

Plymouth First Baptist Church

Reformation Sunday

October 30, 2022

9:45 AM Sunday School
 10:50 AM Church Family Announcements
 11 AM Morning Worship

Organ Prelude **BJ Lyle**

Welcome & Prayer **Pastor Paul**

Praise Songs **How Great Is Our God** **Congregation**
Ancient Words

Scripture Reading **Ephesians 2:1-10** **Loyd Jones**

Ministry of Music **There is a Redeemer** **F.B.C. Choir**

Offertory Hymn#151 **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.** **Congregation**
Verses 1,2,3,4

Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is based upon Psalm 46, the words of which were chosen for his tombstone: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

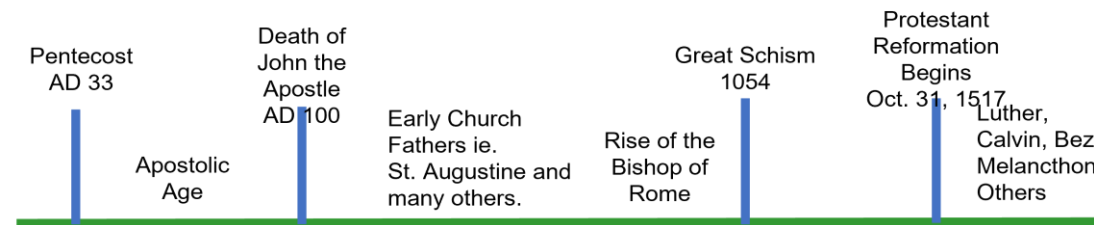
Offertory Scripture & Prayer
"The Mighty One, God, the LORD speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to where it sets. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and will not be silent." Psalm 50:1-3a.

Offering **Ushers**
Doxology **Congregation**

Sermon: **The Five Solas**

Pastor Paul Harrington

Basic Timeline of Church History from Pentecost to the Protestant Reformation



Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone) Deut. 31:9-13; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21; Acts. 17:11
 The scriptures alone are the ultimate authority in all matters of faith and practice.

Sola Fide (Faith Alone) Rom. 1:16-17; Rom. 3:21-26; John 6:25-29
 Our righteous standing before God is by faith alone in Christ. This is through a righteous that is not our own- but God's. There is nothing we can add to faith to be saved from our sins and God's wrath.

Sola Gratia (Grace Alone) Eph. 1:3-8, 2:8-9
 Salvation from the wrath of God is made possible only by the grace of God. Grace is unearned and undeserved. God is motivated to extends grace to us solely out of his goodness and mercy.

Solus Christus (Christ Alone) Isaiah 52,53; 1 Tim. 2:60
 The Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross alone has accomplished the work of salvation. He is our only mediator and is God in the flesh.

Soli Deo Gloria (For the Glory of God Alone) Col 3:17; Rom. 1:16-23; 1 Cor. 10:31
 God alone receives all the glory, because the work of salvation has been done solely by HIM. He alone is the author and finisher of our faith. Glory is not shared with you, me, a human priest or preacher.

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Hymn of Invitation # 336 **There is a Fountain** **Congregation**

Who Was Martin Luther?

He was the son of a German iron miner in 16th century Germany. Instead of obeying his father, he entered seminary became a monk and eventually studied to become priest. Constantly troubled by his own sinfulness, the Roman Catholic church offered little comfort to his soul. He was tormented continually in his spirit, striving to eradicate every sin.

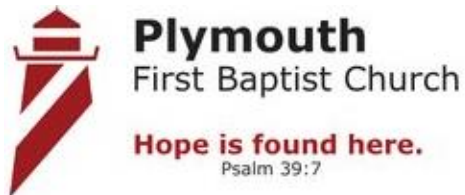
Provisionally Luther was appointed a professor of theology at the University of Wittenberg and began to study the Bible. This changed his life. One day he came across this verse in Romans 1:17, "The righteous shall live by faith." Luther learned from this that what he had believed was necessary to acquire eternal salvation was wrong. The practice of pilgrimage, fasting and other good works had no effect on his eternal destiny. They could not save Him. Salvation was by faith alone.

Troubled by the errors of the Roman Catholic Church, in particular the evils of selling indulgences in exchange for the promise of eternal life, Luther decided to start a debate on these issues. On October 31, 1517, he posted an invitation for debate on the door of the seminary church. The post was made up of his 95 Theses. Little did he know the significance this act would have on his own life and millions of others- including you and I.

