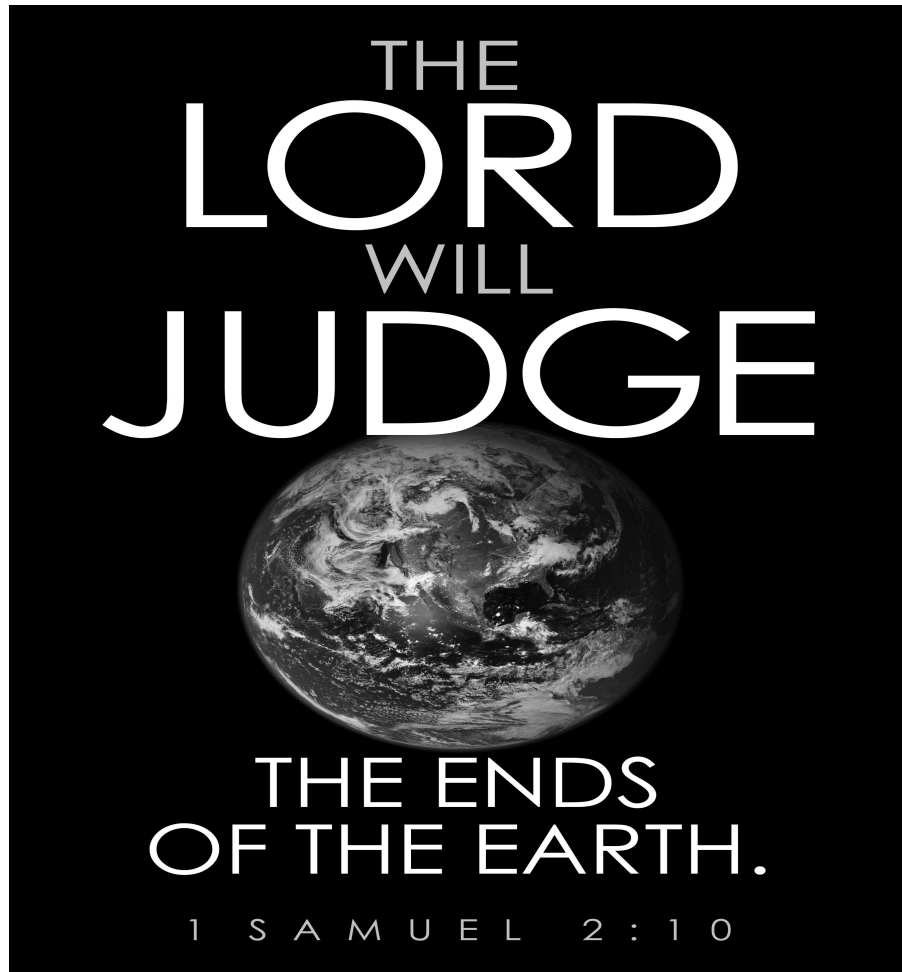


October 12, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



Trinity Orthodox Lutheran Church

Rev. Fr. Steven D. Spencer, Pastor

Church Phone: 520.458.5897

"Forward With the Cross"

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WELCOME TO church

† **“ORTHODOX”** describes our doctrine and practice best and takes the least amount of explanation to others. “Orthodox” means “correct, straight, true, pure, containing no false doctrine.”

† **TO RESPECT** our Lord and those gathered here to worship Him, please have cell phones/electronic devices off or on silent in church.

† **SEATING** - The last two pews on the pulpit side of the church are for families with small children. Ushers are available to assist.

† **AVAILABLE** – voice prompted AED with trained and certified CPR/AED personnel; wheelchair, walker, and cane in the ladies room; hearing assist devices from Jesse Haakenson at the computer center; gluten free wafers and grape juice are available for Holy Communion.

† **FELLOWSHIP HALL** – Baby changing station in Ladies Room! Water in the entrance hall. Hymnal, bulletin, and monitor are available.

† **OFFICE INFORMATION** - To contact Pastor Spencer after office hours, please call his cell...858-214-9879. When out of the office, messages left on office phone are checked often.

