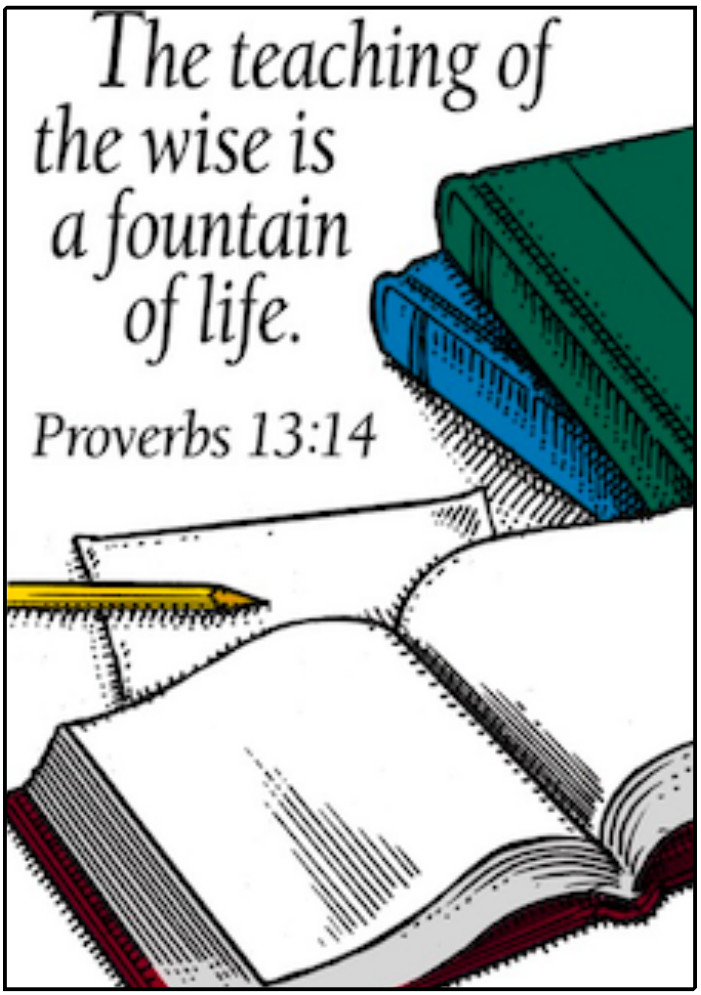


Festival of the Reformation – November 1, 2026

Welcome to

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lakewood, Colorado

A Warm Welcome to Our Worship Guests! It is the prayer of our congregation that your faith is strengthened today by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that our Scripture-based liturgy offers every week. Please make a record of your attendance at our guest register. Come again. You are always welcome. Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will be happy to assist you!

Liturgical Note

The colors up from have been changed to red for the Festival of Reformation. Red symbolizes the working of the Holy Spirit in hearts through the preaching of the Word, as on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit showed His presence then in tongues of fire which came to rest on the apostles (Acts 2:3). The color red also can serve to remind us of the dedication of such servants of God as Martin Luther who were willing to suffer and even shed their blood, if need be, for the sake of the Gospel message of salvation by grace through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Prayer

O Lord, we come before You with gratitude in my heart for the work You enabled Your servant, Martin Luther, to accomplish. Through him, Your chosen vessel, You brought into clearer focus the unique authority of Your Word and the comforting Gospel message of salvation by grace through faith alone. Assist us to cherish the great spiritual heritage You have given us. Empower us daily to live with faith in Jesus and in submission to the Bible. Bless us now as we join our hearts together in worshiping You, our gracious Savior-God, on this Reformation Day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn

LSB 790 – *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

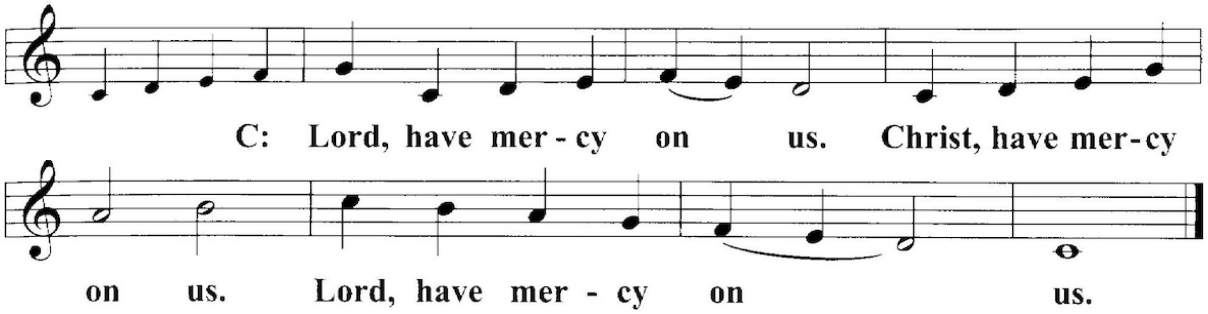
C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have

mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
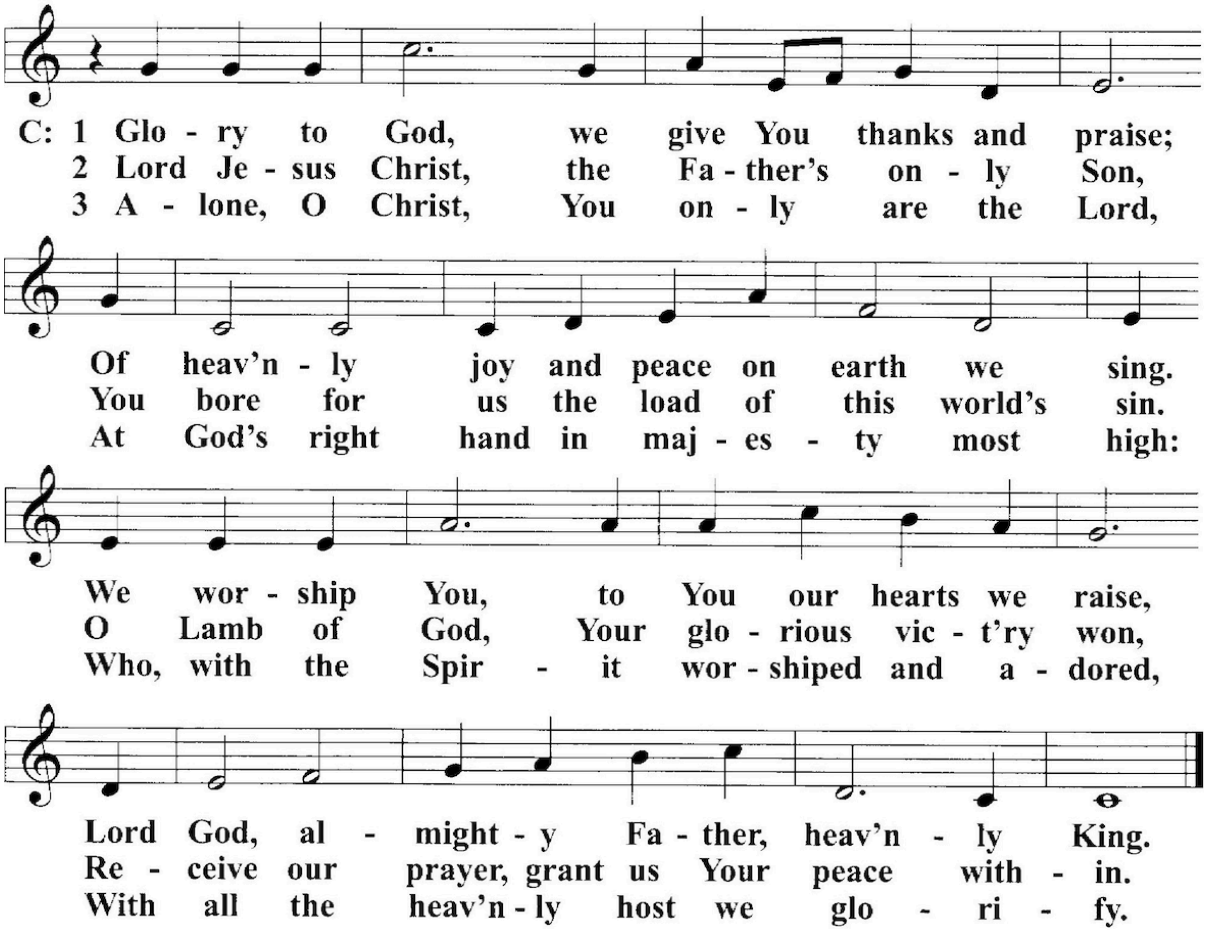
P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*



Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people, keep them steadfast in Your Word, protect and comfort them against all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church Your saving peace. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

First Lesson – Revelation 14:6-8

6 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— 7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 46

P: God is our refuge and strength:

C: A very present help in trouble.

P: Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed:

C: And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

P: Though its waters roar and be troubled:

C: Though the mountains shake with its swelling.

P: There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God:

C: The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

P: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved:

C: God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

P: Be still, and know that I am God:

C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

P: The LORD of hosts is with us:

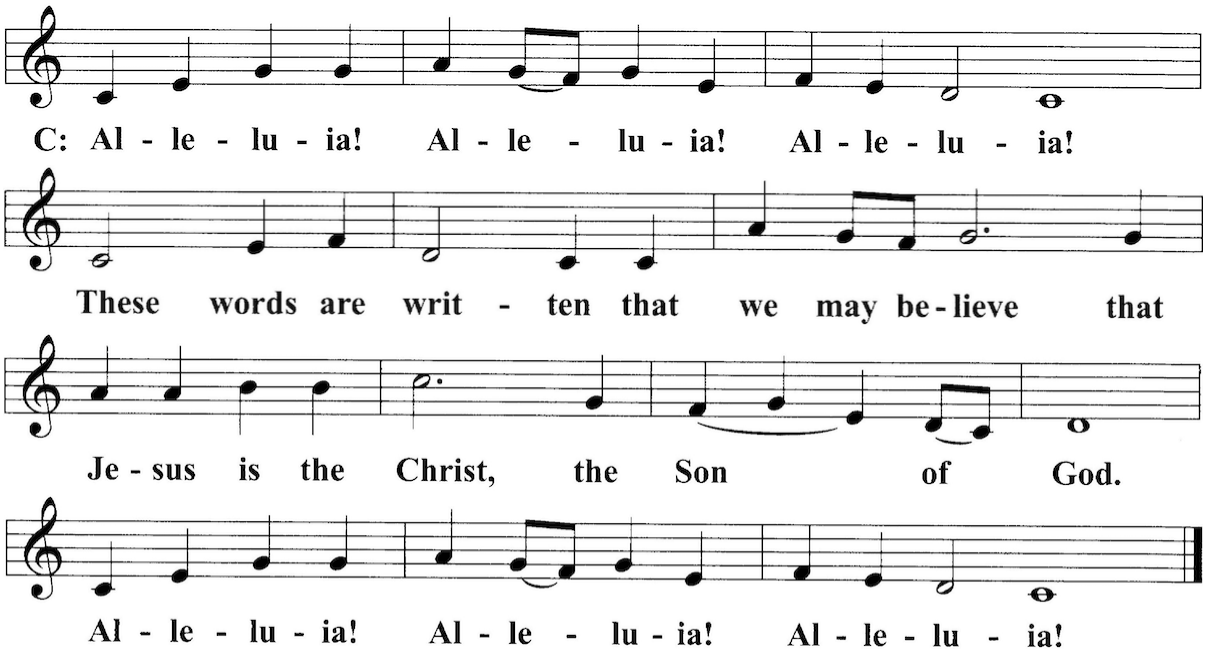
C: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Second Lesson – Second Lesson – John 8:31-36

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus

answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



Confession of Faith for the Festival of the Reformation

(excerpts from the Formula of Concord, Article 3, *"The Righteousness of Faith Before God"*)

P: It is unanimously confessed in our churches, in accordance with God's Word and the meaning of the Augsburg Confession, that we poor sinners are justified before God and saved alone through faith in Christ.

C: Christ alone is our Righteousness. God forgives our sins out of pure grace, without any work, merit, or worthiness of ours.

P: He presents and credits to us the righteousness of Christ's obedience.

C: Because of this righteousness, we are received into grace by God and regarded as righteous.

P: Though many weaknesses and defects cling to the true believers until they die, still we must not on that account doubt either our righteousness, which has been credited to us through faith, or the salvation of our souls.

C: We may regard it as certain that for Christ's sake, according to the promise and immovable Word of the Holy Gospel, we have a gracious God.

P: Faith alone is the means and instrument through which we lay hold of Christ and that righteousness that benefits us before God.

C: This faith is God's gift, by which we truly learn to know Christ, our Redeemer, in the Word of the Gospel.

P: We believe that the repentance that comes before justification and the good works that follow it, do not belong the article of justification before God.

C: After man has been justified through faith, then a true living faith works by love.

