

Festival of the Reformation

MARTIN LUTHER NAILED THE NINETY-FIVE THESES ON THE CHURCH DOOR IN WITTENBERG, OCT. 31, 1517. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION



SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
REFORMATION DAY DIVINE SERVICES
Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity
October 31, 1948 - 10:15 A. M.
UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Baltimore, Maryland
Rev. T. Lehmann, Pastor
Mrs. C. Whittlif, Organist and Director

PRELUDE - "In the Cathedral" - Zimmerman
PROCESSIONAL-No.7 "Rejoice, Pure in Heart"
INVOCATION - RESPONSE - No. 483 - Ivanoff
CONFESSION OF SIN - ASSURANCE OF PARDON
RESPONSE - No. 489 "Glory be to God on High"
THE INTROIT - THE COLLECT - THE DOXOLOGY
HYMN - No. 452 "We Would Be Building"
SCRIPTURE READING-The Gospel-Matthew 22:15-22
RESPONSE - No. 204 "Break Thou the Bread"
ANTHEM - JUNIOR CHOIR
 "We March for the Master" - Brahms
THE APOSTLES' CREED - RESPONSE No. 493
CALL TO PRAYER - No. 516
LITANY - Youth - Page 525
RESPONSE - No. 501 "Hear Our Prayer"
CEREMONY - Part of City-Wide Girl Scout Day
 Brownies - Girl Scouts
 Hymn, Promise and Laws
ANNOUNCEMENTS-OFFERTORY ANTHEM-YOUTH CHOIR
 "Jesus Shall Reign" - Mendelssohn
DEDICATION OF OFFERING and SELF - No. 258 S.1
SERMONIC HYMN - No. 281 "A Mighty Fortress"
THE SERMON - "Re-Form"
THE LORD'S PRAYER - Malotte - THE CHOIRS
THE BENEDICTION-RESPONSE No. 509 "Father, Give"
RECESSIONAL - No. 446 "Now in the Days"
CHIMES and QUIET PRAYER
POSTLUDE - "Marche De Fete" - Barrell

WELCOME! Brownies and Girl Scouts.
THANKS to the leaders of these groups.
"On the Road" Theme next Sunday - 10:15 A. M.
The Pastor preaches on anniversary thought.

COMMUNITY ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

7:45 P. M.

PRELUDE - "Andante" - Mueller

PROCESSIONAL - No. 324 "Christ is Made"

INVOCATION - RESPONSE "Gloria" - Robert Hall

HYMN - No. 280 (Old Tune) "Blest Be Tie"

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING-Page 581 Sel.56

Pastor C. E. Subock, Canton Methodist Church

RESPONSE - No. 204 "Break Thou the Bread"

ANTHEM - JUNIOR CHOIR

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" - Keating

CALL TO PRAYER - No. 516

PASTORAL PRAYER - RESPONSE - No. 501

ANTHEM - YOUTH CHOIR

"Jesus, Meek and Gentle" - Pease

CHALLENGES FROM THE COMMUNITY

"The Church and the Community" Mr. Mark Adams

"The Church and the School" Mr. G. Woelper

Principal of Patterson Park High School

GREETINGS FROM OTHER CHURCHES

ANNOUNCEMENTS-OFFERTORY ANTHEM-SENIOR CHOIR

"Teach Me Thy Way" - Herbert

DEDICATION OF OFFERING - No. 258 S. 1

SERMONIC HYMN - No. 281 "A Mighty Fortress"

THE SERMON - "Reformation Echoes"

Pastor R. Crouse, Messiah Lutheran Church

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Malotte - THE CHOIRS

THE BENEDICTION - RESPONSE - Lutkin

RECESSIONAL - No. 272 "Love Divine"

CHIMES and QUIET PRAYER

POSTLUDE - "Festal March" - Kroeger

SISTER CHURCH NIGHT next Sunday 7:45 P. M.

Pastor Dettbarn will be our guest speaker.

Others will take part.

JOYSTER SUPPER - Tuesday and Wednesday,

November 9 and 10. Also Bazaar.

LADIES AID MEETING - Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

MEMORIAL SERVICE - Sunday, November 21

at 7:45 P. M.

Luther on Trial

One of the supreme hours of history occurred when Martin Luther, who had created great excitement in the Roman Catholic Church because of his teaching, was called before a supreme court consisting of powerful representatives of the church and the state. He was asked whether he would give up his agitation for reforms in the Church, and retract the books he had written.

(Condensed from "Martin of Mansfield" by Margaret R. Seebach.)

"Frightened? Not at all!" declared Justus Jonas. "You will hear whether he is frightened when he is ready to give his answer!"

"But why did he not answer at once?" asked one impatient noble.

"He wanted to consult a friend," said Dr. Jonas.

"What friend? Surely Dr. Martin needs no one to tell him what to say?"

"All night," said Dr. Jonas, "we have heard Dr. Martin's voice, in his room, talking with his Friend. 'O thou, my God,' we heard him say, 'stand by me against the wisdom of the world. It is thy cause, not mine. For mine own honor I am not concerned. I am ready to sacrifice my life as patiently as a lamb. But the cause is thine. Thou must help me to defend it.'"

Once more, late in the afternoon, the herald came to conduct Martin Luther before the Diet. The crowd in the streets was greater than ever.

"How cheerful he looks," said the watchers in the palace court yard.

"Perhaps he has made up his mind to recant," said one. "He knows he is safe".

The hall was so crowded that the princes had difficulty in getting to their seats. The chancellor called on Luther to recant. His words were bitter and threatening. But they made no change in the serene look on the face of the accused.

Then Martin Luther began to speak. All hesitation was gone from his manner. His head was raised, and his ringing voice reached every corner of the crowded hall.

"Most serene Lord and Emperor," he began, "Most illustrious princes, most clement lords—"

The throng grew still as death to listen. The April twilight was darkening, and torches had been lighted to illuminate the hall. The heat grew intense. Yet no one stirred while Dr. Martin spoke on.

"My books are of three kinds," he said. "Some are works on pious subjects, to which no objection can be made by any one. Some are attacks on the power of the pope and the many evils in the Church. These I cannot retract, without denying the doctrine of Christ. The third kind are those in which I have answered those who have written against me. In these I may have been too severe, and have made some mistakes in speaking too violently.

"But if any one can show me anything in any of my writings which is false and contrary to the Word of God, I am ready to throw my books into the fire with my own hands!"

"Speak to the point, Luther! Will you or will you not recant?" cried the chancellor.

And Luther answered, "Unless I am convinced, by the Holy Scriptures,—not by the word of popes and councils, for they may be in error,—but by the Word of God himself, by which alone my conscience is bound, I neither can nor will recant anything!"

A tumult of voices arose. The chancellor began to argue, the princes to interrupt. Out of the midst of the din, Luther spoke again,

"Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen".