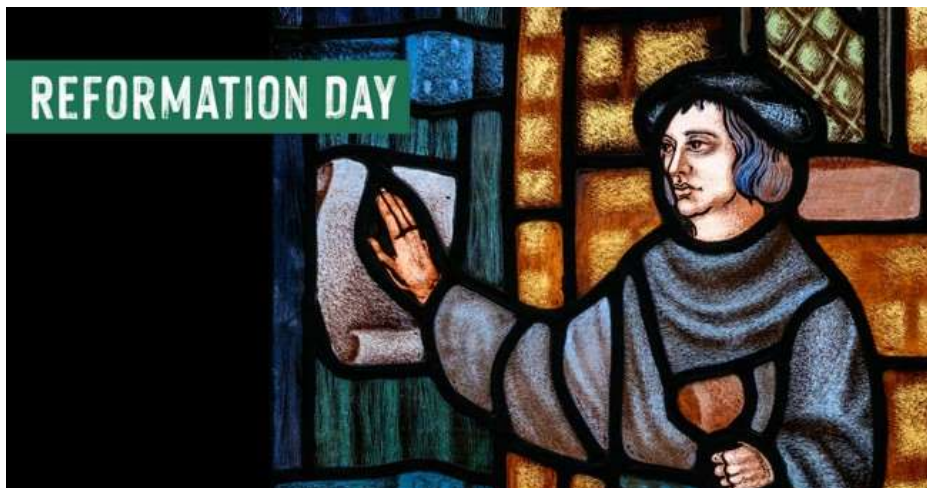
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O hope of all the ends of the earth

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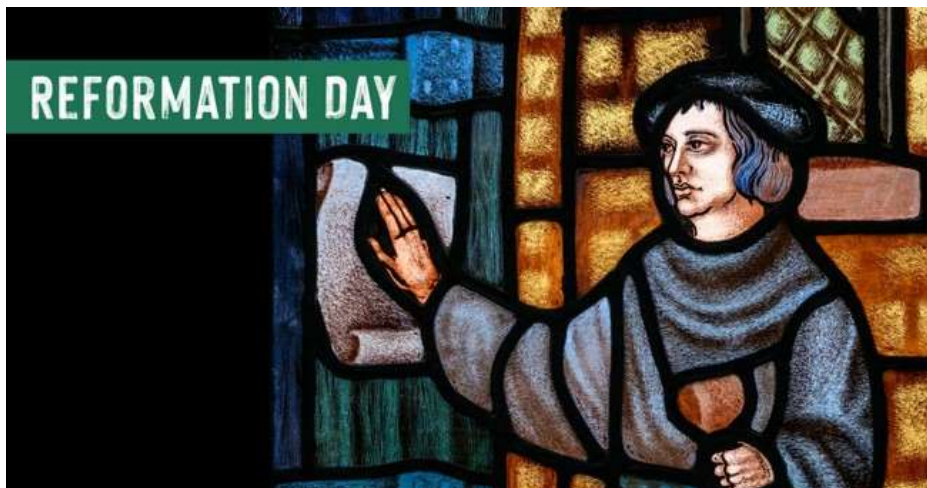
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he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
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The word of the Lord.

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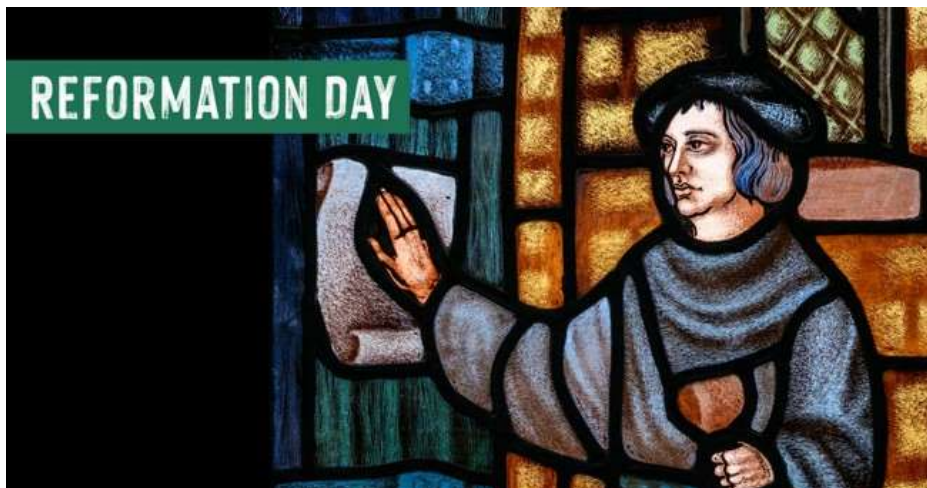
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Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