P/C: Good works always follow justifying faith and are surely found with it—if it is true and living faith. Faith is never alone, but always has love and hope with it.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 656 – *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Sermon, based on Proverbs 2:1-8

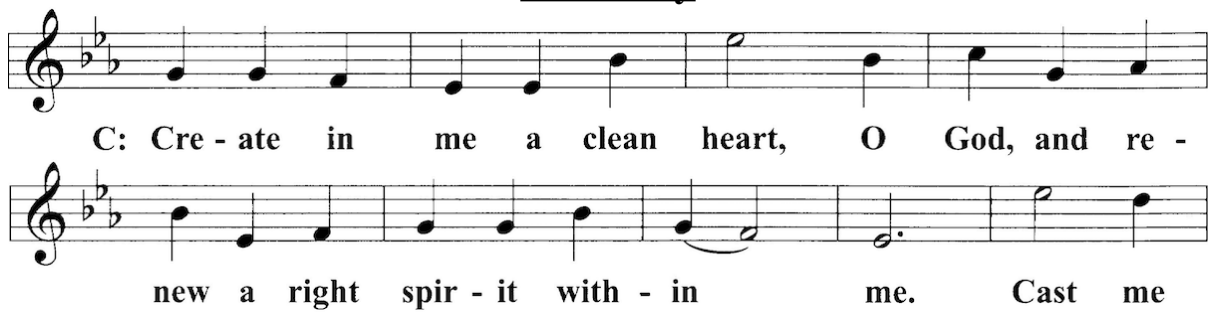
"True Wisdom Comes from the LORD"

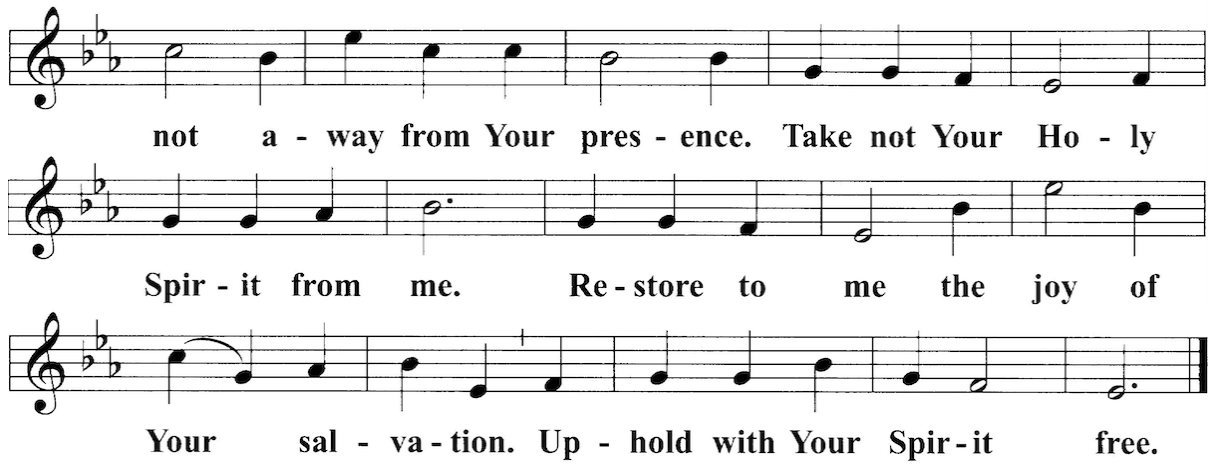
1. He invites us to seek true wisdom
2. He defines what true wisdom is.
3. He bestows the benefits of true wisdom.

1 My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, 2 so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; 3 yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; 7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; 8 He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints.

– CLC Ministry-by-Mail Sermon

Offertory





Offering of Thankful Hearts

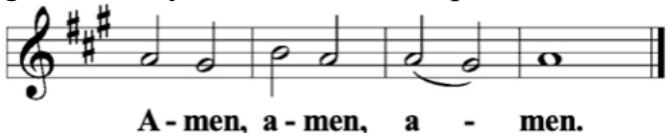
Prayer of the Church

Hymn

LSB 523 – *"O Word of God Incarnate"*

Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C: 

Closing Hymn

LSB 582 – *"God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"*

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This Week at St. Paul

Today (11/1)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	11:00 am	Front Range Reformation Festival Service, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne
Sun (11/8)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class



The Annual Front Range Reformation Festival Worship Service is being held today, hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cheyenne. Pastor Schuetze is attending this service. Our thanks to Wayne Ruegge for conducting the service this morning at St. Paul in the pastor's absence.

Around the CLC

"Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day is coming up on Friday, November 13th on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Activities will begin with chapel at 10:05 am in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 pm. Come and learn more about your church's college, and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Visitors will be our guests for lunch and supper in the cafeteria, and in the evening are invited to join us for ILC's fall theatrical production, *The Sound of Music.* Speak with your pastor if you're interested in attending. For questions, contact Academic Dean Paul Naumann. Office: 715-836-6636, cell: 253-228-8736, e-mail: paul.naumann@ilc.edu."

