

## What is a Lutheran?

Martin Luther, A.D. 1483-1546



Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
Bible Class 8.13.17

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Professor Martin

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“Every truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt, even without letters of pardon.”

– Thesis 36

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Johannes Gutenberg invents the printing press (1454)

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### Luther as Educational Reformer

- Against Aristotle
- Back to the Source: Greek & Hebrew
- Emphasis on Biblical Studies

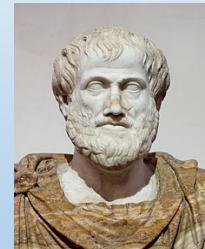
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### *3 Phases of Luther: Aristotle*

#### 1. Justified by “Practice of Virtue”

We **become righteous**  
by doing righteous deeds.

(1505-1513)



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Luther rethinks

“righteousness”

Demand of us ... Gift of God

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### *3 Phases of Luther: Augustine*

#### 2. Justified by “Grace In Us” (Infused Grace)

We **are made righteous**  
by God giving us grace  
to do righteous deeds.

(1513-1518)



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Luther rethinks  
“Grace”  
in us ... in God

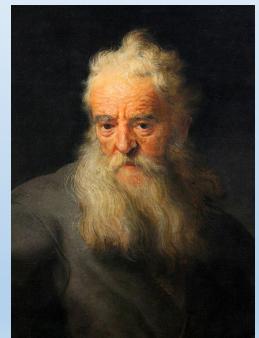
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### **3 Phases of Luther: Paul**

#### 3. Justified by Grace through Faith

We are **declared righteous**  
because God graciously gives  
the righteous deeds of Christ  
to those who believe

(1519 onward)



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Luther rethinks  
“Faith”  
future hope ... present trust

**“Righteousness” (Justification):**  
God’s declaration of Christ’s work for us

**“Grace”:**  
God’s love in action for us

**“Faith”:**  
Confidence in God’s promise to us today

“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by  
faith apart from the deeds of the law.”

- Romans 3:28

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### Pastor Martin

“The true treasure of the  
Church is the Most Holy  
Gospel of the glory and  
the grace of God.”  
– Thesis 62



### German Bible: Scripture Alone



Wartburg Castle, Germany

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### Preaching and the Conscience: Law and Gospel



“As the head of the  
family should teach it in a  
simple way to his  
household.”  
(1529-1530)

The Catechism &  
Devotional Life



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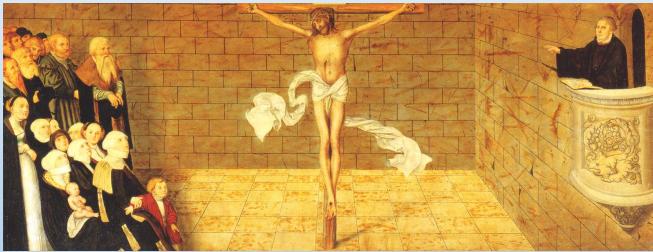
A Royal Priesthood:  
Worship Reform

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## God's Providence

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Evangelicals

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1. A mighty Fortress is our God,  
A trusty Shield and Weapon;  
He helps us free from every need  
That hath us now o'er taken.  
The old evil Foo  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On Earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is.  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

3. Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none,  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child and wife,  
Let these all be gone,  
They yet have nothing won;  
The Kingdom our remaineth.

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