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Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,
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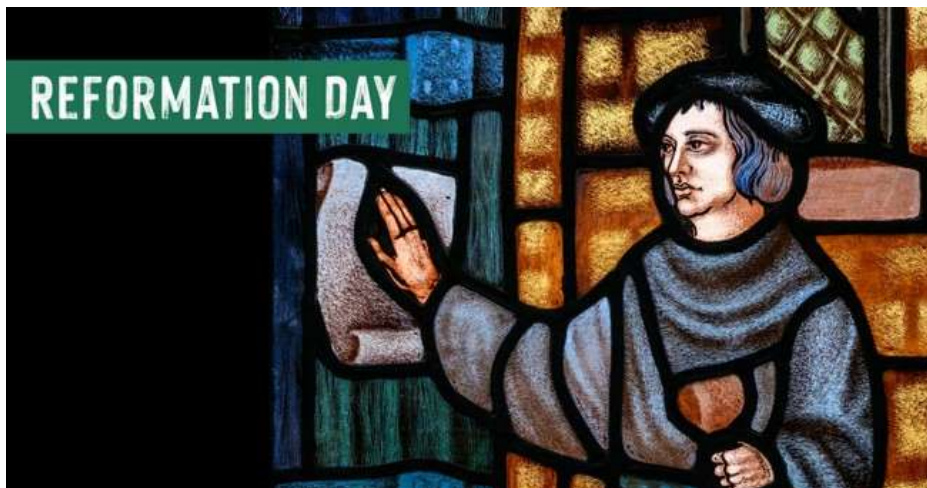
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Creation groans from overuse.

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Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

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Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

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GATHERING SONG

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

P. 836

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
Have mercy on us.

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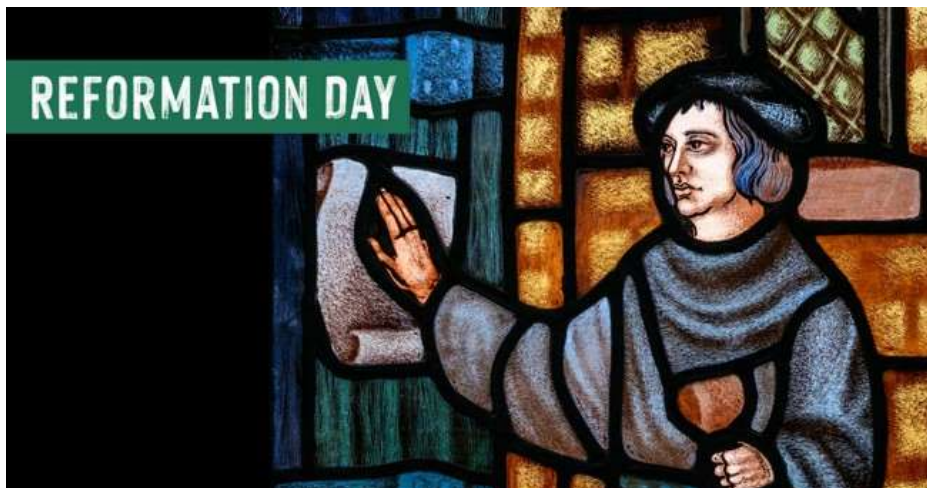
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“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

P. 836

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thy kingdom come,
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and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you,

and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me,

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SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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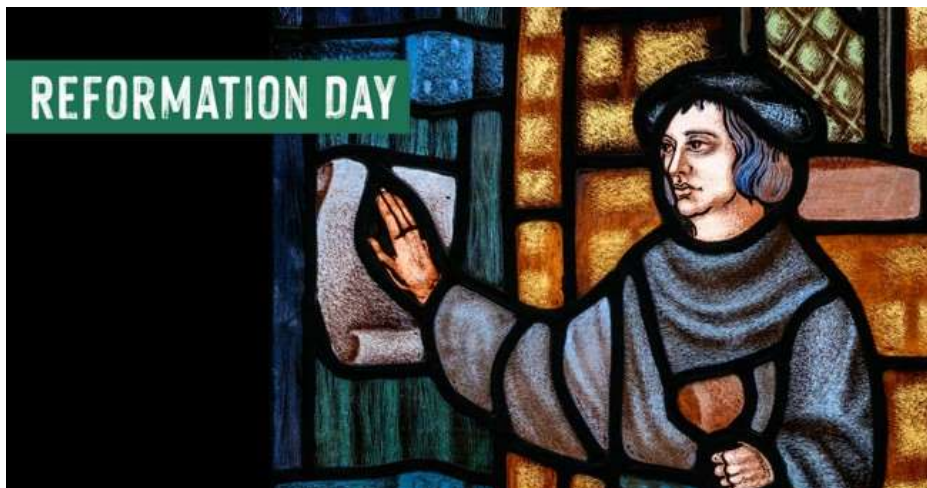
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WALK WITH US AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST!

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We Remember in Prayer

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INTRODUCTION**

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
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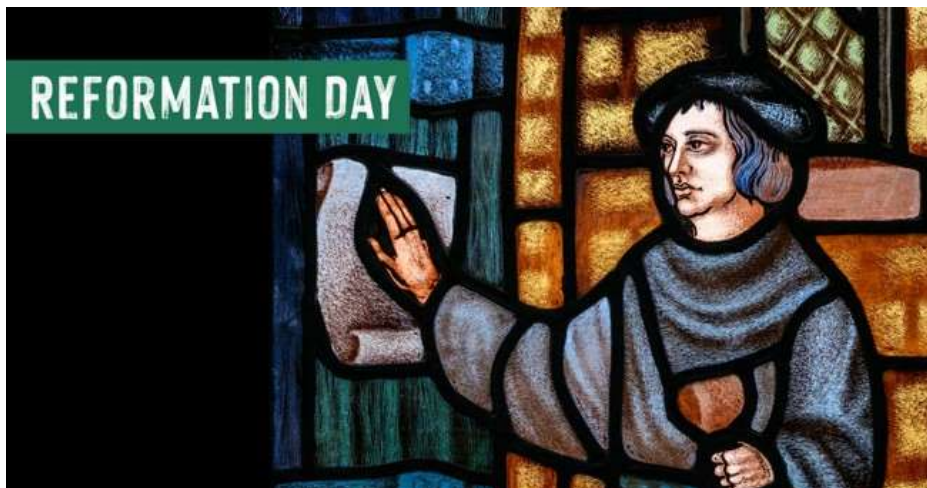
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and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you,

and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

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and all that is within me,

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"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

P. 504

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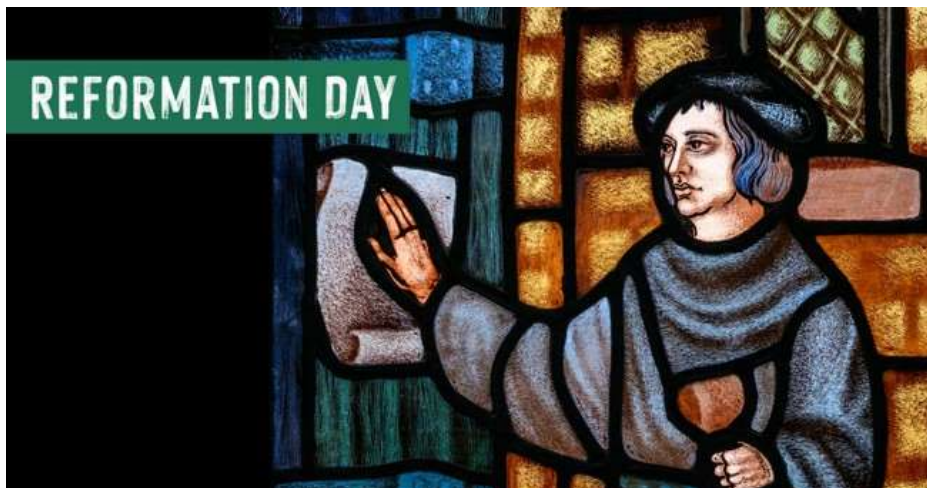
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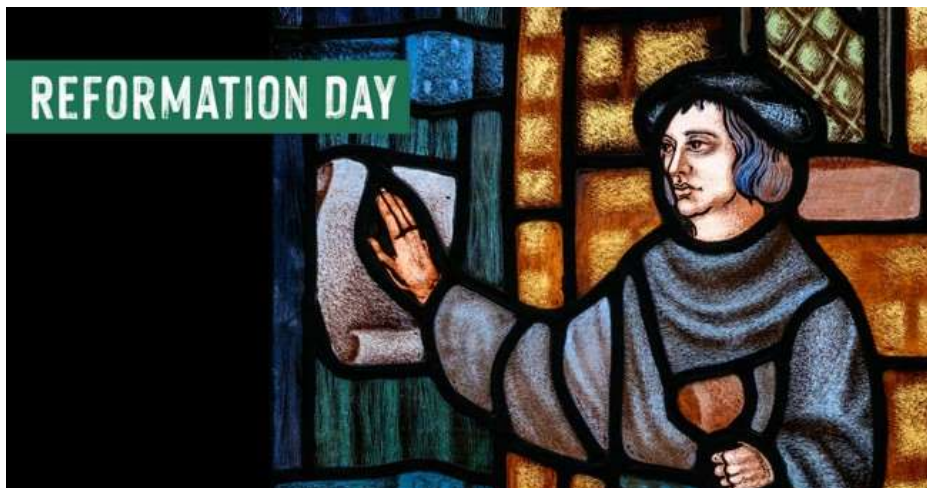
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O hope of all the ends of the earth

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Amen.

Let us pray.

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We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil,
so that our life and actions may please you.

Into your hands we commend ourselves:
our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.

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SENDING

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

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SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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DISMISSAL

