



THE REFORMATION

OBSERVING 500 YEARS

It's been said that in the history of Western civilization only one individual has had more books written about him than has Martin Luther: Jesus Christ. What was it this small town priest from a little known university in Germany did that disrupted the entire religious, economic, political and cultural landscape of the continent of Europe? And why are we still talking about it 500 years later? Better yet - why would you and people around the world take time to wrestle with his work and his wisdom today?

The Luther House of Study is providing a series for young and old to learn more about Martin Luther and those who followed in his footsteps. The series gives you options ranging from broad overviews to in-depth study and analysis. You can choose from a **variety of resources**:

1. monthly thematic overviews - beginning September 1, 2016
2. weekly topics – beginning September 1, 2016
3. resources for studying Luther's Catechism – available August 1, 2016
4. in-depth video series – available now

You can **download** reading materials, study guides and short videos - whatever works for you.

You can learn more about Martin Luther and the Reformation in Unit One as we explore some of the unexpected consequences of the 95 Theses. In the following months, we'll talk about commonly used Lutheran terms and phrases and what they really mean, how Luther's message was spread (before the internet!), the Bible – how Luther read it and how he translated it, the impact of the Reformation on the education system and politics of the time, and we'll dig into some of Luther's writings.

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October: Unexpected Consequences

1. Who was Luther?
2. What was Luther taught?
3. What did the 95 Theses say?
4. Why did people get upset?
5. What did it start?

November: Word Alone, Grace Alone, Christ Alone, & Faith Alone

1. Word
2. Grace
3. Christ
4. Faith

December: Spreading the Message: Mass Media

1. Printing Press
2. Preaching
3. Hymnody
4. Artwork

January: Lutheran Vocabulary

1. Law
2. Gospel
3. Sin
4. Justified by Faith
5. Good Works

February: Free to Be

1. Two Kinds of Righteousness
2. Bound Will
3. Apart from the Law
4. Sin & Sin Boldly

March: The Means of Grace

1. Baptism
2. Lord's Supper
3. Office of the Keys
4. A sermon

April: The Bible

1. Purpose
2. Authority
3. Interpreting

4. Translating

5. How should you use it?

May: Here I Stand: Confessing your faith

1. Heidelberg Disputation
2. Diet of Worms
3. Augsburg Confession
4. The Royal Priesthood

June: Vocation

1. From a Monk to a Pastor
2. Whether Soldiers too Can be Saved
3. Marriage & Family
4. Where does a call come from?

July: Politics

1. The Politics of Luther's time
2. The role of Secular Leaders
3. Defying the Pope
4. When can you rebel?
5. Luther and the Jews

August: Spreading the message: Education

1. University
2. Educating Pastors
3. Educating Families & Children
4. Teaching v. Preaching

September: Changes in the Church

1. What is the church?
2. The education & role of a preacher
3. Changes in Worship
4. Who makes the decisions?

5. October: Where are we today?

1. Always reforming?
2. What happened after Luther?
3. What does it mean to be ecumenical?
4. What should the church do?
5. Does Being Lutheran matter today?

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