

Today we celebrate a special day in the church year. On October 31, 1517, the reformer Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, which launched the Reformation. Almost 503 years later, we remember what was at the heart of those Theses - that Jesus and Jesus alone gives true life. Paul writes in today's Epistle Reading (*Romans 3*), "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Throughout worship today, you are invited to ponder the wonder of the true Gospel and consider how it saturates every part of your life.

Sermon Notes
"What Does This Mean?"

- * *What Is the history of the Reformation?*
- * *Why is the question "What does this mean?" so important?*
- * *What is the meaning of the Law?*
- * *What is the meaning of the Gospel?*
- * *What does it mean to live out the truths of the Reformation?*

Weekly Social Media Post . . .

Almost 503 years ago the reformer Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg. This launched the Reformation and return to the true gospel that assures us that we have true life solely because of God's grace.

#stjohnwoodbury #Reformation #Confirmation

Rite of Confirmation ~ Saturday, October 24

We rejoice this day as eight of our young people say "Amen" publicly to their baptismal vows and confirm their faith.

- + Niko Alvarez + Nazreth Baka + Taylor Felt +
 + Camryn Gleason + Ruby Hagemeyer + Mitchell Lankey +
 + Evan Snyder + Natasha Xiu +

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The week of October 25 at St. John!

- * **Communion at Home** ... If you have not been able to attend in-person worship and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact Pastor Dave and he will arrange it with you.
- * **10:30 am Worship Change** ... Our final outdoor worship service will be on Sunday, November 1. Beginning Sunday, November 8, both the 8:00 and 10:30 am services will be in the Sanctuary. However, we will have our FM transmitter working during both services. If you plan to stay in your car and worship from there, please park in the back row of the parking lot and our Elder will bring you the bulletin and Communion supplies.
- * **Fall Online Bible Study** ... This Fall, Pastor Stadler is leading an 8-week Bible study on the books of Ruth — a surprising, unexpected ancestress of Jesus, and Esther — an undercover Jew who saved her people from extinction. These studies are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. Each session will take place online via Zoom and the recorded studies will be available on our website. To access the fourth session on October 22, go to <http://bit.ly/Ruth-EstherSession4>. To access the fifth session on October 29, go to <http://bit.ly/Ruth-EstherSession5>.
- * **Christian Basics Class** ... Are you looking to learn more about the basics of the Christian faith? Perhaps you want a refresher on a certain area of the faith. If so, we are offering an 8-week Christian Basics Class that will "go live" on our website and Facebook page on Monday nights at 6:30 pm. The third class on October 26 is on *God the Son*.
- * **Encouragement to Vote** ... God calls us to be good citizens and one of our duties as citizens in this country is to cast our votes for our elected officials. Now that election day is less than a month away, we encourage you to make sure that you're registered and that you vote!
- * **Upcoming Focus on Justice** ... Over the first two weeks of November, we will focus on the theme of Justice. On Wednesday, November 4, Dr. John and Monique Nunes will present via Zoom on restoration and reconciliation. Go to <http://bit.ly/NunesPresentation> for more information. Then, on Sunday, November 8 the sermon, Bible study, and Sunday School will look at the topic of justice. Finally, on Tuesday, November 10, our own Pastor Koschmann will present on this topic via Zoom for our fall Community Conversations (details TBD).
- * **In Our Prayers** ... John Wenger, Jerry Wendel, Renee Holz, Marion Hastings, Chris Emery, Jon Friel, Judy Eder, Vance Grannis, Bruce Dahlberg, Joanne Dahlin, Lisa Larsen, Ruth Hagemeyer, Laura DePetro, Lorraine Schire, Kevin Portuguese, Mary Schultz, Peter Nyout, Oline Tolbert, Doug Lasker, Dolores Weir, Carol Mrozik, Betsy Dehler, Gene Pommerening