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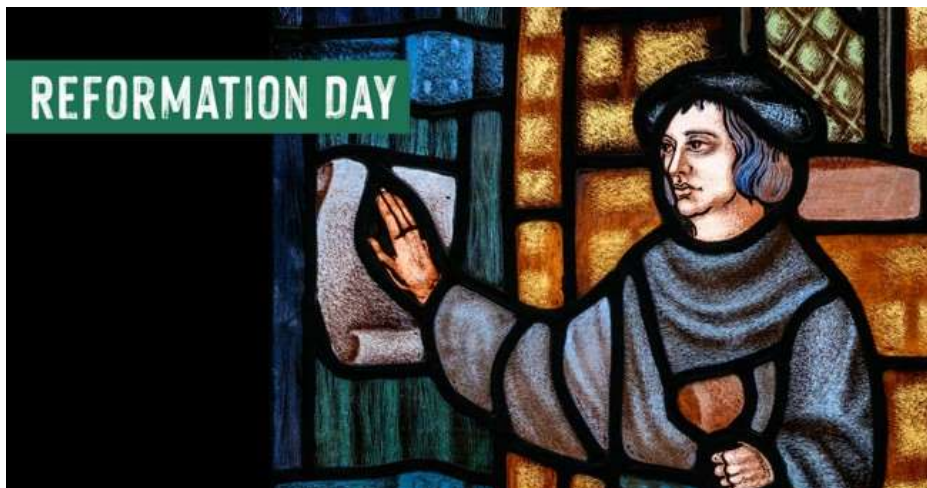
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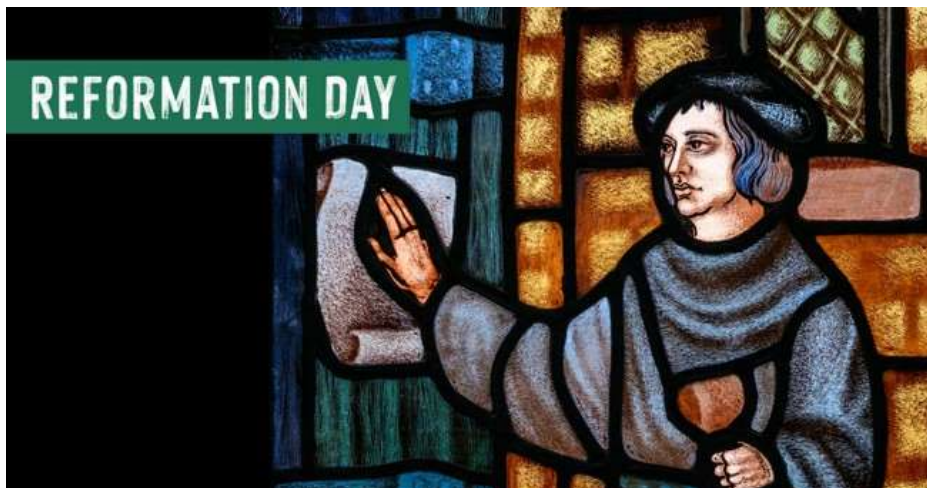
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Let my mouth be full of your praise

and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you,

and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

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Lord, hear my prayer,

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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A brief silence.

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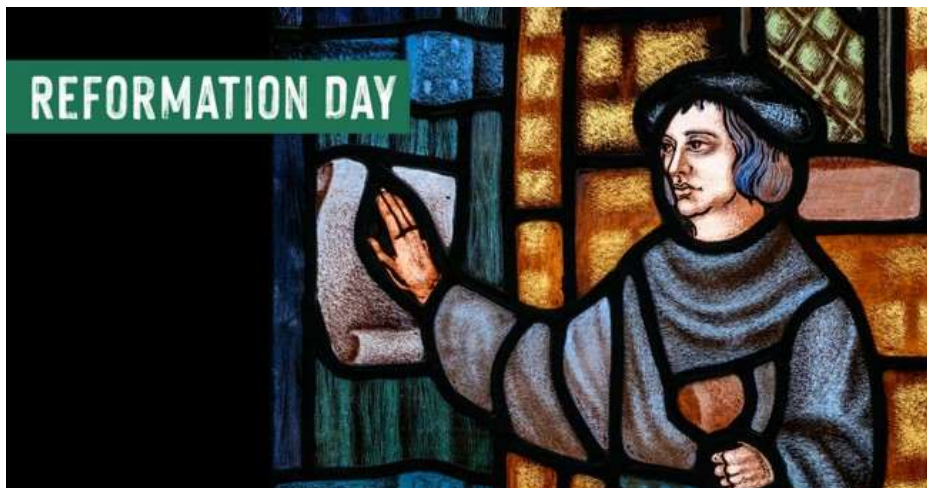
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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (v. 1, 2, 4)

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PRAYERS

O Lord, I cry to you for help.

In the morning my prayer comes before you.

Let my mouth be full of your praise

and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you,

and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me,

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SENDING SONG

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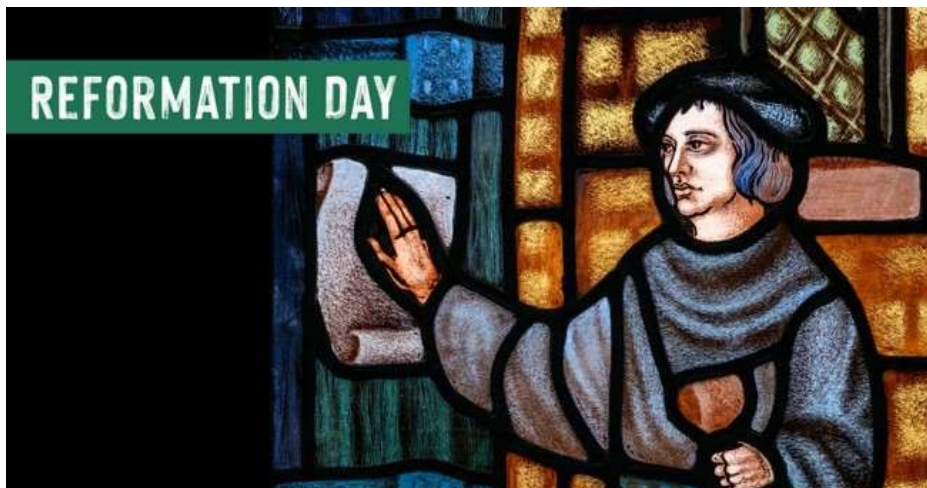
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RESPONSIVE PRAYER

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creator of heaven and earth.

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suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
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On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
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The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:34-46

Glory to you, O Lord.

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The gospel of the Lord.

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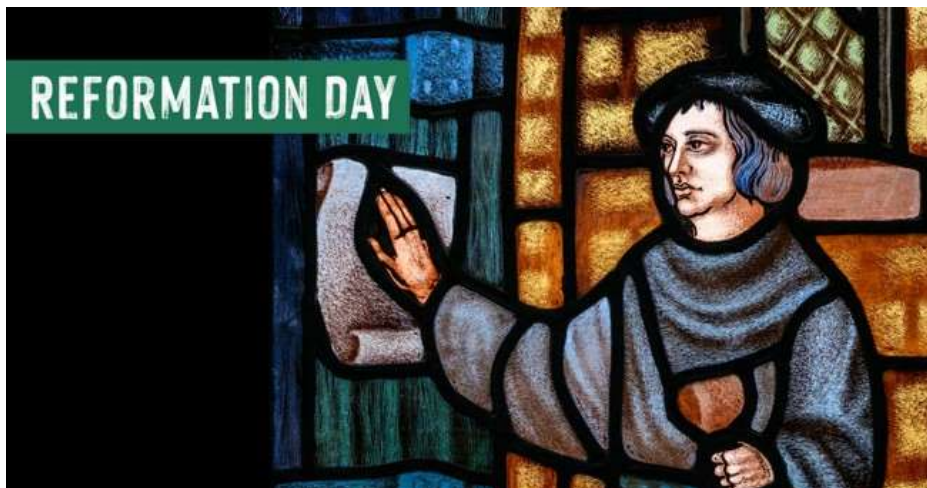
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O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

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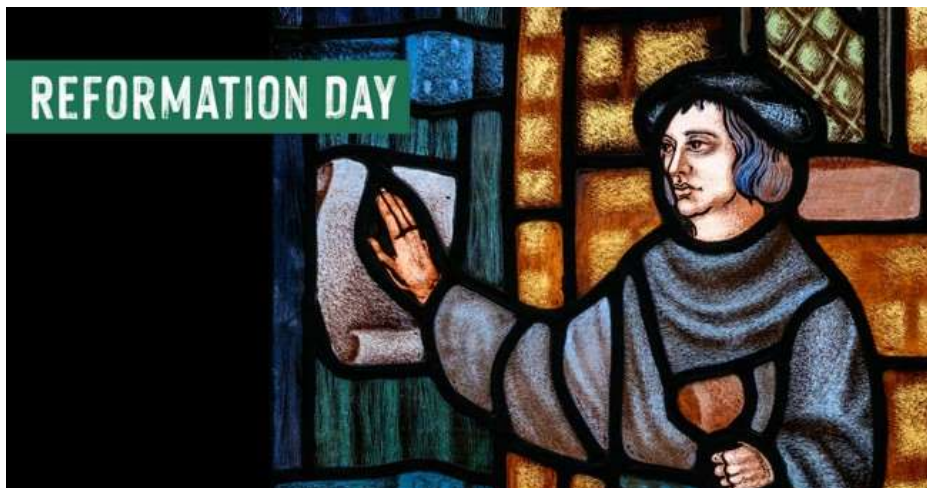
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he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
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I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
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Let us pray.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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Psalm: Psalm 1

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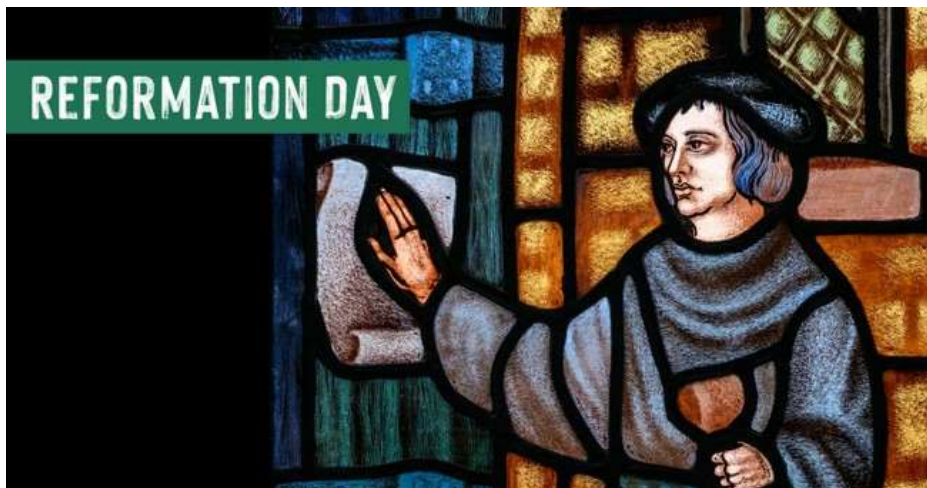
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Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

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and all that is within me,

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SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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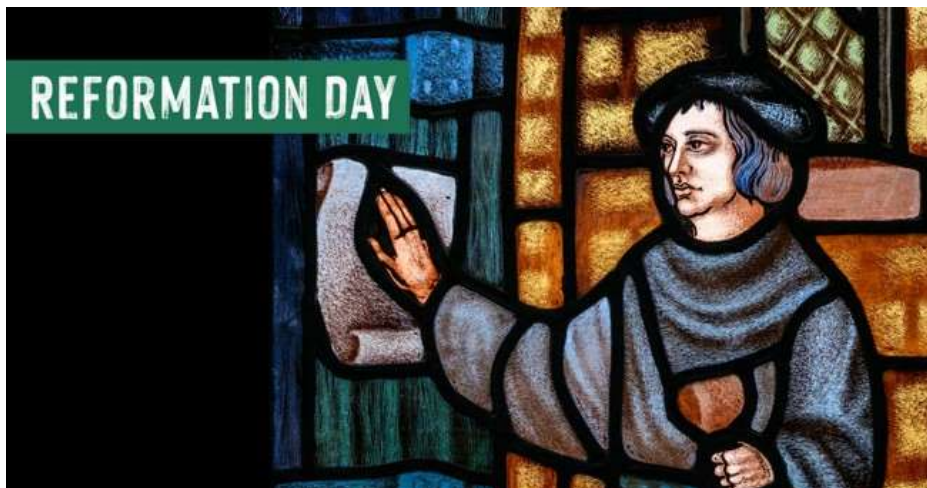
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

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Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

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Hear this good news:

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but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

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GATHERING SONG

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

P. 836

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
Have mercy on us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
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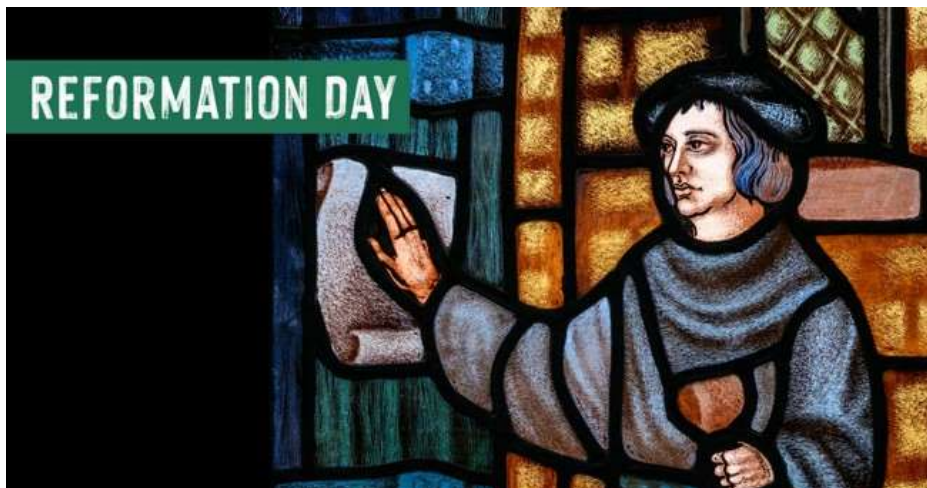
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and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