† **WORSHIP** service is video streamed in real time on the church website www.tolcaz.com. Sunday worship folders are on the same page.

October Servers

***Deacons:** Jesse Haakenson*

Steve Quast

Tony Waalkens

***Altar:** Christi Kitcheyan*

***Counter:** Rebecca Hillebrand*

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class - 9:00

Sunday Morning Children's Bible Class - 9:00

Worship - 10:25

Tuesday - Bible Break - 12:00 NOON

2nd & 4th Saturdays - Catechism – 10:00

Bible Basics – 12:00 NOON

Church Officers:

***President:** Steve Quast;*

***Board of Elders:** (vacant);*

***Deacons:** Jesse Haakenson, Steve Quast, Tony Waalkens;*

***Board of Finance:** Jesse Haakenson (Chairman, Treasurer), Tony Waalkens; Rebecca Hillebrand, (Financial Secretary);*

***Board of Trustees:** Tony Waalkens (Chairman).*

Ladies Guild Officers:

***President:** Lora Hartwig*

***Vice President:** Susan Jamka*

***Secretary –** Christi Kitcheyan*

***Treasurer –** Cheryl Nickels*

***Meetings:** Church Council - 3rd Sundays each month*

Ladies Guild – 2nd Sundays, September - May

Voters Meeting in November – Date TBA



*I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.” (Psalm 122:1)*

The Call to Worship will begin with the ringing of the church bells at 10:25 AM for one minute.

During this time all worshipers should be seated and refrain from all conversation.

At the end of the bells Pastor Spencer will address the congregation briefly, after which there should be SILENCE until the opening hymn.

Please use this time to direct your thoughts toward God: pray for His blessing on your worship.

Meditation choices in the Hymnal

Prayers for Worship – inside front page;

Prayers, Intercessions, and Thanksgiving – Pages 305-318;

Psalms – pages 1-150;

Read through the bulletin and meditate on this morning's Lessons.

May God accept and bless our worship together.

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

The gift of humility is the marked feature of this Sunday. Today we learn the hard lesson of humility in our dealings with our fellow man. Surely, poverty of pride – lowliness in spirit – toward God is essential for our place in the kingdom of heaven. Meekness in Christ alone can truly inherit the earth. For this reason we pray that the Lord deal with us always according to His steadfast love and mercy. In turn, our concern is that we walk blamelessly in the Word of God unto the end!

TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN #508 (1-4) “The Day is Surely Drawing Near”

1 The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.

2 The final trumpet then shall sound
And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.

3 The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: *(Spoken)* Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord

C: *(Spoken)* And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to

Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins to those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

C: (*Spoken*) Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

P: O LORD, You are righteous in all You do and upright in all Your judgments. Deal, therefore, with Your servants according to Your great mercy.

C: Blessed are the righteous by faith; who walk in the Word of the LORD.

P: Praise the Lord!

C: (*Sing*) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

P: LORD God, You are our Father. You know all our needs. Continue to provide for our lives and grant us eternal salvation.

LORD Christ, You are the ever-living Savior. You are with us as You promised. Keep us close to You in true faith now and always.

LORD Holy Spirit, You are always with the Father and the Son. Intercede for us and strengthen our faith through the Means of Grace.

O LORD, have mercy.

C: (*Sing*) Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us!

P: Let us give glory to our God!

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: (*Sing*) Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Lord, we ask You to hear us. Grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only true God; through Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: (*Sing*) Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

FIRST SAMUEL 2:1-10. “My heart exults in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord, My mouth speaks boldly against my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. ² “There is no one holy like the Lord, Indeed, there is no one besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God. ³ “Boast no more so very proudly, Do not let arrogance come out of your mouth; For the Lord is

a God of knowledge, And with Him actions are weighed. ⁴“The bows of the mighty are shattered, But the feeble gird on strength. ⁵“Those who were full hire themselves out for bread, But those who were hungry cease to hunger. Even the barren gives birth to seven, But she who has many children languishes. ⁶“The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷“The Lord makes poor and rich; He brings low, He also exalts. ⁸“He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the ash heap To make them sit with nobles, And inherit a seat of honor; For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s, And He set the world on them. ⁹“He keeps the feet of His godly ones, But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness; For not by might shall a man prevail. ¹⁰“Those who contend with the Lord will be shattered; Against them He will thunder in the heavens, The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; And He will give strength to His king, And will exalt the horn of His anointed.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: (*Spoken*) Thanks be to God.