Share a Phone, Support a Ministry: Do you have an old smartphone you no longer use? You can make a difference in the lives of pastors and pastoral students in East Africa! We are collecting used smartphones that were previously on Verizon or are otherwise confirmed to be unlocked. Please factory reset your phone, attach a note with your name and your church name, and bring it to the church office. Your unused phone could become a valuable tool for ministry, communication, and sharing the Gospel. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to support our brothers and sisters in Christ!

Registration is now open for the 2027 CLC Midwest Women's Retreat. Theme*: "Planted in the House of the Lord"* (Psalm 92:12-14). Dates: April 23-25, 2027. Location: Banquets of Minnesota, Fridley, MN. Host Congregation: Grace Lutheran Church (Fridley). Cost: $100 before February 15. Register at: womensretreat.clclutheran.net/midwest-womens-retreat/. Questions? Contact Annette Kuehne at: womensretreat.midwest@gmail.com.

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Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions
November 2-7

Mon Matthew 18:23-35 Peter has asked how often he should forgive his brother's sins against him (v21-22). Jesus shows by a parable that forgiveness is absolutely essential in the kingdom of heaven.

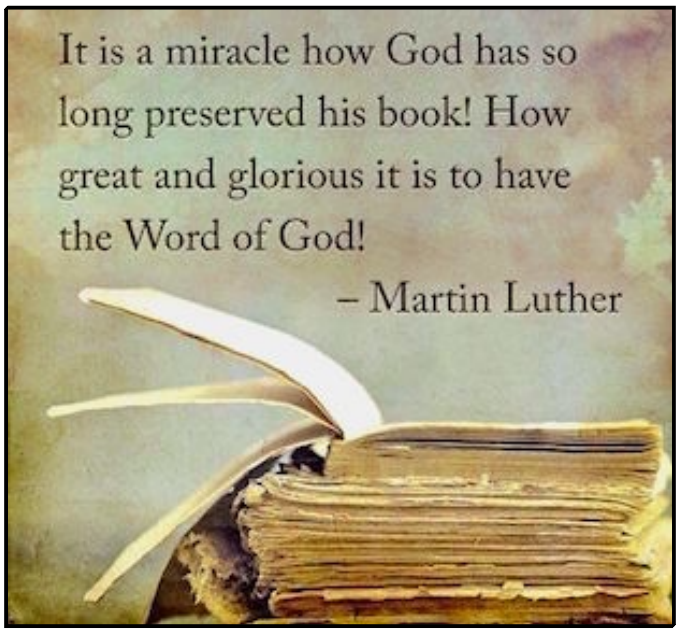
Tues Philippians 1:3-11 The apostle prays for the Philippian believers with thanksgiving and joy because of their fellowship in the gospel. May their love continue to grow, along with their knowledge and insight.

Wed Deuteronomy 7:9-11 Moses reminds us that God is always faithful to His covenant of grace and mercy. This is what moves us to love Him and walk in His ways throughout our earthly life.

Thurs Psalm 31:9-16 David calls to the Lord in distress and sorrow (v9), grief and groaning (v10), guilt and disgrace (v11). In all of these and more, he looks to God's merciful deliverance (v15) and gracious smile (v16).

Fri Psalm 119:169-176 Our psalm closes: give me understanding (v169) and merciful deliverance (v170). Thank You for teaching me Your word (v171). "I have strayed" like a sheep. Seek me, O Lord. (V176)

Sat Ephesians 4:30-32 The apostle Paul reminds us again that being led by the Spirit of God means being filled with a love that is kind, compassionate, and forgiving toward one another, as Christ is toward us.



Martin Luther

A modest, quiet man he was, yet firm and brave and strong,
Who would not brook a compromise, nor plead the cause of wrong.
For him there was no middle course, opinion, fancy, whim;
The narrow path that leads to life was broad enough for him.

He did not waver to and fro,
but knew just where he stood:
against the things that God condemned,
and for the right and good.
To him one word of God was more
than all the words of men.
'Twas this that gave such power to him,
and to his mighty pen.

He did not fear the wrath of kings, the pomp of power and pride;
To him there was one Lord above, no other god beside.
He boldly spoke the Word of grace, though men might bless or blame;
He tuned his harp and sang with joy the Savior's precious name.

– Pastor W. M. Czamanske
October 31, 1916

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