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and all that is within me,

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SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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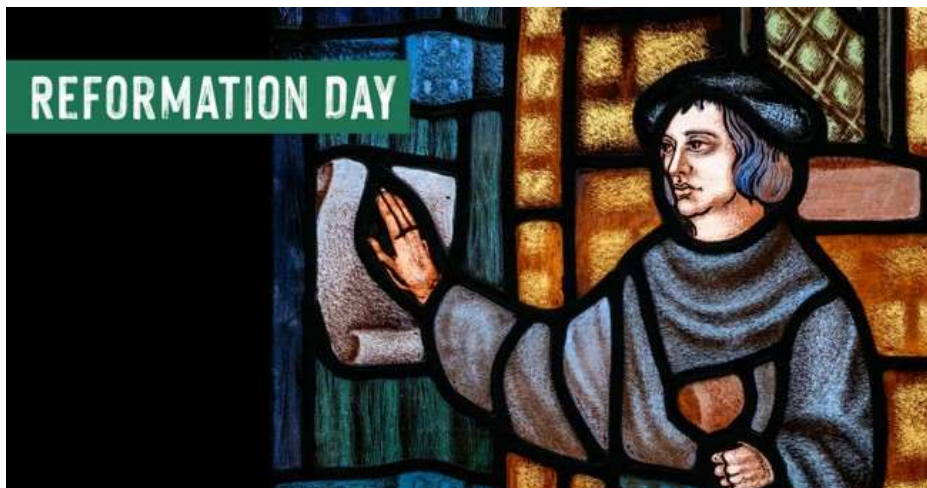
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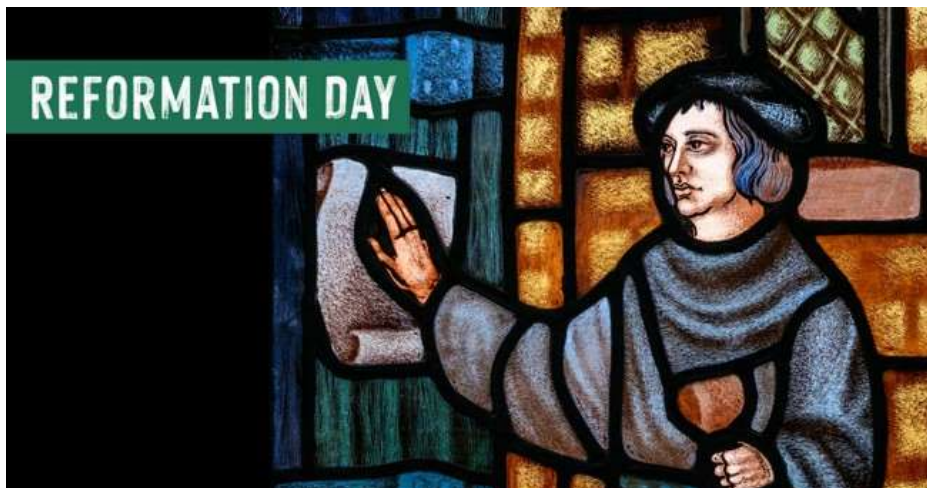
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and forgive us our trespasses,
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I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

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who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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In the morning my prayer comes before you.

Let my mouth be full of your praise

and your glory all the day long.

Every day will I bless you,

and praise your name forever and ever.

Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,

O God of our salvation,

O hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the seas that are far away.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

and all that is within me,

bless God's holy name.

You redeem my life from the grave,

and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.

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Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your dear Son,
that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger.

We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil,
so that our life and actions may please you.

Into your hands we commend ourselves:
our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.

Let your holy angels be with us,
so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

SENDING

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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TODAY			Oct 25
9:00	-	Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary	
10:00	-	Worship – Sanctuary (Reformation Sunday)	
11:00	-	Sunday School, Brunch, Confirmation and Adult Education	
12:00	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM	
MONDAY			Oct 26
Mum Orders Due By noon today			
<i>No Activities Scheduled</i>			
TUESDAY			Oct 27
6:30	-	Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	
WEDNESDAY			Oct 28
8:30	-	Folding Bulletins	
1:30	-	Prayer Time	
2:00	-	Pastor's Bible Study – St. Paul House Conference Room	
THURSDAY			Oct 29
<i>No Activities Scheduled/Church Office Closed</i>			
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<i>No Activities Scheduled/Church Office Closed/Pastor's Day Off</i>			
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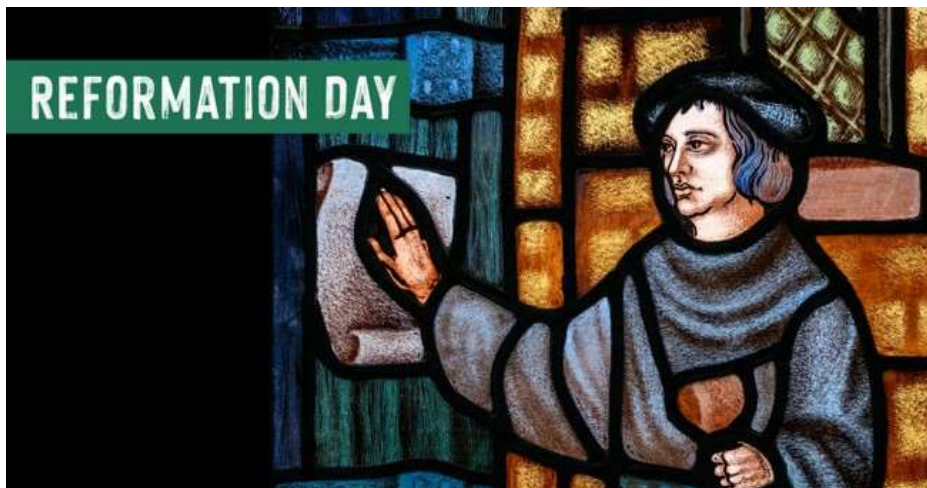
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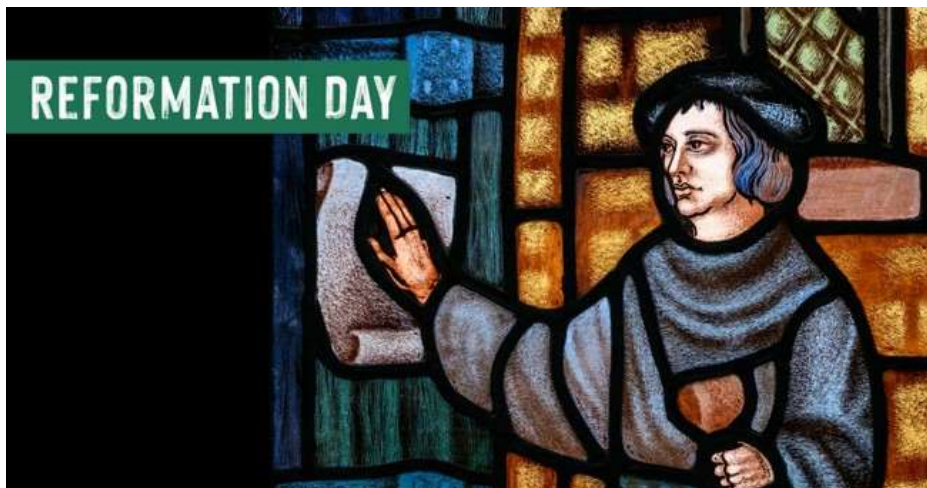
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Every day will I bless you,

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O hope of all the ends of the earth

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Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,
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that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger.

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Into your hands we commend ourselves:
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SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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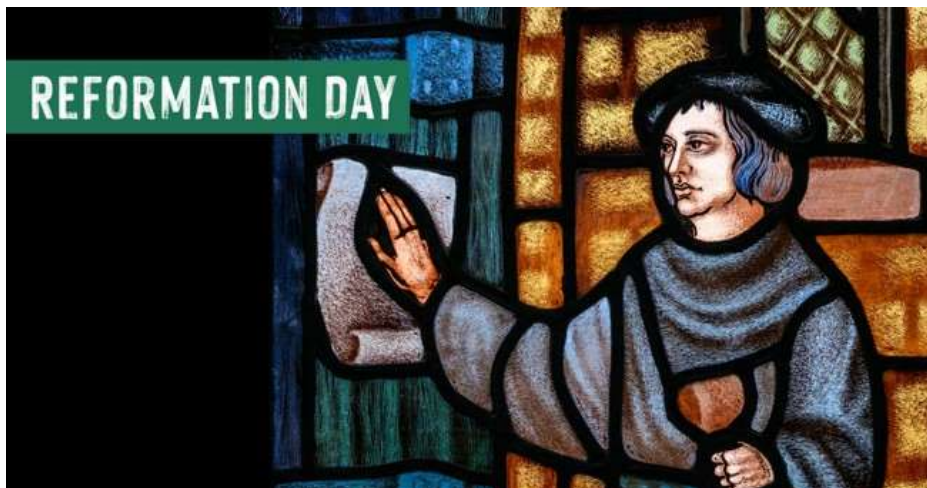
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We pray for the healing of all who are sick or injured, especially those who cannot access medical care. We remember those whom we love who are suffering or in pain and we remember our friends and family members before you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for retired clergy and their families, honoring their faithful service to your church. Bless them as they find new ways to live into their vocation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all our military, especially those deployed. We keep in our prayers all the Wounded Warriors that have returned home to heal. We pray for our missionary Liv in West Asia, serving with the Prayer League, and for our sister congregation at Grace Lutheran Church in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Today we also give you thanks for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alice, Texas and their pastor, Alicia Carlisle. Bless their work for your Kingdom's sake.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We thank you for all the faithful departed who taught us to love God and our neighbor. By their example, help us to seek after you with heart, soul, and mind. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your dear Son,
that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger.

We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil,
so that our life and actions may please you.

Into your hands we commend ourselves:
our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.

Let your holy angels be with us,
so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

SENDING

BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

TODAY			Oct 25
9:00	-	Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary	
10:00	-	Worship – Sanctuary (Reformation Sunday)	
11:00	-	Sunday School, Brunch, Confirmation and Adult Education	
12:00	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM	
MONDAY			Oct 26
Mum Orders Due By noon today <i>No Activities Scheduled</i>			
TUESDAY			Oct 27
6:30	-	Cub Scouts 167 - Fellowship Hall	
WEDNESDAY			Oct 28
8:30	-	Folding Bulletins	
1:30	-	Prayer Time	
2:00	-	Pastor's Bible Study – St. Paul House Conference Room	
THURSDAY			Oct 29
<i>No Activities Scheduled/Church Office Closed</i>			
FRIDAY			Oct 30
<i>No Activities Scheduled/Church Office Closed/Pastor's Day Off</i>			
SATURDAY			Oct 31
<i>No Activities Scheduled/Church Office</i>			
NEXT SUNDAY			Nov 1
9:00	-	Handbell Choir Practice - Sanctuary	
10:00	-	Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary (All Saints Day)	
11:00	-	Sunday School, Brunch, Confirmation and Adult Education	
12:00	-	Radio Broadcast – KRXT 98.5 FM	

Announcement



Altar flowers are giving to the glory of God
and in thanks for his many blessings
by Mel & Sheila Bullock

Serving Today

Council Ushers:	Rhonda Ochoa, Katy Safarik
Reader:	Steve Morgan
Acolytes:	Tayton Chandler
Altar Flowers:	Bullock

Serving November 1

Council Ushers:	Steve Morgan, Carmen McCleery
Reader:	Debbie Matthys
Acolytes:	Garryn Chandler, Conley Paulsen
Altar Flowers:	Decorating Committee