PSALM 56:11-13

P: In God I have put my trust,

C: I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

P: Your vows are binding upon me, O God;

C: I will render thank offerings to You.

P: For You have delivered my soul from death, Indeed my feet from stumbling,

C: So that I may walk before God In the light of the living.

EPISTLE

JUDE 14-25. ¹⁴It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, ¹⁵to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in

an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.” ¹⁶ These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage. ¹⁷ But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁸ that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.” ¹⁹ These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on some, who are doubting; ²³ save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh. ²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

P: This too is the Word of the LORD.

C: (*Spoken*) Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

P: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, and the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.

C: By the Word of the LORD were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the Breath of His mouth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Right Hand of the LORD is exalted, the Right Hand of the LORD fights valiantly. Hallelujah!

C: (*Sing*) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Second Chapter, vs 18-28

C: (*Sing*) Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

MARK 2:18-28. ¹⁸ John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they came and said to Jesus, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, "While the bridegroom is with them, the attendants of the bridegroom cannot fast, can they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰ But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. ²¹ "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results. ²² No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins as well; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins." ²³ And it happened that Jesus was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads of grain. ²⁴ The Pharisees were saying to Him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵ And He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry; ²⁶ how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?" ²⁷ Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." (*Bible readings are courtesy of Bible Gateway, NASB 95*)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (Sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY #613 (1-3) “To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All”

1 To Thee, omniscient Lord of all,
In grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord,
The sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to Thee:
O God, be merciful to me!

2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray;
O cast me not in wrath away!
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
But let Him draw to Thee my heart
That truly penitent I be:
O God, be merciful to me!

3 O Jesus, let Thy precious blood
Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away,
But grant that justified I may
Go to my house, at peace with Thee:
O God, be merciful to me!

SERMON

“God Will Judge Ungodliness!” *Jude 14-15*

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in true faith through Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: *(Spoken)* Amen.

OFFERTORY

C: *(Sing)* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy

Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

SERMON PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Most gracious LORD, we praise You for all Your tender mercies, and especially for the revelation of Your most holy will. We ask You to implant Your saving Word in us so that we may believe it and bring forth the fruits of faith.

Rule over Your Church and all its ministers and congregations, so that all the pure doctrines of Scripture are preserved, faith strengthened, love increased, and Your kingdom extended.

Grant health and courage to all who govern and especially all those entrusted to protect our nation. Maintain tranquility and righteousness in our land, and hinder and punish all wickedness, so that we may lead a calm and quiet life.

Forgive our many sins, and comfort all who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish, peril, or any other adversity, especially any who are suffering for the Gospel. Through Your Holy Spirit teach each of us to acknowledge all our afflictions as the loving manifestation of Your good and fatherly will.

Grant these and whatever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, only for the sake of our redemption, won for us by Jesus Christ, Your one and only Son, our Lord and Savior. Accept our humble requests in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven: give us this day our daily bread: and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us: and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Visitors please read this! Trinity practices the Biblical teaching of “Closed Communion,” meaning that only members of our congregation or those in doctrinal fellowship with us have the privilege of joining us in the celebration of our Lord’s Supper. If you desire to commune with us today, please obtain a questionnaire from the Pastor or an Elder and follow the instructions printed there. Thank you!

Communion Distribution Notes. *After the Pastor announces, “The congregation may now come forward for the Lord’s Supper”: Communicants on BOTH sides of pews will come to the center aisle at the same time and line up next to their respective pews; Come forward 4 or 5 at the same time, each to the side of the communion rail in front of them; Communicants may receive the Host (wafer) in their hand or mouth as they desire and receive either individual or common cup (Chalice). When the rail in front of each side is empty another group will come forward.*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: *Our Lord Jesus Christ*, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LUTHER’S EXHORTATIONS TO HOLY COMMUNION

P: Not the word or work of any man produces the true presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Supper, whether it be the merit or recitation of the minister,

C: Or the eating and drinking or faith of the communicants;

P: But all this should be ascribed alone to the power of Almighty God and the word, institution, and ordination of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Formula of Concord, Article VII, paragraph 74*)

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hymn #636, “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav’nly high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev’rence greet Him.
for with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

NUNC DIMITTIS

C: (*Sing*) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: (*Sing*) And His mercy endureth forever.