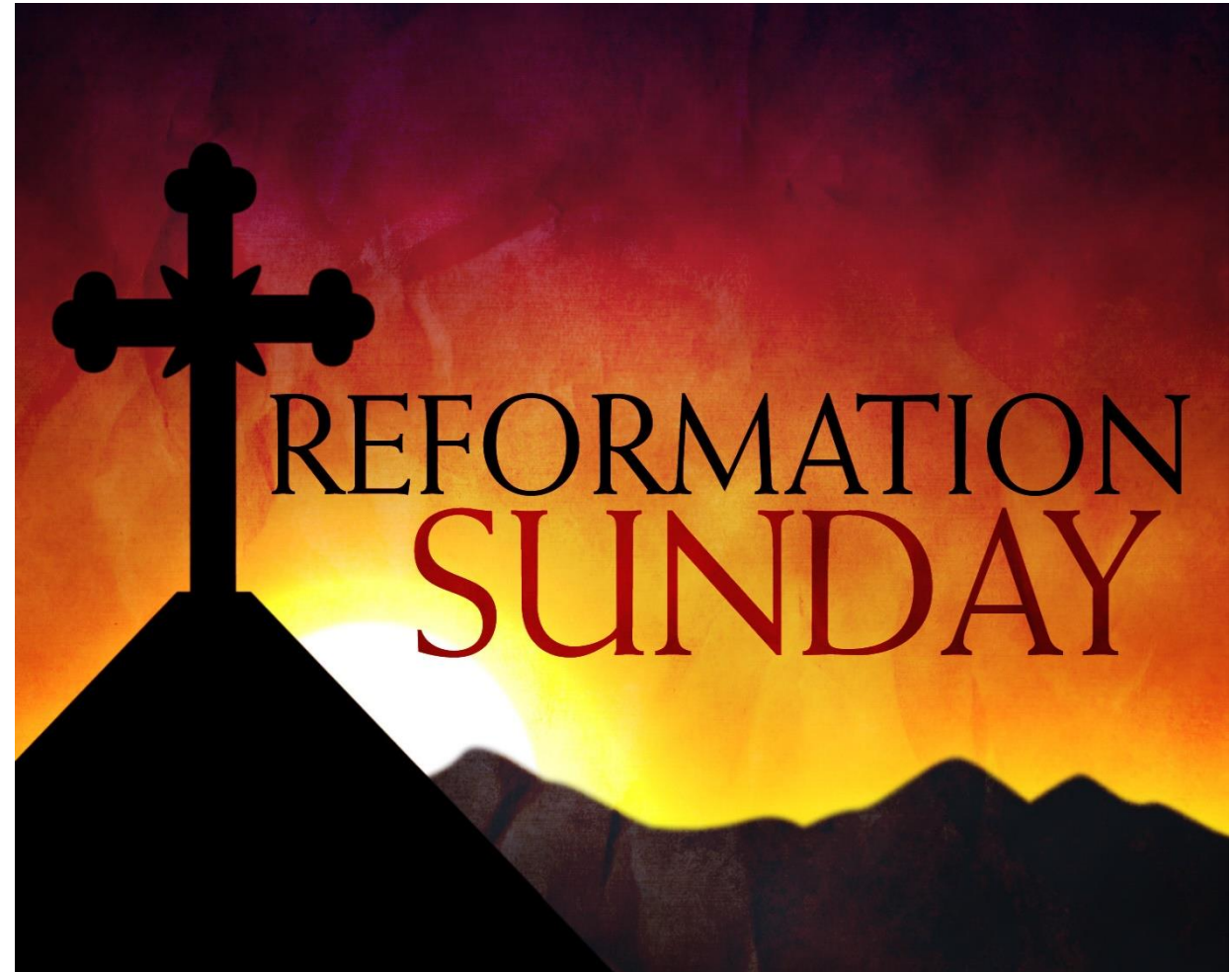
Luther's 95 theses and other writings were eventually copied and distributed across Germany. This was greatly aided by the invention of the Gutenberg printing press. This caused him to become very popular with the common people, but it also was how the Pope came to know of Luther. The Roman Catholic church viewed Luther's writings as heresy. Heretical enough for him to be burned at the stake. It was soon demanded that Luther recant everything he had come to believe. His response was "My conscience has been taken captive by God, I cannot remove anything, nor do I wish to. Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise, so help me God." What followed were years of councils and hearings and writings in which he defended his beliefs. Through all of this, Luther became the leader of a whole new fellowship of churches that broke away from the Roman Church. This gave birth to the protestant denominations. If you would like to learn more, I highly recommend the PBS documentary narrated by Liam Neeson titled, "Martin Luther, Reluctant Revolutionary."

Available on YouTube.

Pastor Paul



Rev. Paul T. Harrington, Senior Pastor
Loyd Jones, Associate Pastor
Scott Bradshaw, Choir Director
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Danita Davis, Church Office Administrator
Scott Chandler, Deacon of the Month



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