THANKSGIVING

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and

minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You, through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (*Sing*) Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (*Sing*) And with thy spirit.

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: (*Sing*) Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C: (*Sing*) Amen, Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #508 (5-7) “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea;
Come, mighty judge, and make us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

NEXT SUNDAY: *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*
“The Born-Again Cannot Sin?!” 1 John 3:8-9

JOIN US for fellowship and snacks following worship.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS Friday to Jazayah Ervin.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Diane Quast is November 1, 4 PM at Trinity.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 12 NOON Bible Break

LADIES GUILD will meet this morning after a short fellowship break.
All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

REFORMATION POTLUCK sign-up sheet is in the church entrance.

A TOYS FOR TOTS donation container will be on the LG craft table
beginning today until 1 December. It will be collected weekly by the
treasurer. Please make checks payable to the Ladies Guild!

Martin Luther ---Nov. 10, 1483 - Feb. 18, 1546 - Eisleben, Germany

Luther was raised by God-fearing parents who sacrificed to give their son an education. Planning to become a lawyer, Martin Luther entered the University of Erfurt. (His courses in grammar, logic and rhetoric provided the tools Luther later used to study and interpret Scripture.) Law was a profession that was not only respected but would also ensure his ability to care for his parents in their later years.

One day Luther was caught in a violent thunder- storm. He prayed to St. Anne, promising to become a monk if his life was spared. This was not a promise he took lightly. Much to the disappointment of his father, Luther shed his worldly life to enter the Augustinian monastery.

It was here that Luther fasted and prayed, constantly seeking to live a perfect and holy life for God's approval. This attempt to live a holy life included visiting and revering holy relics. There were relics that were reputed to be a splinter from the cross, or a branch from the burning bush, the hair of this saint or a piece of cloth from that one. Even Luther's trip to Rome, a city filled with more relics than any other in Europe, could not put his soul at ease. He could never be good enough for this righteous God. Despair set in. Luther's vicar (or priest), Johann von Staupitz, brought him to Wittenberg where he could mentor Luther more closely.

Luther began an in-depth study of the Bible while teaching at the University of Wittenberg. He continued this study after finishing his doctorate, believing that the Bible was more important than the teachings of the Church Fathers. In 1514, while studying Paul's letter to the Romans in his tower room, he finally saw the pure Gospel. He realized that sinners are saved not through good works but by the gift of God through faith. This insight into the Gospel and the assurance of his salvation gave him the confidence to overcome the challenges he would soon face.

The challenges began in the form of a man named Johann Tetzel. Tetzel was sent to Wittenberg to sell indulgences. After penitents confessed their sins, a

priest might assign works of satisfaction as part of absolving sins. At first, indulgences were granted to Crusaders willing to sacrifice all in defense of the Church. Those who could not go could support the effort financially and also receive an indulgence, or pardon from sin.

This was so lucrative that the practice was soon used to raise funds for churches and hospitals, even infrastructure. Frederick the Wise would display his relics on All Saints Day, Nov. 1. The faithful could pay homage to the relics, pay money to Frederick and everyone would be happy at the end of the day; sins forgiven, revenues up. The three parts to penance changed from contrition, confession and absolution to contrition, confession and contribution. Luther's concern was that there would no longer be any sense of true contrition. If sinners could receive pardon from all sins, then they could spend the rest of their lives not worrying about the statuses of their souls. He must protect his flock from this dangerous practice.

On Oct. 31, 1517, Luther posted his 95 Theses on the Castle Church doors, seeking a scholarly debate on the sale of indulgences. Although he wrote them in Latin, they were surreptitiously translated into German and distributed throughout the land, sparking the events that began the Reformation.